

**~BETHANY 1 (352)**  
**(Beth'a-ny)**

- A village about two miles away from Jerusalem, the measurement used by the Gospel writer at that time being the Roman stadium, with the fifteen stadia mentioned by him equaling about 2.8 kilometers (1.7 miles).
- Now **Bethany** was near Jerusalem at a distance of about two miles. (**John 11:18**) Footnote
- It lay on the East slope of the Mount of Olives on an ancient approach to Jerusalem from Jericho and the Jordan.
- And they came into Jericho. But as he and his disciples and a considerable crowd were going out of Jericho, Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting beside the road. (**Mark 10:46**)
- Now when they were getting near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and **Bethany** at the Mount of Olives, he dispatched two of his disciples (**Mark 11:1**)
- And when he got near to Bethphage and **Bethany** at the mountain called Mount of Olives, he sent forth two of the disciples. (**Luke 19:29**)
- Today the site is marked by the small village of **el-`Azariyeh**, **El `Eizariya**, an **Arabic** name meaning the **Place of Lazarus**, located 2.5 kilometers (1.5 miles) East-Southeast of the Temple Mount.
- Just as Capernaum was Jesus home in Galilee.
- However, after some days he again entered into Capernaum and he was reported to be at home. (**Mark 2:1**)
- **Bethany** might be called his home in Judea. It was the certain village that Jesus visited during his later Judean ministry, **approximately October to December, 32 C.E.**, the location of the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, who became beloved friends of Jesus.
- Now as they were going their way he entered into a certain

- village. Here a certain woman named Martha received him as guest into the house. (Luke 10:38)
- Here Jesus later performed the miracle of Lazarus resurrection.
  - Now there was a certain man sick, Lazarus of Bethany, of the village of Mary and of Martha her sister. (John 11:1)
  - Hence Jesus, after groaning again within himself, came to the memorial tomb. It was, in fact, a cave, and a stone was lying against it. (John 11:38)
  - Jesus said; TAKE the stone away. Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him; Lord, by now he must smell, for it is four days. (John 11:39)
  - Jesus said to her; Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God? (John 11:40)
  - Therefore they took the stone away. Now Jesus raised his eyes heavenward and said; Father, I thank you that you have heard me. (John 11:41)
  - True, I knew that you always hear me, but on account of the crowd standing around I spoke, in order that they might believe that you sent me forth. (John 11:42)
  - And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice; Lazarus, come on out! (John 11:43)
  - The man that had been dead came out with his feet and hands bound with wrappings, and his countenance was bound about with a cloth. Jesus said to them; Loose him and let him go. (John 11:44)
  - Six days before Jesus final Passover, as the weekly Sabbath began, on Nisan 8, of 33 C.E, Jesus arrived at Bethany.
  - Accordingly Jesus, six days before the Passover, arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus was whom Jesus had raised up from the dead. (John 12:1)
  - Following the Sabbath, that is, at the beginning of Nisan 9, he enjoyed an evening meal in the home of Simon the leper, with Martha,

**Mary, and Lazarus participating. This was the scene of Mary's anointing him with costly oil, provoking Judas hypocritical objections and the rebuke administered to him by Jesus.**

- While Jesus happened to be in **Bethany** in the house of Simon the leper. (**Matthew 26:6**)
- A woman with an alabaster case of costly perfumed oil approached him, and she began pouring it upon his head as he was reclining at the table. (**Matthew 26:7**)
- On seeing this the disciples became indignant and said; Why this waste? (**Matthew 26:8**)
- For this could have been sold for a great deal and been given to poor people. (**Matthew 26:9**)
- Aware of this, Jesus said to them; Why do you try to make trouble for the woman? For she did a fine deed toward me. (**Matthew 26:10**)
- For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. (**Matthew 26:11**)
- For when this woman put this perfumed oil upon my body, she did it for the preparation of me for burial. (**Matthew 26:12**)
- Truly I say to you, wherever this Good News is preached in all the world, what this woman did shall also be told as a remembrance of her. (**Matthew 26:13**)
- And while he was at **Bethany** in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at the meal, a woman came with an alabaster case of perfumed oil, genuine nard, very expensive. Breaking open the alabaster case she began to pour it upon his head. (**Mark 14:3**)
- At this there were some expressing indignation among themselves; Why has this waste of the perfumed oil taken place? (**Mark 14:4**)
- For this perfumed oil could have been sold for upward of three hundred denarii and been given to the poor! And they were feeling great displeasure at her. (**Mark 14:5**)

