DO YOU SEE THIS WOMAN?
Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples,
“You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”
Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,
and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him. But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”
RELIGION IS THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO HIDE FROM GOD
And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,
a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.
But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.”
But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me.
For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.”

MATTHEW 26:11-12
The fragrant gift which Mary had thought to lavish upon the dead body of the Savior she poured upon His living form.
At the burial its sweetness could only have pervaded the tomb; now it gladdened His heart with the assurance of her faith and love.
Mary, pouring out her love upon the Savior while He was conscious of her devotion, was anointing Him for the burial.
And as He went down into the darkness of His great trial, He carried with Him the memory of that deed, an earnest of the love that would be His from His redeemed ones forever.
Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.
MARY IS A PROPHETIC PROTOTYPE OF THE EXPERIENCE THE GOSPEL PRODUCES IN ALL WHO RECEIVE IT
Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”
And Jesus answered and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” So he said, “Teacher, say it.”
“There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.
And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?”
Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have rightly judged.”
Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman?”
SIMON IS HIDING FROM HIS GUILT IN HIS CONDEMNATION OF OTHERS FOR THEIR GUILT
SIMON DOESN’T SEE HIMSELF PRECISELY BECAUSE HE DOESN’T SEE THIS WOMAN
If you ask me the one thing I know for sure, after 200,000 pieces of data,

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I know that in the absence of love and belonging there’s always suffering. That I know for sure.

Brené Brown
BEHAVE

BELIEVE

BELONG
THE GOSPEL REQUIRES THAT WE RELATE TO EVERYONE IN CHRIST
I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown Me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.

LUKE 7:47, NLT
THE POWER EQUATION OF THE GOSPEL

love begets love
Only by love is love awakened.
Love is the agent God uses to expel sin from the life.
“HE CARRIED WITH HIM THE MEMORY. . .”
DO YOU SEE THIS WOMAN?