



### Appraisal #1 The Hatred of the Jewish Leaders

<sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs.

<sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

<sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup> Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup> He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they made plans to put him to death. (John 11)

**Jesus has Negative Value!**

### Appraisal #2 The Worship from Mary

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. <sup>3</sup> 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. (John 12)

**Jesus has Unfathomable Value!**

### Appraisal #2

#### The Worship from Mary

<sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" (John 12)

<sup>4</sup> Some of those at the table were indignant. "Why waste such expensive perfume?" <sup>5</sup> "It could have been sold for a year's wages and the money given to the poor!" So they scolded her harshly. (Mark 14NLT)

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### Appraisal #2

#### The Worship from Mary

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial." <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." (John 12NLT)

### Jesus' Appraisal

**Jesus has Unfathomable Value!**

### Appraisal #2

#### The Worship from Mary

<sup>6</sup> But Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me?"

<sup>9</sup> I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed." (Mark 14NLT)

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### Appraisal #3

#### The Fickleness of Judas

<sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, <sup>5</sup> "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." <sup>6</sup> Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself. (John 12)

<sup>8</sup> The disciples were indignant when they saw this. "What a waste!" they said. (Matt. 26NLT)

**Jesus has Limited Value!**

### Appraisal #3

#### The Fickleness of Judas

**Have you become disloyal to Jesus because He has not been useful to you?**

**Jesus has Limited Value!**

### Appraisal #4

#### The Fear/ Love of Secret Believers

<sup>37</sup> But despite all the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in him... (Isaiah quote)

<sup>42</sup> Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. <sup>43</sup> For they loved human praise more than the praise of God. (John 12)

**Jesus plus Something has Value!**

### Appraisal #4

#### The Fear/ Love of Secret Believers

<sup>23</sup> And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people... <sup>25</sup> They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. (Romans 1NLT)

**Jesus plus Something has Value!**

### Appraisal #4

#### The Fear/ Love of Secret Believers

##### Do you love the praise from people?

- Do you hide your faith in Christ?
- Do you do good and spiritual things to be noticed?
- Do you draw attention to yourself and your accomplishments?
- Do you resent lack of appreciation or recognition? (quit when there is none)
- Do you give up if you see no tangible results to your efforts?
- Are you jealous of others getting attention?
- Do you hide failures, fears and weaknesses? Even lie to create an image to impress?
- Do you try to impress and please people so much you step on others to get a leg up?

**Jesus plus Something has Value!**

### What is Your Appraisal of Jesus?

- Are you like the **Jewish Leaders**? Are you hostile to Jesus because He threatens your domain?
- Are you like **Mary**? Have you wasted your life on Him with extravagant devotion?
- Are you like **Judas**, only seeking to use Jesus?
- Are you like **secret believers**... love human praise?

<sup>20</sup> My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else. (Romans 15NLT)

<sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. (2 Corinthians 5)

### What Shapes Awareness of Jesus' Value and Energizes our Intent for God?

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup> "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." (John 12)

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<sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.... <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4)

### 4 Ways to Engage the Gospel

If you engage in the gospel of glory, what you value and desire will change.

Your appraisal of Jesus will change.

## 4 Ways to Engage the Gospel

### Willingly Believe the Gospel of Glory

(John 5:44NLT) No wonder you can't believe! For you gladly honor each other, but you don't care about the honor that comes from the one who alone is God.

### Regularly Mull Over the Gospel of Glory

(2 Cor. 3:18NLT) So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.

## 4 Ways to Engage the Gospel

### Sacrifice Yourself for the Gospel of Glory

(Romans 12:1) 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.

### Generously Share the Gospel of Glory

(Acts 20:24) But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

## Baptismal Class

with Pastor Mike starts  
15 minutes after the service!



Through the double doors

Come learn and have your  
questions answered.

