



# SERMON NOTES

## We Are A People - Worship Pt. 1

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### DEFINITION OF WORSHIP

- **“Worth-ship”** - The English word, "worship" is made from the root, "worth," and the suffix, "-ship."
- The suffix turns "worth" into a word that denotes the act, quality or condition of acknowledging worth.
- Reverence, adulation, adoration, devotion.

### WORSHIPPING GOD IN EVERYTHING WE DO

- And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col 3:17  
So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God. 1 Cor 10:31  
Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship. Rom 12:1
- Worship is a lifestyle of intimate worship of God.

### SPECIAL TIMES AND SIGN-ACTS OF WORSHIP

**Worship is also about specific acts befitting the times, places, and/or events for which God should be honored.**

- Passover (Exodus 12:1-11)
- Communion (Matthew 26:26-30)  
After Mary anointed Jesus' head with costly perfume, Jesus interpreted it as an especially appropriate act of worship anticipating his death:
  - "When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.  
Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her." Matthew 26:12-13

### WORSHIP CUES FROM LUKE 7:36-50

#### A "Sinful Woman" or a Model of Worship?

Worship as a lesson in how to see.

- Anyone who is forgiven much, loves much.
- Acts of gratitude for what Jesus has done feel like love, not costly sacrifices.
- Grateful worshippers may "make a scene."
  - It is not about grandstanding, reveling in the freedom of self-expression, or flaunting social norms.
  - It is about Jesus turning our shame into his honor.
- Worship and criticism are opposites.
  - I will rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.
  - I will not resent others for displaying an enthusiasm I do not feel or a grief I may not know.

### MATTHEW 26:1-16

**Matt. 26:1-2** When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,

"As you know, the Passover is two days away-and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

**Matt. 26:3-5** Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. "But not during the feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

**Matt. 26:6-13** While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor." Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

**Matt. 26:14-16** Then one of the Twelve-the one called Judas Iscariot-went to the chief priests and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

### WHICH LEADERS WORSHIP GOD IN KEEPING WITH PASSOVER?

THE CHIEF PRIESTS	THE SON OF MAN
For the chief priests, the feast is a nuisance to their agenda to eliminate a rival to their control.	For Jesus, the Passover is the time for the Son of Man to serve as the Lamb that was slain so that his people might go free and return to serve and worship God.

## WHICH FOLLOWERS WORSHIP JESUS IN KEEPING WITH PASSOVER?

THE DISCIPLES	THE SON OF MAN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Jesus is the teacher who has just urged them to care for "the least of these" (Mt. 25:40, 45).</li><li>● The costly perfume should have been sold to care for the poor.</li><li>● The woman's action was wasteful.</li><li>● Jesus' death is not acknowledged.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Jesus is the worthy of a specific form of attention and honor:</li><li>● Jesus is worthy of a royal anointing with costly perfume. He is the Son of Man.</li><li>● Jesus will soon die and depart. He will not always be among them.</li><li>● Worthy is the Lamb who will be slain.</li></ul>