

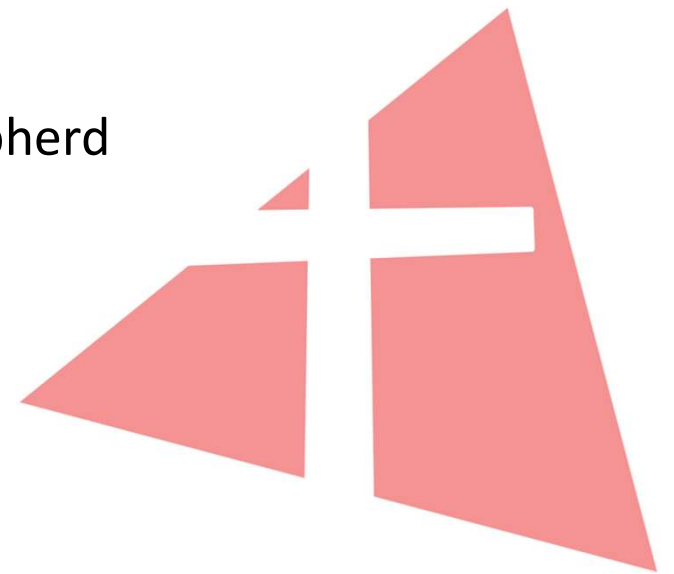
Mary and Jesus

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Last Week

- **Jesus, the Good Shepherd**
 - We should relate to Jesus the way sheep relate to their shepherd



Today's Focus

- **Mary and Jesus**



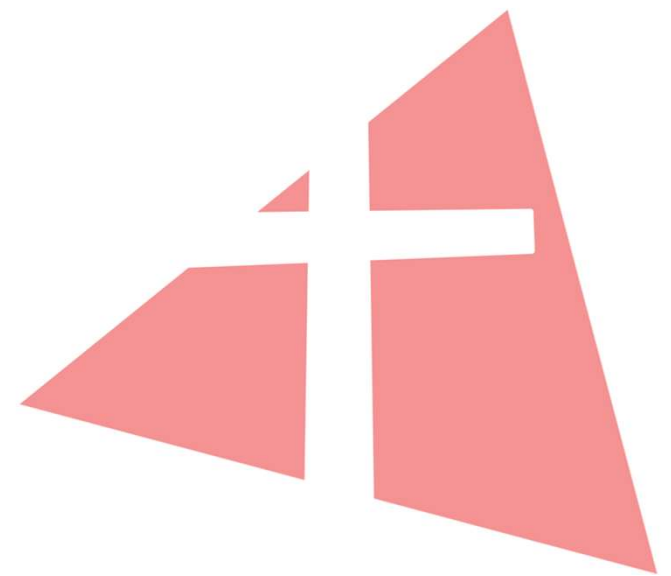
The History

- **Mary and Martha**

Luke 10:38-42 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about with much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

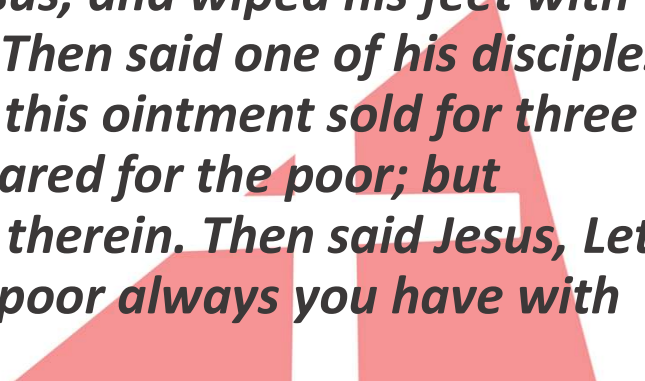
The History

- **Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead**



Today's Passage

John 12:1-8 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Then said one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bore what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burial has she kept this. For the poor always you have with you; but me you have not always.



