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All About Jesus
Message Five - Worship Matters.

Over the past several weeks we have walked together through scripture to reveal much about Jesus - The main fact being: Jesus was - Jesus is - Jesus always will be. (Phil. 2:9-11)

If we truly believe that Jesus came to rescue us from our sin, and restore us to God through His life, death, and resurrection - then Jesus is worth all the worship our finite heart and mind is capable of.

Faith Focus: Revelation 4:11 - God is worthy of all glory, honor, and power.
God created all things and by Him they exist.
God will not take second chair to anyone/thing
You will have no other gods before Me. (Ex.20:3-5)

Why it Matters: Our finite minds cannot grasp the holiness and grander of infinite God. God demands, seeks, and requests our worship because He deserves it. Because it is the nature of a Christian to worship Him, because our eternal destiny depends on it. This is the theme of redemptive history: to worship the true, living, and glorious God.

We have learned that Jesus is in fact God in the flesh - John 1:1-4, 14. 10:30
Therefore - Jesus is worthy of praise and worship. (But not exclusive to the trinity)

1. WORSHIP MATTERS. (Luke 1:39-45)

- Elizabeth was the first to worship Jesus, along with her baby, John.
- The Baby leap - within her womb.
- Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
- She exclaims - “Why would the mother of my Lord come” - She worshiped Jesus, not Mary. She saw Mary as the fulfillment of scripture because of her faithfulness.
- When you have an experience with Jesus - you might just leap, you might just be loud, and you will always be filled with the Holy Spirit.

MARY WORSHIPED (Luke 1:46-56)

- Known as the “Magnificat” - this is Mary’s song of praise.
- My soul “praises the greatness of the Lord”
- Mary then prophetically describes Christ Jesus in her song.
 - He is the Mighty One, His name is Holy. 49
 - He would bring mercy to all generation, to those that fear Him. 50
 - He will scatter the proud (bring them down) because of their hearts
 - He will destroy kingdoms and thrones. (Every knee will bow)
 - He will uplift the lowly
 - Jesus came to win the battle over cultural, political, and economical strongholds
 - The proud will fall, Kingdoms will fall, the lowly, will be raised up in equal justice for all God’s image bearers. Christ will one day rule in truth - grace - peace.

This is enough to see the importance of worship...

Worship Matters because it transports us from this Earthly Kingdom to HIS Heavenly Kingdom, directly before His throne. What do you do before the King?

2. WORSHIP KNOWS NO BOUNDS

(Psalm 72:9-11, Luke 2:8-18, Phil 2:9-11)

- The desert tribes (Shepherds worshiped Jesus, and carried the news)
- Kings worshiped and brought gifts to Jesus (worship with time and gifts)
- There is no social, economical, political, race, creed, tribe, or nationality that makes a difference when we seek to worship Jesus with our life.

FAITH FOCUS: we can see a few things from both groups:

- They made it a priority to find Jesus (nothing held them back)
- They came to worship Him.
- Nothing could divert their mission (not fear, not distance - nothing)
- Worship requires surrender - leaving your spot, listening to God.
- They left a different way than they came. (Each of us should)

LIFE QUESTIONS:

Are you truly worshipping or going through the motions?

Did you come to worship today?

Is worship a priority in your life?

What are things that divert your mission?

Have you fully surrendered to God?

Have you been changed? (You cannot stay the same)

Surrender your life to Christ today and worship Him with all your heart.

Why Worship Matters:

1. Worship involves surrender of our lives. (Romans 12:1)

2. Worship is putting our focus on Him

-True worship is based on the desire to honor God. Worship is not based on my likes or dislikes. It is not based on my personal preferences or priorities. It is a focus on Him, only on Him, directed towards Him.

3. Worship involves “Getting out of the way”

We have to learn to remove our worries, our opinion, our questions, and ourselves - so we can worship with appropriate honor. It's letting go. Sometimes we get in the way of our own experience and encounter with God.

4. Worship Involves Personal Sacrifice.

It's easy to praise when everything is working out - where every meal is a picnic and every day a holiday - but hard times will come. Hard times demand deeper worship. (Hebrews 13:15) - we bring a sacrifice of praise.

5. We must worship in the face of pain and loss.

King David demonstrated this at the death of his child. He prayed and prayed but the baby died. The death of any loved one is seemingly too hard to bear, but we find what David did in (2 Sam. 12:20) - He got up from weeping, put on lotion, changed his clothes, and went to the house of the Lord and worshipped.

6. Worship is celebrating who God is and what He has done. Psalm 100:1-5

Now - Let's review those questions one more time.

Jesus came for you because He loves you. He wants a relationship with you - Jesus came so that we could have life, eternal life, and be freed from the curse of sin. Will you accept His gift today?

(Romans 10:9, Romans 10:13, Romans 5:8, John 3:16-17)