

Thought for the day: Friday 1st April 2022

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A scandal in the suburbs

This is a poem by NJ Kennedy which considers the moment when Jesus feet were anointed by a woman, familiar or unknown, and Jesus' teaching and work.

We had to have him put away,
For what is he'd grown vicious?
To play faith-healer, give away
Stale bread and stinking fishes!
His soapbox preaching set the tongues
Of all the neighbors going.
Odd stuff: how lilies never spin
And birds don't bother sowing.
Why, bums were coming to the door –
His pockets had no bottom –
And then – the foot wash from that whore!
We signed. The came and got him.

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