

Refrigerator Notes 13 March 2016
Spoiler Alert: An Anointing, A Thief & The Poor
John 12: 1-12

1. The story is a familiar passage, the anointing of Jesus' feet by Mary of Bethany, who was the sister of Lazarus
2. The story in John 12 is different than the Lord's feet being washed in the house of Simon the Pharisee
3. Lazarus who is not the central character of this story, but Jesus is being honored because He raised Lazarus from his death
4. The spoiler in this story is Judas Iscariot, who wanted to know why Mary would waste a full year's wages on anointing Jesus' feet, when the perfume could have been sold and the proceeds given to the poor
5. Jesus said, that Judas did not care about the poor
6. Jesus went on to say that poor would be with us always – a statement that is taken out of context by most readers of the word (Jesus stated, [b] "You will always have the poor among you, [c] but you will not always have me.")
7. The scripture (pericope – part b) cannot stand on its own without part c
8. The scripture also accuses Judas of being a thief
9. The spoiler alert notifies the reader of an impending end to a story, that you don't want to read ahead of time, see it or hear it, before the entire scripture is played out or read
10. Judas is being accused of being a thief, yet we as good Christians are often accused of robbing God in our tithes and offerings, abdicating our missionary duties, attending church on irregular basis, not honoring your ecclesiastic duties – mainly taken care of God's house
11. The second alert is we as a body of Christ have done very little, as a church or society of eradicating poverty, except blaming the victims for being poor
12. Not because the poor were lazy, unfit, had an addiction problem – no because we look down on those who have less than us and we fail to encourage and lift them up
13. Jesus said, if we have done it for the least of those we have done it for Him!
14. The real spoiler alert is part [c] of the pericope, "but you will not always have me."
15. The statement is directly to those who are to carry the word of God after our Lord and Savior had been crucified
16. Blessing Jesus by washing His feet is great, but what have you done to promote the word of God since Christ's death?