

Series: Simply Jesus

(11/25/18)

Title: The King of the Jews

Text: (John 12:1-50)

1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

Jesus arrives in Bethany on the Thursday before Palm Sunday.

2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

The Saturday before Palm Sunday, Jesus, His Disciples, Mary, Martha, & Lazarus are invited to Supper at Simon the Leper's house. (Whom Jesus Healed)
(Mark 14:1-3)

Individual Worship of Christ:

Individual Worship Is showing Jesus His Worth to us. Individual Worship Is Obeying Jesus whether anyone sees us or not.

Individual Worship Is Obeying Jesus whether anyone congratulates/compliments us or not.

Simon the "Former" Leper Worshipped Jesus by making Him the Honored guest in his home.

Simon was healed from Leprosy.

He couldn't wait for the opportunity to have Jesus over the House.

Is Jesus the Honored Guest in your Home?

Illus: Are you embarrassed sometimes by the way your kids act in front of guests?

Lack of Manners? fighting? etc.

Always turns on a TV show with cussing?

What would have to change at home before you invited Jesus over to your house?

Would Jesus be comfortable at your house?

(Vs 2) Lazarus Worshipped Jesus by Fellowshiping with Him in Gratitude:

Lazarus did not have a "Near Death Experience" Lazarus had an experience that would have gotten him on all the major networks for a news cycle.

Lazarus is never quoted in all of history as to his experience while dead.

Lazarus worshipped Jesus by spending time with Him.

Is Jesus someone you want to spend time with?

Martha Worshipped Jesus by serving with a different Attitude than before.

Remember (Luke 10:38-41)?

She was concerned w/equal distribution of work.

Today, she was doing it for the love of Jesus,
NOT b/c she felt obligated,
BUT b/c she loved Him & was loved by Him!

Martha didn't care who helped, She was doing it for Jesus!

Do you love him for loving you 1st?

(1 Jn 4:10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

(2 Cor 5:14-15) For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Do you love Him, or are you casually acquainted?

Illus: You don't say "I Love You" to the mail man?

YES, Free Marriage Counseling

NO, you are just casually acquainted.

Martha worshipped Jesus by serving Him out of love

Its been 2 months since the Resurrection of Lazarus. This was her first opportunity to Serve Jesus, & she wasn't gonna miss it!

Why do you serve?

(1 Jn 3:16-17) Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Why DON'T you Serve Him?

Are you Faithful? Why Not?

We say we love Him, but do we do what He told us to do?

(Jn 13:35; Jn 14:15, 21, 22-24; Jn 15:10, 12-14)

Is Jesus Optional?

For some people this morning: Jesus wasn't enough

Jesus wasn't enough to go to bed on time.

Jesus wasn't enough to set the Alarm.

Jesus wasn't enough to get out of bed.

Jesus wasn't enough to get the kids up.

Jesus just WAS NOT ENOUGH.

(1 Jn 2:3-5) And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I

know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

(1 Jn 3:17) *How dwelleth the Love of God in you?
I am not seeing it!*

For some people this morning: Jesus was JUST enough, and that's IT!

You recognized He did something good for you this week & that put Him in the WIN column for you?

Jesus was enough, but just barely.
Some of you are thinking you did Jesus a solid today.

You were able to incorporate Church today with something else, that made Jesus a TWO-FOR.

For some this morning, It wouldn't matter if you were the only one here:

You were coming to Show Jesus His Worth.
Jesus is ENOUGH, & nothing is ENOUGH for Jesus.

For Simon; Jesus was enough - Honored Guest
For Lazarus; Jesus was enough - Gratitude
For Martha; Jesus was enough - Served joyfully

Mary Worshipped Jesus by giving Him her best!
3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

Spikenard is a perfumed oil from the Himalayan Mts. of India.

Very Expensive b/c it had to be imported by camel.
Used to perfume the dead. (Vs 5)

Illus: This ointment was something they had to save up for. It was very expensive.

***(Vs 5) sold for three hundred pence,
A years wages for!***

Mary Worshipped Jesus by giving Him her best!
Is He worthy of our Best? (2 Sam 24:24)
Some Guests get the China, others Chinet!
The Best part of our Day? Of our Week?
The Best part of our Money? The Tithe?
The Best part of our lives? Right Now!

