



Nothing Given to Jesus Is Wasted

Cast:

- Narrator
- Singer
- Young woman to mime the part of the woman in Matthew 26: 6-13—may dress in biblical attire or in regular attire, using a length of material as a scarf on her head
- Young man to mime the part of Jesus—may dress in biblical attire or in regular attire, using a length of material knotted at the shoulder and draped across chest and back down to opposite hip
- Three young people carrying posters (see content below)

Setting:

Have two persons mime the scene where the woman washes the feet of Jesus in Matthew 26: 6-13 (scriptural basis of the Alabaster giving plan).

(As miming takes place, Narrator reads Matthew 26:6-13 and Singer sings the first verse and chorus of "Alabaster Box". After verse and chorus are completed, the mimes freeze in place for the rest of the sketch.)

Narrator: What do you think of when you hear the word "Alabaster"? For some, it is "offering"; for others, it is "sacrifice" or "love."

Jesus could see into the woman's heart. He was encouraged by her display of love. She had used her money to purchase the utmost. She used her time to pour it out on His head. What a sacrifice! What demonstration of love! He knew that her desire was to give that which was precious, and so He had nothing but commendation for her. It was not the value of the gift but her motive in giving.

In preparation for the Alabaster Offering, write down the names of several people you love and for whom you would be willing to make a sacrifice.

Pray about the amount you will give to Alabaster this month. Watch your offering grow before your eyes!

(During the singing of the second verse of the song, have three young people walk among the congregation with posters, on which is written the following.)



Poster Content:

Give sacrificially!

Give from a heart of love!

Give to help provide:

- Churches
- Missionary/National Workers' homes
- Bible Schools/Seminaries
- Hospitals/Clinics
- Mission district Centres
- Land
- Miscellaneous



Our Alabaster goal is \$ _____.

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