The Death of Jesus and Lazarus

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Mary and Martha

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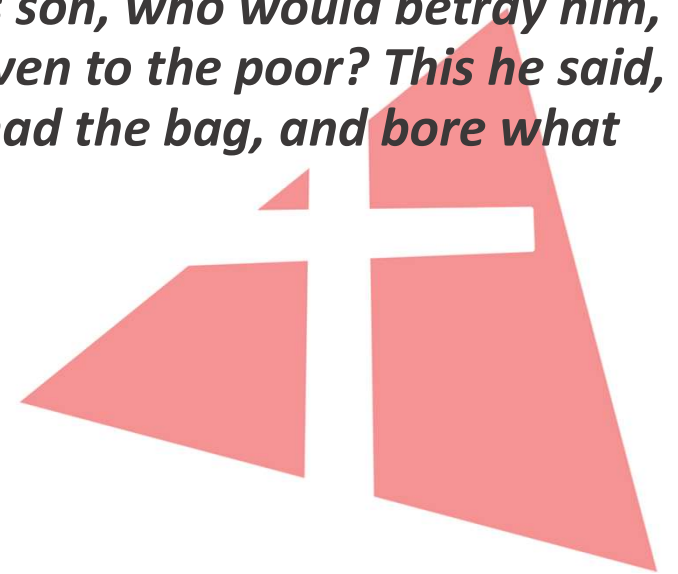
Mary's Worship

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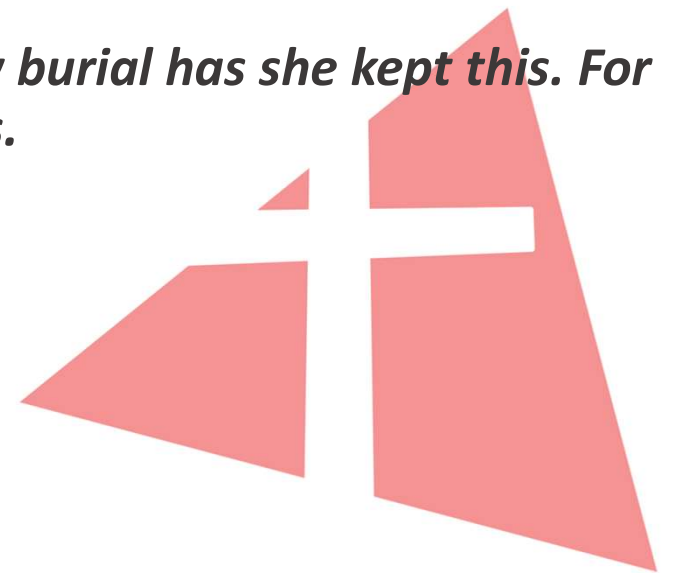
Judas' Objection

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Jesus' Priorities

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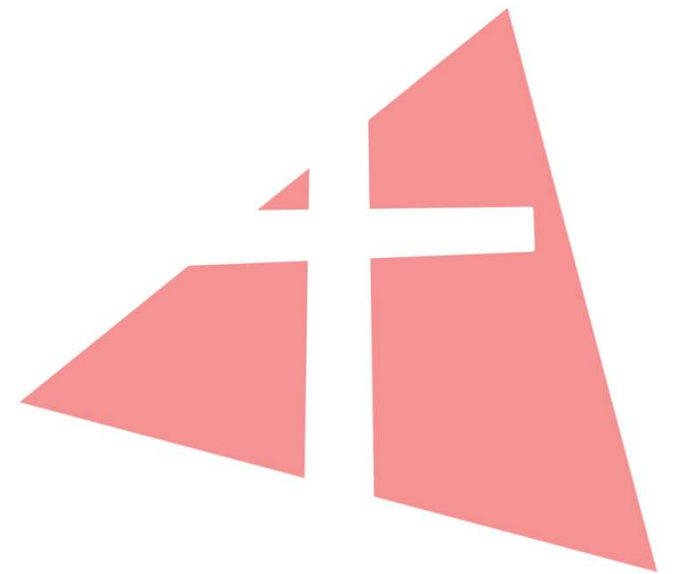
The Point of the Story

