



JESUS – KING, CROSS, CROWN
THE KING ANOINTED & BETRAYED | MATTHEW 26:6–16
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Biblical worship is a lifestyle of surrender, obedience, and devotion to God.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. – Romans 12:1–2

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ANOINTED WORSHIP

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Anointed worship occurs when Jesus becomes more valuable to us than anything else.

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Two aspects of anointed worship:

1. Worship with humility



Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. ³ Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

– John 12:1–8

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2. Worship without restraint

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Extravagant love always looks excessive to those who do not desire to share in it.

And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. – John 12:31

BETRAYING WORSHIP

We betray Jesus in worship when our image is more important than His glory.

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Worship is never transactional.

We can be in the room for worship and still not encounter Jesus.

Worship is based on surrender.

If the ox gores a slave, male or female, the owner shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned. – Exodus 21:32

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