

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.*