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True Equity and the Greatest Love / John 12:1-11

What you do reveals what you believe.

Notes

08/25 John 12:1-11, "It Matters How You Come to Jesus," Subtitle: What you do reveals what you believe, Scripture: James 2:18-26 (for reader alone to read)

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Martha believed serving Jesus and His followers was her calling.

Romans 1:1 "1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,"

Romans 16:1 "1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea;"

Ephesians 6:21 "21 But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you."

Colossians 1:7 "7 just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf,"

James 1:1 "1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings."

2 Peter 1:1 "1 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:"

Jude 1 "1 Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To

those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:"

Revelation 1:1 "1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,"

Lazarus believed personal fellowship with Jesus was his calling.

1 John 1:3 "3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ."

John 15:5 "5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

John 17:20–23 "20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me."

1 Corinthians 1:9 "9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

1 Corinthians 3:16 "16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

Revelation 3:20 "20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me."

Mary believed worshipping Jesus and

His followers was her calling

Nard is an extract from an aromatic Nepalese plant, *Nardostachys jatamansi*. The perfume was expensive because it was imported from a great distance, as well as having to be extracted from plant material. The process of extraction usually involved large amounts of plant material yielding only a little aromatic oil.[1]

[1]Colin G. Kruse, *John: An Introduction and Commentary, vol. 4, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003), 258.

Psalm 27:4 "4 One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord And to meditate in His temple."

Matthew 2:11 "11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Matthew 21:9 "9 The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!""

Matthew 28:8–9 "8 And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him."

Romans 12:1–2 "1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Philippians 2:10–11 "10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Colossians 3:16 "16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Hebrews 13:15 "15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name."

Revelation 19:10 "10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.""

Judas believed money was his calling and his right

John 12:6 "6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it."

Matthew 26:15 "15 and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him."

Matthew 27:1–10 "1 Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death; 2 and they bound Him, and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate the governor. 3 Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself!" 5 And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. 6 The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood." 7 And they conferred together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers. 8 For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfill..."

The crowd believed signs and wonders are the focus instead of Jesus

Psalm 78:32 "32 In spite of all this they still sinned And did not believe in His wonderful works."

Luke 11:16 "16 Others, to test Him, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven."

John 4:48 "48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe.""

Luke 23:8 "8 Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him."

Matthew 12:38–39 "38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." 39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;"

John 6:2 "2 A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick."

John 6:22–24 "22 The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but that His disciples had gone away alone. 23 There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus."

John 6:26 "26 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled."

John 20:29 "29 Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.""

The Chief Priests believed that they were more important than Jesus

John 12:10–11 “10 But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also; 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.”

How do you respond to Jesus?

- Martha was serving
- Lazarus was reclining
- Mary was worshipping
- Judas only saw the money
- The crowd only wanted signs and wonders
- The chief priests wanted to reject

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