

# Bethany

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- Bethany means “house of dates” or “house of figs”
- Location:
  - On the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives.
  - On the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. **John 11:18**
  - 1½ miles from Jerusalem.
- Jesus often visited here in the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha.
- Martha chided Jesus for allowing Mary to sit at His feet rather than help prepare the meal. **Luke 10:38-42**
- The scene of the supper at Simon the leper’s house. **Mark 14**
- Jesus was anointed with a very expensive ointment here. **Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9**
- Lazarus was raised from the dead four days after he had died. John 11
  - From the street level, it is 24 well-worn steps down to the 10 foot square antechamber.
  - 3 more steps down to the tomb itself.
  - The tomb is 7½ feet long and 8 feet wide.
  - Jesus did not go around conducting funerals . . . He conducted resurrections.
- Mary took a pound of precious ointment and poured it on the feet of Jesus and wiped it off with her hair. **John 12:1-8**
- Jesus lodged here during his last week (“The Passion Week”) **Matthew 21:17**
- Jesus sent two of his disciples to get a colt for him to ride into Jerusalem. **Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-44**. This had been prophesied by the prophets Isaiah and Zechariah.

- It was near Bethany that Jesus ascended into Heaven. **Luke 24:50-51**  
(Perhaps a special glance in the direction of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus' house as he ascended.)