- **Jesus' Priorities**

- Being intimate with Jesus
- Expressing our worship to Jesus

- **Different people express these**

- Mary
- Martha and Judas



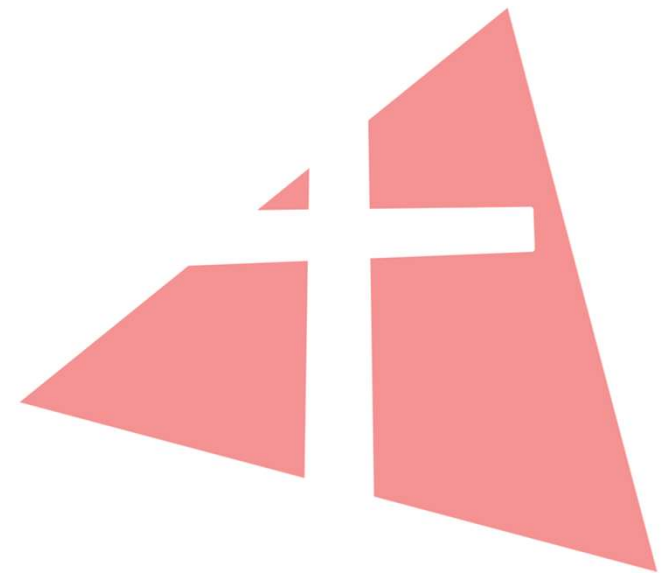
Mary and Martha

- **Martha first looked at work that needed to be done**
- **Mary first looked at what Jesus wanted her to do**



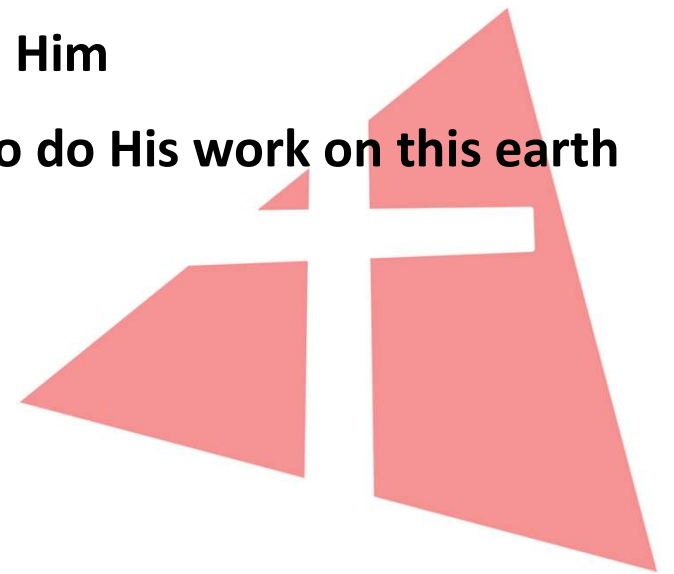
So we don't need to serve Jesus?

- **Serving Jesus will be an overflow of being in Jesus' presence and worshipping Him**
- **We don't serve Jesus in order to ...**
 - ... get something from Him
 - ... being right with Him
 - ... be more loved by Him
 - ...
- **We serve Jesus, because we are ALREADY right with Him**



Application

- **Our first priority must be to be in Jesus' presence and worship Him**
- **If we do this, we will receive the desire and strength needed to do His work on this earth**

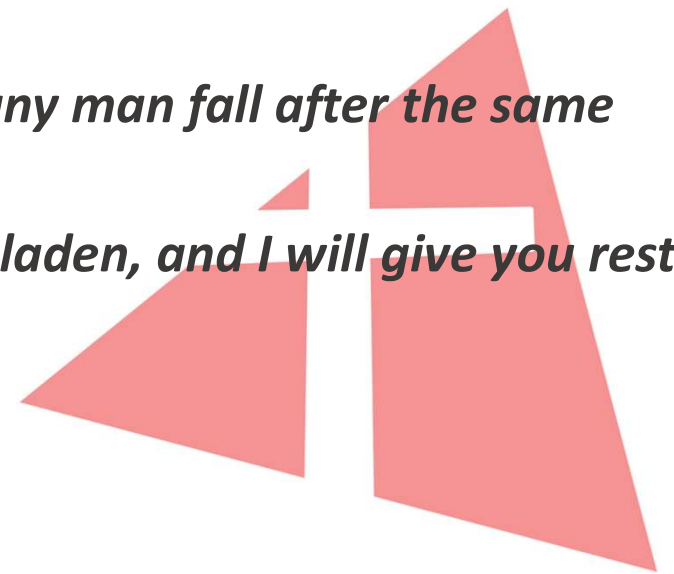


Application

- **Serving God in our own strength will always leave us empty, unfulfilled and exhausted**

Hebrews 4:11 Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.



In Conclusion

- **Many people in today's church are unbalanced in this area**
- **Let's get back to serving Jesus from the place of rest**





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