

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, March 29, 2026



sermon: "Worship Worthy of Messiah" - John 12:1-19

Big Idea: True worship means giving Messiah Jesus our very best.

- I. Worship Conditioned on Our Expectations (vv. 9-19)
 - A. Palm Sunday is a festive day full of hope and expectation. But it is also a revealing day in which the source of our hopes and expectations are laid bare. Is the worship of the people rooted in who Jesus is as Messiah and what He came to do at the cross, or is it in who they want Him to be? We see:
 1. Judas (vv. 4-6) – In Judas we see a shallow worship that had the appearance of piety but was rooted in selfish ambition and false expectations.
 2. The crowd (vv. 12-15) – The crowds are a mixed bag; some may be sincere, but most offer a superficial worship built on false expectations.
 - B. Palm Sunday is indeed a festive day filled with anticipation and hope, but it is also an important day to examine our hearts and ask why we are worshipping Jesus, and see if we are truly giving Him our very best.
- II. Worship Worthy of Messiah (vv. 1-8)
 - A. At the heart of worship is worship from the heart. Our affections are often revealed in small and surprising ways. In Mary's example we see worship fit for Messiah. Mary's gift:
 1. Was sacrificial (vv. 3-6; cf. 2 Sam. 24:24) – The perfume (nard) was worth over a year's wages, but its true value was in the willingness of the giver to offer it.
 2. Was freely given (cf. Lk. 6:32-36; 2 Cor. 9:6-7) – Mary was not compelled to offer such an extravagant gift; rather, she gave it freely as an act of worship and adoration.
 3. Was humbly given – No conditions were attached to Mary's gift; it was simply given with no expectation of return.
 - B. True worship emerges from a heart that recognizes Jesus for who He truly is, and is given completely over to Him. From this fertile ground of humility and surrender springs worship and praise fit for our Savior and Lord (cf. Eph. 3:20-21; 1 Tim. 1:17).

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