



**The Story of Jesus**  
**Part 43**  
**What Is Worship**

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**MY STORY**

1. Why do you think God commanded the Israelites to celebrate Passover each year?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How do you remember times when God has rescued you? What steps or actions do you take to remember what God has done for you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What does it mean to worship God? Give some examples of worship.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Myron talked about how we can have a tendency to look at scripture as if we're using binoculars where we look at how others are living so we can say, "my way is better." Instead, Myron encourages us to look at scripture as if we are looking at it through a mirror so scripture can show us the corrections we need to make in our own life. Which of these best describes how you typically look at scripture? What fruit is this producing in your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. The woman in Mark 14 anointed Jesus with expensive oil of pure nard, which in today's money would be about one year of wages (approx. \$45,000), as a way to worship Jesus; some said her worship was wasteful. How have you or do you significantly give of yourself to worship Jesus? Have you ever had anyone criticize your worship of Jesus as wasteful or too extreme? If so, how did you respond?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How do you view Jesus? Do you view Him as someone who should be worshiped for who He is or someone who should be worshiped out of what He can do for you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Do you ever find yourself too busy to sit still in the presence of God and worship Him for who He is?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What (specifically) are you grateful for?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

*Read through these guiding scriptures and answer the corresponding questions.*

**Read Matthew 15:3-11 and John 4:21-26**

1. How do you apply these passages to worship in the context of Myron's message?
2. "Worshipping from rituals can lead to idolatry." What did Myron mean by this? Do you agree with it?
3. What does it mean to worship God in spirit and in truth? From a practical standpoint, what does worshipping in spirit and in truth look like?
4. Are you worshipping God in spirit and in truth? If so, how? If not, what can you do to worship God in spirit in truth on a daily basis?

**BRINGING IT HOME**

1. How are you prideful or selfish in the way you approach your preferences with regard to church life? Seriously think about this question. Ask God to search your heart. Talk it over with your Life Group.
2. Myron talked about how the Pharisees worshiped God out of rituals, the disciples worshiped Him out of an agenda, and Mary worshiped Jesus out of gratitude. When you worship Jesus, do you worship him like the Pharisees, the disciples, Mary, or some combination, depending on your circumstances?

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3. How can you be grateful and express gratitude when it seems like your life circumstances aren't providing you much to be grateful for?
  
4. What can you do to stop yourself when you are worshipping God out of the wrong motivations? What specifically can you do to capture your thoughts, fix them on Him, and worship Him out of gratitude?
  
5. Last week Chris talked about tensions we encounter in our walk with Jesus. One tension we find in today's message is when Mary extravagantly worshiped Jesus by anointing Him with expensive nard when it otherwise could have been sold and the profits used to help the poor. How do you resolve that kind of tension in your life? How do you know when to sit still and worship and when to go forward and serve? How do you know when to give extravagantly to the church or a ministry like Mary with the nard and when to use that money directly to help someone?
  
6. How specifically are you worshipping God? Provide some ways you are worshipping Him.
  
7. Now think of how you answered the previous question. What is the position of your heart when you worship Him? Is it out of pride or humility? Is it out of ritual or response to the Holy Spirit? Is it, so God blesses you or meets your agenda, or is it from a place of gratitude?
  
8. What do you want your legacy to be? If you were to die today, what do you think your legacy would be (what would people remember you for)? What specifically can you do to align what your legacy actually would be with what you would like it to be?

**Your Next Steps are: 1)** Reflect on how you worship Jesus and choose today to worship Jesus like Mary – out of gratitude. **2)** Consider your legacy and choose to implement the steps necessary to make your legacy one that honors and glorifies Jesus.