

Sermon Study Questions

January 8, 2023

1. Read Matthew 26:1-13
2. What is the context here, and how does it influence what's going on in this passage?
3. In v.13 Jesus points to Mary's extravagant act of worship and devotion here as being the focus of this text. What is worship? How does worship inform every area of life?
4. What made Mary's act of worship and devotion so extravagant here? Be specific.
5. Mary was clearly motivated by gratitude for what the Lord had done in raising her brother from the dead. Why is gratitude such an important component to a life of devotion to the Lord? What are you grateful to God for? (Side note: in answering, make it a regular part of your prayer life to verbalize those things to God. You will be amazed how much it will impact your own life and sense of well-being.)
6. Mary was also deeply moved by what the Lord was about to do in offering Himself up to death. Where do we see this in the text? How does the death of Christ compel a life of devotion to Him? Read 2 Cor.5:14-15.
7. We know that Mary was also looking ahead to what the Lord would do on the last day. We know so as just three weeks earlier she was there at the tomb of Lazarus with Him as He declared Himself to be the resurrection and the life (and proved it by raising Lazarus), and saying that though those who believe in Him will die, they will live. And in that regard, they never die. Does the hope of glory impact the depth of your devotion to the Lord? How, and why?
8. In light of what she had just witnessed, Mary knew she was in the presence of the Messiah. How does being in the presence of the Lord, which is true for each and every believer as we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, impact your life and affect your relationship with Him? Read Heb.13:1-6.
9. What practical lessons did you learn and can apply from this text/sermon?
10. Pray!