

How to Worship Jesus as Your King

John 12:1-11

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1. Witness like Lazarus (1, 2, 11).
 - a. Lazarus was a very close friend of Jesus (11:1-5).
 - b. When Lazarus passed away, Jesus wept over him (11:35).
 - c. Lazarus became a public enemy when he was raised from the dead (12:9-11).
 - d. Lazarus was risking his life to open his home to Jesus (11:57).
 - e. By identifying with Jesus, Lazarus was testifying of his faith in Jesus as His Lord resulting in many Jews believing on Jesus.

2. Serve like Martha (2).
 - a. Martha was known to be distracted by serving (Luke 10:38-42).
 - b. Martha was a believer in Jesus as the Messiah (John 11:20-27).
 - c. Martha was now serving Jesus as an act of worship.

3. Worship like Mary (3-8).
 - a. Mary's worship was extravagant (3).
 - i. Her gift was very costly (3).
 1. Spikenard was imported from India.
 2. Spikenard was used to perfume the bodies of the dead.
 - ii. Her gift cost 300 pence, and a working man's annual salary (5).
 - iii. She was willing to worship Jesus at any cost.
 - b. Mary's worship was humble (3).
 - i. By washing Jesus' feet, Mary was choosing to take the place of a lowly servant.
 - ii. By wiping Jesus' feet with her hair, Mary was displaying extreme humility.
 - iii. She was willing to worship Jesus without reservation.
 - c. Mary's worship was an expression of faith (7-8).
 - i. Believing that Jesus was going to die, she chose to anoint Jesus while He was still living!
 - ii. We would do well to worship the Lord while we still have the chance!
 - iii. She worshipped Jesus with more complete faith than any other disciple of Christ to this point!
 - d. Mary's faith was in stark contrast to the unbelief of the nation (12ff).
 - i. The Pharisees saw Jesus as a threat to their safety (19; cf. 11:47-48, 53).
 - ii. The Jewish people saw Jesus as merely a political ruler and not the eternal Son of God (34-37).
 - iii. Many who did believe on Jesus were afraid to tell others for fear of religious persecution (42-43).

Conclusion:

1. The first act of worship is believing on Jesus (46).
2. Once you've trusted Jesus as your Savior, you can begin to worship Him extravagantly. What does that look like for you?
3. As you worship like Mary, God would have you serve others as He served us. In what way can you begin to serve those around you?
4. As you serve those around you, you have a great opportunity to tell others what Jesus has done for you. What are you doing to share your testimony with others?