Doctrine of the Memorial

1. A memorial preserves the memory of a person or persons, or a special event.

- The Feast of the Passover commemorated the night the Destroyer passed over the house of those in Egypt covered by the blood. *Exodus 12:14* And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

- The stones left in the bed of the river were left as a memorial of the Israelites crossing the Jordan on their way to the Land of Promise. *Joshua 4:7* Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

- The two engraved stones upon the shoulder pieces of the high priest's ephod were "for a memorial". *Exodus 28:12* And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

- The names engraved upon the jewels of the breastplate of the High Priest were for a memorial before the Lord. The people of God are always upon His heart. *Exodus 28:29* And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the Lord continually.

- The Lord’s Supper is a memorial to the work of Christ at Calvary. *1 Corinthians 11:24* And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

2. The offering presented to the priest in the case of jealousy was called a memorial because it brought to remembrance a transgression.

- *Numbers 5:15* Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

3. A memorial is also a record of deeds, both good and bad.

- Bad deeds. *Exodus 17:14* And the Lord said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.
• Good deeds. *Malachi 3:16* Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

4. The Lord honored the act of Mary in anointing His feet, and foretold it would be a memorial forever.

The act of Mary in anointing the feet of Jesus was to be spoken of in "memory of her"

• *Matthew 26:13* Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

• *Mark 14:9* Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

5. The prayers of the righteous can become a memorial before God.

• *Acts 10:4* And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.