- But Jesus said; Let her alone. Why do you try to make trouble for her? She did a fine deed toward me. ([Mark 14:6](#))
- For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want to you can always do them good, but me you do not have always. ([Mark 14:7](#))
- She did what she could. She undertook beforehand to put perfumed oil on my body in view of the burial. ([Mark 14:8](#))
- Truly I say to you, wherever the Good News is preached in all the world, what this woman did shall also be told as a remembrance of her. ([Mark 14:9](#))
- Therefore they spread an evening meal for him there, and Martha was ministering, but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him. ([John 12:2](#))
- Mary, therefore, took a pound of perfumed oil, genuine nard, very costly, and she greased the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house became filled with the scent of the perfumed oil. ([John 12:3](#))
- But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, who was about to betray him, said. ([John 12:4](#))
- Why was it this perfumed oil was not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor people? ([John 12:5](#))
- He said this, though, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief and had the money box and used to carry off the monies put in it. ([John 12:6](#))
- Therefore Jesus said, Let her alone, that she may keep this observance in view of the day of my burial. ([John 12:7](#))
- For you have the poor always with you, but me you will not have always. ([John 12:8](#))
- By this time, too, news had reached Jerusalem that Jesus was in the vicinity, and now that the Sabbath had ended, a great crowd of the Jews flocked out to see him and the resurrected Lazarus.

- Therefore a great crowd of the Jews got to know he was there, and they came, not on account of Jesus only, but also to see Lazarus, whom he raised up from the dead. (**John 12:9**)
- The next day, **still on Nisan 9**, Jesus made his triumphal ride into Jerusalem, evidently over the Mount of Olives along the path from **Bethany**.
- Well, when they got close to Jerusalem and arrived at Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent forth two disciples. (**Matthew 21:1**)
- Saying to them; Be on your way into the village that is within sight of you, and you will at once find an ass tied, and a colt with her, untie them and bring them to me. (**Matthew 21:2**)
- And if someone says anything to you, you must say; The Lord needs them. At that he will immediately send them forth. (**Matthew 21:3**)
- This actually took place that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet, saying; (**Matthew 21:4**)
- Tell the daughter of Zion, Look! Your King is coming to you, mild-tempered, and mounted upon an ass, yes, upon a colt, the offspring of a beast of burden. (**Matthew 21:5**)
- So the disciples got on their way and did just as Jesus ordered them. (**Matthew 21:6**)
- And they brought the ass and its colt, and they put upon these their outer garments, and he seated himself upon them. (**Matthew 21:7**)
- Most of the crowd spread their outer garments on the road, while others began cutting down branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. (**Matthew 21:8**)
- As for the crowds, those going ahead of him and those following kept crying out; Save, we pray, the Son of David! Blessed is he that comes in Yehowah's name! Save him, we pray, in the heights above! (**Matthew 21:9**)
- Now when he entered into Jerusalem, the whole city was set in

commotion, saying; Who is this? (**Matthew 21:10**)

- The crowds kept telling; This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee! (**Matthew 21:11**)
- Now when they were getting near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and **Bethany** at the Mount of Olives, he dispatched two of his disciples (**Mark 11:1**)
- And told them; Go into the village that is within sight of you, and as soon as you pass into it you will find a colt tied, on which none of mankind has yet sat. Loose it and bring it. (**Mark 11:2**)
- And if anyone says to you; Why are you doing this? Say; The Lord needs it, and will at once send it off back here. (**Mark 11:3**)
- So they went away and found the colt tied at the door, outside on the side street, and they loosed it. (**Mark 11:4**)
- But some of those standing there began to say to them; What are you doing loosing the colt? (**Mark 11:5**)
- They said to these just as Jesus had said, and they let them go. (**Mark 11:6**)
- And they brought the colt to Jesus, and they put their outer garments upon it, and he sat on it. (**Mark 11:7**)
- Also, many spread their outer garments on the road, but others cut down foliage from the fields. (**Mark 11:8**)
- And those going in front and those coming behind kept crying out; Save, we pray! Blessed is he that comes in Yehowah's name! (**Mark 11:9**)
- Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Save, we pray, in the heights above! (**Mark 11:10**)
- And he entered into Jerusalem, into the temple, and he looked around upon all things, and, as the hour was already late, he went out to **Bethany** with the twelve. (**Mark 11:11**)
- And when he got near to Bethphage and **Bethany** at the mountain called Mount of Olives, he sent forth two of the

disciples. (Luke 19:29)

