



Perfume was made and sold in Bible times. Do you remember the merchants travelling to Egypt? His brothers sold Joseph to these merchants as a slave. The camels were carrying a load of spice and balm and myrrh to Egypt. (See Genesis 37:25) In Egypt these would be made into perfume or perhaps incense.

Spices were mixed with olive oil and used in several ways by the people of Israel.

1. Put on the body of someone who was dead. When the body of Jesus was taken down from the cross, Nicodemus brought a kind of perfume to be used when His body was wrapped in linen cloth. (See John 19:38-40)
 Women went to Jesus' tomb early in the morning. They carried spices to anoint the body of Jesus. (Mark 16:1-2) To do this showed their love for Jesus.

2. A person used perfume to anoint the head of someone he wanted to honor. Who anointed Jesus' head?
 (See Matthew 26:7; Luke 7:37; John 12:3)