

WHO'S YOUR JESUS? HOW DO YOU WORSHIP HIM?

THE STORY

Mark 14:1-11/ Matthew 26:1-15

WHO'S YOUR JESUS?

Who am I in this story?

- To the religious leaders He was a **THREAT** to be **CONTAINED** or **KILLED**.
Mark 3:1-6, 7:1-5, 11:18 & 14:1-2/ Matthew 23:5-7 & 15:7-9
- To the unnamed woman He was a **LORD** to be **EXTRAVAGANTLY WORSHIPPED**.
Mark 14:3-5/ Mark 12:28-31/ Revelation 4:11 & Psalm 29:1-2
2 Samuel 24:24
- To the disciples He was a **LEADER** to be **FOLLOWED**.
Mark 14:4-5/ Mark 8:27-33, 10:3-35, 11:32-44/ Luke 24:17-24
Habakkuk 3:17-18
- To Judas He was a **DISAPPOINTMENT** to be **BETRAYED**.
Mark 14:10-11 & Matthew 26:14-16/ Psalm 73:12-17

HOW DO YOU WORSHIP HIM?

Mark 14:6-9/ John 4:24/ Proverbs 15:8 & 28:9/ Romans 14:1-6

Life Group Study Questions

For the week of November 3, 2019

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Can you think of any ways that your understanding of what it means to worship God (and how you worship Him) has changed over the course of your spiritual journey?

2. Larry talked about four different perspectives of Jesus held by the people in Mark 14. If you were to come up with a different perspective for who people think He is today, what would that be?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend we heard about the woman's extravagant worship of Jesus. Worship can be defined as giving value or worth to something. In 1 Chronicles 16:7-36, King David gives instructions to the worship leaders of Israel for leading the people in worship. Read this passage and jot down the insights you see about the "how and why" of worship.

1 Chronicles 16:7-36 (NIV – New International Version) - That day David first appointed Asaph and his associates to give praise to the LORD in this manner: ⁸ Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ⁹ Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ¹⁰ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ¹¹ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. ¹² Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, ¹³ you his servants, the descendants of Israel, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob. ¹⁴ He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ¹⁵ He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, ¹⁶ the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. ¹⁷ He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: ¹⁸ "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit." ¹⁹ When they were but few in number, few indeed, and strangers in it, ²⁰ they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another. ²¹ He allowed no one to oppress them; for their sake he rebuked kings: ²² "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm." ²³ Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. ²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. ²⁵ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. ²⁸ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²⁹ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. ³⁰ Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" ³² Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them! ³³ Let the trees of the forest sing, let them sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. ³⁴ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. ³⁵ Cry out, "Save us, God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise." ³⁶ Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the LORD."

What stands out to you the most about worship from this passage?

What parts of this description of worship do you relate to the most? The least?

How does this passage help clarify, confirm or challenge how you view worship?

2. Larry shared how God desires us to worship in spirit and in truth, which always involves obedience. While we are all called to obey the various commands found in the Bible, how we obey them could look very different because each of us has a unique relationship with God. In each of the passages below, identify the biblical command we're all supposed to obey, then list two or three ways people could apply it differently in real life.

(NIV)

Colossians 4:2 (NIV – New International Version) - Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Romans 12:2 (NIV – New International Version) - Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NIV – New International Version) - These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Proverbs 31:8-9 (NIV – New International Version) - Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. ⁹Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Can you think of any factors that influence why people apply biblical commands in different ways?

3. People connect with God differently and He designed it that way. Below are some examples of various paths of connection with God. Read the statements below and check the two that seem to fit you best.

- ☐ I connect with God best outside in the middle of His creation. Everything He made points me to Him.
- ☐ I connect with God creatively. I appreciate a worship service that involves all of my senses.
- ☐ I connect with God by engaging my mind, studying and being stretched intellectually.
- ☐ I connect with God best in a more traditional setting. I love the rich meaning behind religious ceremony, symbols and unchanging structures.
- ☐ I connect with God best in solitude and simplicity. I like to draw away by myself.
- ☐ I connect with God by working hard to make the world a better place. Connection and service go hand in hand.
- ☐ I connect with God while I am caring for others and meeting needs.
- ☐ I connect with God in quiet moments where I can ponder things in my heart and just be still.
- ☐ I connect with God best when I celebrate what He has done in song. There is nothing better than His church singing His praises.

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In light of your preferred pathways, can you think of any ways to incorporate either of them more into your life?

If you were to try one of the pathways that you didn't check, which one would you choose? Explain why.

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's message and study, what's most important for you to remember and why?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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