- **Saying; Go into the village that is within sight of you, and in it after you pass in you will find a colt tied, on which none of mankind ever sat. Loose it and bring it. (Luke 19:30)**
- **But if anyone asks you; Why is it you are loosing it? You must speak in this way; The Lord needs it. (Luke 19:31)**
- **So those who were sent forth departed and found it just as he said to them. (Luke 19:32)**
- **But as they were loosing the colt the owners of it said to them, Why are you loosing the colt? (Luke 19:33)**
- **They said; The Lord needs it. (Luke 19:34)**
- **And they led it to Jesus, and they threw their outer garments upon the colt and set Jesus upon it. (Luke 19:35)**
- **As he moved along they kept spreading their outer garments on the road. (Luke 19:36)**
- **As soon as he got near the road down the Mount of Olives all the multitude of the disciples started to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice concerning all the powerful works they had seen. (Luke 19:37)**
- **Saying; Blessed is the One coming as the King in Yehowah's name! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places! (Luke 19:38)**
- **It was on the way from Bethany to Jerusalem on Nisan 10 that Jesus cursed the barren fig tree, which had completely withered by the time he and his disciples passed it the following day, Nisan 11.**
- **The next day, when they had come out from Bethany, he became hungry. (Mark 11:12)**
- **And from a distance he caught sight of a fig tree that had leaves, and he went to see whether he would perhaps find something on it. But, on coming to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season of figs. (Mark 11:13)**

- So, in response, he said to it; Let no one eat fruit from you anymore forever. And his disciples were listening. (**Mark 11:14**)
- And when it became late in the day, they would go out of the city. (**Mark 11:19**)
- But when they were passing by early in the morning, they saw the fig tree already withered up from the roots. (**Mark 11:20**)
- During the last four days of his earthly life, Jesus spent the daytime in activity at Jerusalem, but at night he and his disciples would leave the big city to lodge in the unpretentious village of **Bethany** on the East slope of the Mount of Olives, doubtless at the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.
- And he entered into Jerusalem, into the temple, and he looked around upon all things, and, as the hour was already late, he went out to **Bethany** with the twelve. (**Mark 11:11**)
- And leaving them behind he went outside the city to **Bethany** and passed the night there. (**Matthew 21:17**)
- So by day he would be teaching in the temple, but by night he would go out and lodge on the mountain called the Mount of Olives. (**Luke 21:37**)
- Forty days after Jesus resurrection, when the time came for him to part from his disciples, he led them, not to the temple that was now abandoned by God but, rather, out as far as **Bethany** on the Mount of Olives, where his ascension began.
- But he led them out as far as **Bethany**, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. (**Luke 24:50**)
- As he was blessing them he was parted from them and began to be borne up to heaven. (**Luke 24:51**)
- And they did obeisance to him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. (**Luke 24:52**)
- And they were continually in the temple blessing God. (**Luke 24:53**)
- And after he had said these things, while they were looking on,



he was lifted up and a cloud caught him up from their vision.  
([Acts of Apostles 1:9](#))

- And as they were gazing into the sky while he was on his way, also, look! two men in white garments stood alongside them.  
([Acts of Apostles 1:10](#))
- And they said; Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus who was received up from you into the sky will come thus in the same manner as you have beheld him going into the sky. ([Acts of Apostles 1:11](#))
- Then they returned to Jerusalem from a mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, being a Sabbath days journey away. ([Acts of Apostles 1:12](#))
- It is generally believed that the Benjamite city of Ananiah
- Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah. ([Nehemiah 11:32](#))
- Was the ancient site corresponding to the village of **Bethany** in Jesus day.