

St Thomas Church, Lent 2024

Women of Holy Week: an Easter Journey

2 Susannah's Story

There are four Gospel accounts of Jesus being anointed by a woman, all different from each other. John's account is about Mary the sister of Martha and Lazarus,

but the others are unnamed. Here Paula gives here the woman a name.



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Listen to Susannah's Story, either read aloud from the book, or read by Paula Gooder from the link [here](#).

Discussion

The following questions may help to guide the discussion:

- What most struck you about Susannah's story?
- Was there anything in the story that surprised you or puzzled you?
- Was there an aspect of the story that you particularly relate to?

Read Mark 14:3-9, and some or all of Matthew 26:6-13, Luke 7:36-50 and John 12: 1-8

- Do you think the different accounts of the anointing of Jesus reflect one event told in different ways, or more than one event? Compare Luke 7:36-50 with Mark 14:3-9.
- Why do you think the woman wanted to anoint Jesus? What was she trying to say while doing it?
- What do you think Jesus meant when he said, 'Wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her'? Has this, in fact, been the case?
- What have you gained from thinking about this story from different perspectives?
- What new insights are you going to take with you for your Lent journey?