

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 12:1-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Lord, Teach us to Worship” – Part 2

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 12:1-11

The Call to Worship

Is an invitation to recognize, and to appreciate, and to express to God all that you are grateful for...

Examples In The Old Testament

2 Samuel 6:13-14

And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. 14 Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.

...and here in john 12

1.) *The Preparation for Worship*

vv. 1-3

2.) *The Price to Worship*

vv. 4-6

3.) *The Priority in Worship*

vv. 7-8

4.) *The Perception of Worship*

vv. 9-11

Passionate Worship

Mark 14:9

"Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

In a Day of Apathy

Luke 7:31-32

And the Lord said, "To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like? 32 "They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not weep.'

Lord, Teach us to Worship

1.) *The Preparation for Worship*

vv. 1-3

1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. 3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

The Preparation for Worship

a.) *Is cultivating a grateful heart*

v.1-2a

Jesus came to Bethany, where **Lazarus** was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

this was a celebration
((the one and only “coming out celebration”))

Cultivating

Means focusing on what God has done, is doing, and shall do...

b.) Being willing to express your worship v.2b-3a

and Martha **served**, but Lazarus was one of those who **sat** at the table with Him. 3
Then Mary **anointed** the feet of Jesus,

EXPRESSION

It was forbidden for a woman to wear her hair down in that culture unless you were a prostitute. It was a symbol of being familiar or casual with someone like a spouse.

Personal Expression - Like Love, - Is Love

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

The Preparation for Worship

c.) Looking for the most costly gift v.3b

Then Mary took a **pound of very costly oil of spikenard**,
And she anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair.

...Then Mary took a **pound** of very costly oil of spikenard.....

But Jack What is Worship?

It is giving that which is very costly. It is giving God that which is **rare** and **personal** and what you consider **lovely!**

It is a **deliberate** sacrifice
of what you love the most

It affects the atmosphere around you

...And the house was **filled with the fragrance** of the oil.

...she **anointed** the feet of Jesus, and **wiped** His feet with her hair

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2.) *The Price to Worship*

vv. 4-6

"Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6
This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

The Price to Worship

a.) *Some will seek to mock you*

v.4-5a

“that’s alot of money”

look at what you are doing with your time, your children,
your family, your life, your money

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

but you can serve God with money

The Price to Worship

b.) Others will devalue your devotion v.5b

and given to the poor?"

some will seek to devalue your devotion

c.) Most will never understand v.6

This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

... Is Judas a Type
of Those who are in Hell Today?

The kind of People who mocked and made Fun of Jesus and those who Worship Him

...This Is Where We Left Off...

Lord, Teach us to Worship

3.) The *Priority in* Worship vv. 7-8

Then Jesus said, "**Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. 8 "For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.**"

The Priority within Worship

a.) *We worship before we work*

v.7

Then Jesus said,
"Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.

Did Mary intuitively know that Jesus was approaching
His death?

Did Mary sense that something was about to happen?

True Worshipers, God will speak to

Consider the times in which you and I live.
If you are a worshipper – you are discerning
the times and seasons

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

God Speaks to His Worshipers

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

The Priority within Worship

b.) We serve Jesus before all others

v.8

***"For the poor you have with you always,
but Me you do not have always.***

We Will Always Have This Worlds Problems

#1

Make sure that you serve HIM in worship first!

#2

Make sure that you're doing what you are doing selfishly for HIM

#3

Make sure that JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, is the reason why you serve

Lord, Teach us to Worship

4) The Perception of Worship

vv. 9-11

9 Then a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

The Perception of Worship

a.) Some will ignore worship

In a Day of Apathy

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The Perception of Worship

b.) Some will look on

v.9

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Spectators, but not worshippers

Psalm 5:7

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; in fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

The Perception of Worship

c.) Some will refuse

v.10-11

But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,

To Not Worship Him - is to set the
stage for self destruction

Who Will Be in Heaven?

Only the Worshippers of God

Verse 11

because on account of Lazarus
many of the Jews **went away believing in Jesus.**

Application

There is Only One Thing That Remains...

5.) We **Practice at** Worship

vv. 1-11

**and they went away
believing in Jesus.**

...At home

...At work

...At church

...At war

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