

~NARD (29)

[Greek, *nar'dos*]

- **The precious, perfumed oil**, that Mary, the sister of Lazarus, applied to Jesus head and feet. By reason of its costliness, nard, **Greek, *nar'dos***, was often subjected to adulteration and even counterfeiting. It may be noteworthy, therefore, that both Mark and John use the expression, **genuine nard**.
- 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**)
- 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**)
- Valuable ointment sealed in a small alabaster container anciently served as a good investment.
- Why was it this perfumed oil was not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor people? (**John 12:5**)

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