

Series "Behold Your King"
"Worship or Waste"
Matthew 26:1-16
Part-108

Definition of Worship is – "the believer's response of all that they are; mind, emotions, will, and body; to what God is and says and does."

Worship is – "a response to who God is." **Praise** is – "a response to what God does."

The Rejection of The King—Matthew 21-27

- 1. Verses 1-5 – Deception – (The Religious)**
- 2. Verses 6-13 – Devotion – (A Disciple)**
- 3. Verses 14-16 – Destruction – (One of The Twelve)**

1. Verses 1-5 – Deception – (The Religious):

"The Olivet Discourse" Matt 24-25, Matt 25:46

Matt 26:2

Passover - (Exodus 12)

Matt 26:3

The Chief Priests – (Spiritual Hierarchy)

The Elders – (Representatives of the Congregation)

Matt 26:4

to seize Jesus by stealth; "a trick, craft, deceit, guile; to entrap, beguile"

and kill Him. "to slay, to kill, outright murder"

Matt 26:5

Matt 26:2 Son of Man is to be delivered up for crucifixion."

John 1:29

2. Verses 6-13 – Devotion – (A Disciple):

Recorded in Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-11

John 12:1

John 12:2

Matt 26:7

a woman – John 12:3 Mary

"Nard" or "Spikenard" came from an extremely rare plant in India.

very costly - Mark 14:5

I want to note 8 Characteristics of a devoted worshiper:

- 1. Mary's Worship Was Expressed:** and she poured it Mark 14:3 and she broke the vial

John 12:3 – the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

It was an act of love and devotion that brought fragrance to the whole house.

Matt 26:8

- 2. Mary's Devotion To Worship Was Misunderstood:** were indignant when they saw this,

indignant – has a root word that means "a bend, ache"

"Why this waste? "to destroy fully, to perish, or lose, to die" literally we would say, "It was one total loss" "It was wasted"

Mary's Name is Mentioned 3X in Scripture and each Time is Misunderstood.

1. Mary's sister Martha misunderstood her when Mary sat at Jesus' feet to hear Him teach the Word. (Luke 10:40)

2. Mary's friends and neighbors misunderstood her when she came out of the house to meet Jesus after Lazarus had been buried. (John 11:28-31)

3. Judas and the other disciples misunderstood Mary when she anointed Jesus. (Matt 26:8)

Matt 26:9

3. Mary's Worship Was Extravagant: perfume might have been sold for a high price

John 12:6

Matt 26:7

Matt 26:10

4. Mary's Worship Was Good And Pleasing To Jesus: "Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me.

Matt 26:11

5. Mary Seized An Opportunity To Worship Him: but you do not always have Me.

Matt 26:12

6. Mary Reveals Insight Thru Worship: she did it to prepare Me for burial.

Mark 14:8

7. Mary's Worship Was Creative: "She has done what she could;

Matt 26:13

8. Mary's Worship Left A Fragrance For Eternity: what this woman has done shall also be spoken of in memory of her."

3. Verses 14-16 – Destruction – (One of The Twelve):

Judas - Means "Praise"; Iscariot – the root word means "to be a man, act in a manly way, show (one) self a man"

John 13:10-11

John 6:70

John 17:12 son of perdition, which literally means "son of waste."

Matt 26:15

Ex. 21:32.

Matt 26:16

Application:

1. The enemies of Jesus Christ are powerless to frustrate the fulfillment of His purpose.
2. Mary's worship was expressed; Her devotion was misunderstood; Her worship was extravagant; Her worship was good and pleasing to Jesus; She seized the opportunity to worship; She reveals insight through worship; Her worship was creative; Mary's worship left a fragrance for eternity.
3. Judas' life is a warning to those who pretend to serve Christ, but whose hearts are far from God. He is also a warning to those who waste their opportunities and their lives.