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**Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet**

## The Main Idea

The heart of worship is gratitude for who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

## *John 11 (ESV)*

*45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, 46 but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”*

## *John 11 (ESV)*

*49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. 50 Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” 51 He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, 52 and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.*

## *John 11 (ESV)*

*53 So from that day on they made plans to put him to death. 54 Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples. 55 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves.*

## *John 11 (ESV)*

*56 They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?” 57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.*

*Responding to*

**JESUS**





## Responding to Jesus

- Gratitude vs entitlement
- “Throw a party or a fit”
- Relationship vs religion
- Serving vs being served
- God is in control vs we are in control
- God accepts our pain, sin, hopes & dreams vs Him taking our money & freedom
- Surrender vs rebellion

## *John 12 (ESV)*

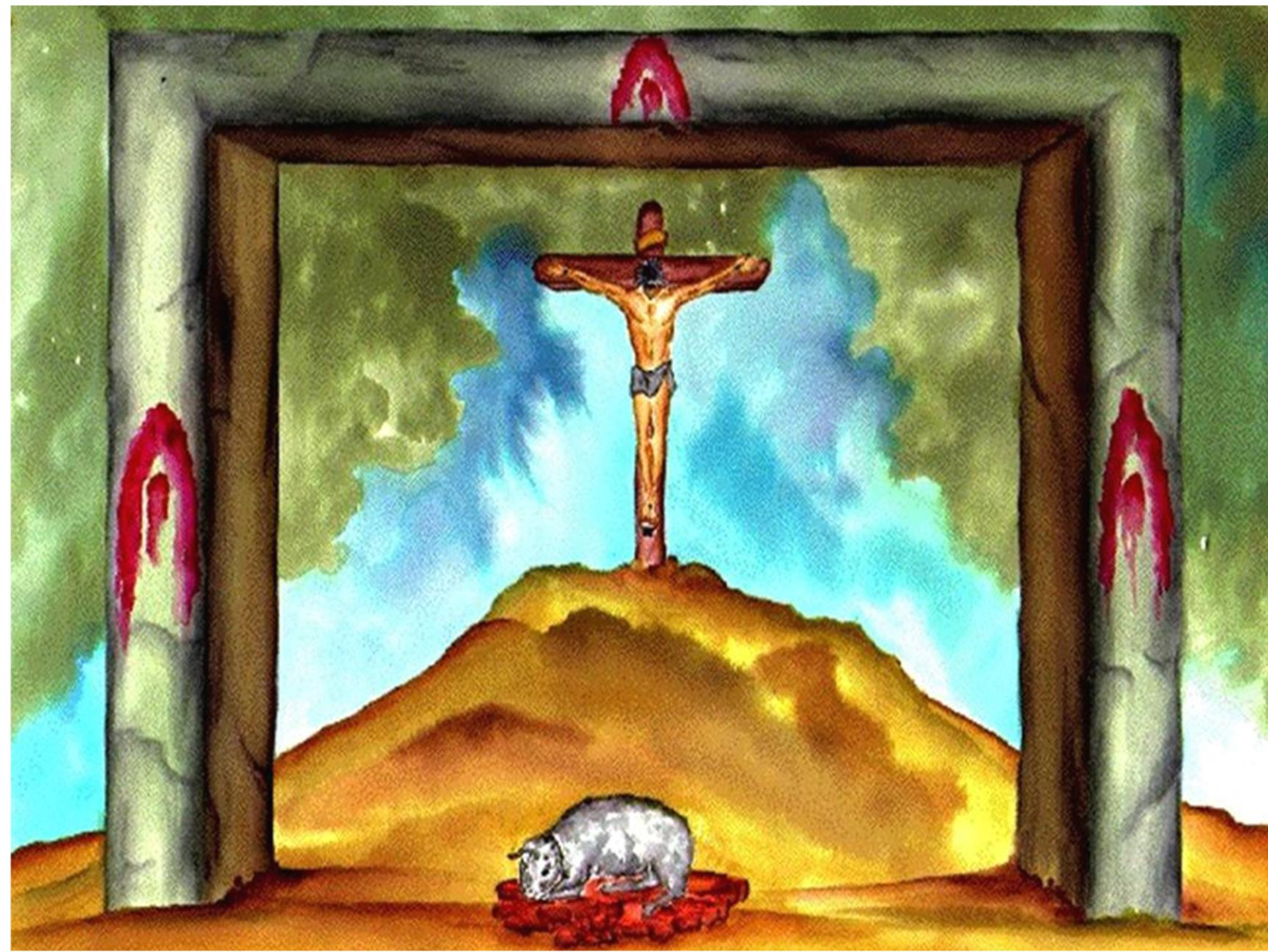
*1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. 3 Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.*

## *John 12 (ESV)*

*4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 5 “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” 6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. 8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”*

## *John 12 (ESV)*

*9 When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.*



Jesus  
the  
Passover  
Lamb

# Jesus the Passover Lamb

- Joseph sold into slavery in Egypt
- Famine in Canaan
- New life in Egypt
- Slavery
- Moses – “Set my people free”
- Plague of the “first born” – blood of the spotless lamb
- Exodus
- Annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem

# Worshipping Jesus



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- Intense soulful overflow of gratitude & love
- Stop playing church – Not a hobby
- Psalm 42 – My soul is desperate for Jesus
- *How Great Thou Art/How He Loves/Gratitude*
- Worship
  - Sing
  - Pray
  - Bring



# Worshipping Jesus

## Worshipper (Team Jesus)

- Jesus
- Gives
- He met my needs
- Points me to a good Father
- Cross-centered preaching
- Challenges

## Consumer (Team Judas)

- Me
- Takes
- Meets my needs
- Good band
- Entertaining preaching
- Comfortable

## Questions

- What do you worry you might lose when you surrender everything to Jesus?
- What is He calling you to deny that you're hanging on to?
- How or where have you held something back in your worship of Jesus and how can you cultivate a longing in your soul for Him in your daily life?
- Share a time when you were a worshipper and a time when you were a consumer and how those different actions affected you.



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