Olive Oil Production

1. First Oil
   - Lighting temple lamps, Anointings and offerings

2. Press Residue
   - Presscake, Pomace, Pulp, Refuse, Oil cake

3. Leftover Mixed Fluid

Second Pressing

4. Olive Oil
   - Medicine
   - Skin ointment
   - Burning in lamps
   - Cooking
   - Lk 10:34
   - Mt 6:17
   - Mt 25:1–13
   - 1Kgs 17:12

5. Amurca
   - Watery lees, Dregs, Fertilizer, Herbicide, Pesticide, New jar cure

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**Explanation**

The olive crop was a mainstay of Palestinian economy in the days of Jesus. Olive trees were carefully cultivated and took decades to grow. The valuable olive was used for many purposes. The purest oil of the first pressing was especially prized and was used for anointing in the religious ceremonies of Jews, Greeks, and Romans. After separating out the press residue, which was used for fuel, the remaining fluid was re-pressed and separated into oil and *amurca*. The oil served as a basis for medicines and cosmetics, as well as the main source of lamp and cooking oils.

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