

The Gospel of John

That You May Believe

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Jesus Anointed By Mary

John 12:1-11
Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9

Three Ways To Worship:

1. Martha _____ v.2

2. Lazarus _____ v.2

3. Mary _____ v.3

The Jesus Who Divides

Judas _____ v.4-6

_____ always looks _____

to a _____

His concern wasn't for the _____

It was for his _____

Memory Verse

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."

Matthew 10:34-36

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- ☐ Trust Jesus and begin to follow Him as my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- ☐ Memorize Matthew 10:34-36
- ☐ Ask God to show me who I am most like in today's story and whether there is someone I ought to aspire to be more like
- ☐ Get the most out of today's teaching by attending my Life Group this week



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Three Ways To Worship:

1. Martha Served v.2

2. Lazarus Sat v.2

3. Mary Sacrificed v.3

The Jesus Who Divides

Judas Criticized v.4-6

Generosity always looks Crazy
to a Greedy Heart

His concern wasn't for the Poor
It was for his Pocket

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Discussion Questions - Week #2

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "The Jesus Who Divides," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick preached on Mary's sacrificial anointing of Jesus' feet. What was the most expensive meal you've eaten, or gift you've been given or received?

If you had attended the dinner in Jesus' honor, how do you think you would have reacted to Mary's actions?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Romans 12:1-8. What stands out to you in this passage?

What do you think makes a behavior or a situation "sacrificial?"

What might it look like for you to offer your body as a living sacrifice?

In verse two, Paul talks about renewing our minds. What do you think that process looks like?

To avoid conforming to the patterns of the world (v.2), we need to know what patterns to avoid. What patterns do you see in the world that try to shape us in its way?

In verses 4-8, Paul turns the discussion to the use of our gifts. How would you encourage someone to discover their gifts if they did not know what they were?

2. Read Exodus 25:1-8 and 31:1-11. Bezalel is the first person in the Bible who is specifically described as being filled with the Spirit. Is there anything surprising to you about that?

Can you think of other individuals in Scripture who served God through jobs or by utilizing talents that we wouldn't typically consider spiritual?

What different gifts can you identify in these passages above?

How did the exercise of each individual's gift contribute to the Israelites' worship of God?

What gifts do you think God has given you to use in His service, and how are you currently using them?

Are there any gifts you're not currently using but would like to start using?

FOR PRACTICE

☞ In Matthew 6:16, Jesus takes fasting for granted as a spiritual practice, saying, "When you fast..." Not if you fast. While people often fast from food, more generally, it's a practice of voluntarily abstaining from any appetite, whether it be food, entertainment, or a way of spending money, etc., to focus our attention on God. As a spiritual discipline, consider adopting a regular practice of fasting from something, so that as you experience the discomfort caused by your sacrifice, you can be reminded of the incomparable magnitude of the Lord's sacrifice for you, and through that reminder, be led to a heart of praise and gratitude.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

☞ According to the Joshua Project estimates, there are over 8 billion people alive today, and 3.43 billion (or over 40%) live in unreached groups with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In other words, they are spiritually blind. Pray for Christian missionaries to enter these regions and for the Good News of Jesus to spread, leading to Spirit-led indigenous followers of Christ, leaders, and the establishment of new churches.