Is He worthy? (2 Cor 8:9) Became poor for us

Illus: Have you ever been so embarrassed because of the person you are with you just wanted to distance yourself from them?

Are We embarrassed of the one we Love?

Isn't He Worthy of our best? Rev 4:11

Isn't He Worthy of our best? Rev 5:12-14

She wiped His feet with Her Hair:

Washing feet was for the lowliest servant in the house.

Mary wasn't even apart of this house.

(Rev 4:9-11) As representing us, we will cast our crowns at Jesus feet as a sign of worship.

She worshipped Jesus with her all the Glory she had: She wiped His feet with her hair.

(1 Cor 11:14) Men with long hair is a shameful.

(1 Cor 11:15) A Women's hair is her glory.

She worshipped Jesus with the Glory God gave her.

Salvation:

She knew who He was!

She knew what He was going to do!

(Rom 5:8, 1 Jn 4:9-10) *To die in our place!*

She did what she could to be a part of God's Plan!

I don't like that you have to die for me.

I don't like that it's my sin that sent you to the cross.

I don't like that it's my fault you have to die.

I don't like it that you have to take my place.

I don't like it, but if you have to go, I want to be a part of your plan!

(Lk 19:10) Seek and to save the lost!

(Ezek 33:11-12A) You can't work your way there!

(John 3:16-17) God's plan was for that everyone to be saved! (2 Pet 3:9)

The question is posed to Jesus! Jn 6:28-29;

Believe! (1 Jn 5:13)

Have you done what you could?

(Acts 16:31) *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ!"*

Have you done what you could? Anybody can believe! (Rom 3:22)

Have you done what you could?

(Rom 10:9-10) *"Thou shalt be saved!"*

Have you done what you could?

Service: Mark 14:6 ***"She hath wrought a good work on me."***

(Mark 14:3-9, 8*) ***"She hath done what she could"***

(Matt 26:6-13;) *10 *"Wrought a good work"*

Illus: If we had the chance to do something for Jesus, what would we do?

Would we have fed Him?

Gave Him a place to stay as He traveled?

Would we have fought that He not be arrested?

Would we have carried His cross?

She hath wrought a good work on me!

Illus: We can't go back in time to work a good work on Christ!

But we can return the favor on someone He cares about!

Jesus takes the treatment of others very personally

(Matt 25:40)

(1 Jn 3:16-18) Meeting the needs of others.

(Matt 25:34-36) Things we can do.

Witness: (Matt 28:19-20;) (Rom 1:15-16)

Teach others to Witness: (2 Tim 2:2)

Pray for each other: (2 Tim 2:1-4)

Give to those in Need: (James 2:14-17)

These are not beyond our ability.

If today is your last day on the planet, can you say,
“I have done all that I could.”

Jesus Blessed Mary’s Worship with an everlasting Memorial

(Matt 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.*

Are You Satisfied with the Fruit you have borne for Christ?

Will Jesus have reason to say to you on day?

“Well done, thou good & faithful servant, thou hath done all that you could.”

Judas Worshipped Jesus for what he could get from our it:

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, 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 bag, and bare what was put therein.

Judas saw Jesus as a Payday!

(Luke 10:3-7*-9) Judas was in it to Fleece the Flock.

Televangelists: People send their tithes to men who will not visit them, will not pray for them in the hospital, will not cry at their funeral.

Nothing Has Changed Today: Many of our longtime Legislators become very wealthy during their time in office.

When Judas realized that Jesus was meant on Martyrdom, He was done!

(Mark 14:8) *She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.*

(Mark 14:10-11) *And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. 11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.*

IS Your attitude: *What have you done for me lately?*

Trust ME, You don't want God to keep score.

He died on the cross w/o you asking Him too.

He forgave you of all your sins when you ask Him.

He gave you Eternal Life & a Home in Heaven.

So far you are 0 for 4.

I am SO glad Jesus doesn't keep score, or He would be asking us: *"What have you done for me lately?"*

If God kept score, wit would your life be like today?

Have you done what you Could?

Saved, Baptized, Church Member?

How are you Worshipping & showing God His Worth?

Reading, Prayer, Church, Tithing, Witnessing?

Teaching, Training, Mentoring, Serving?

Ministering to those He cares about?