

Introduction:

What is worship?

-Read: Matthew 22:34-41 for a good answer.

Here is a brief article to discuss:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-worship.html>

How do we do it?

Read: John 4:23-24

Here is another brief article to discuss:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/worship-spirit-truth.html>

In sum- we must love God truthfully from our inner being - sincerely from the heart and in truth - The problem we face today is that we focus on the sincerity part to the exclusion to the truth part.

read the following article and discuss:

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2014/april/trouble-with-touchy-feely-faith.html>

Sincerity without truth is worthless - it SEEMS right which is what makes it so dangerous but it is ultimately worthless as worship-

Read:

Proverbs 14:12 and Romans 10:1-3

We must worship God in sincerity and in truth if we are to worship Him at all ...

Main Idea:

the main obstacle to our worship is our ignorance

Text:

His Passover (Matthew 26:1-2)

-The reference to Son of man is seen in the previous section (Matt. 25:31-46) and in Daniel 7:13-14. The reference to the Son of man in light of His sacrifice is seen both in His exaltation (Isaiah 6:1) and in His humiliation (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

-Read Exodus 12:1-27.

-What did the Passover point back to?

-Read Matthew 26:26-29.

-What did the passover point forward to?

-Read John 1:29 and 1 Corinthians 5:6-8.

-How is the timing of the crucifixion important in all of this?

Their Plan (Matthew 26:3-5)

How does their timing differ from that of Jesus'?

Her Worship (Matthew 26:6-13)

-John 11:17-12:8 shows that Mary believed in Jesus and was preparing Him for burial - (John 19:40)- she believed in His sovereignty and goodness even though hard it was hard to understand.

-Contrast this with the unbelief of His disciples: Matthew 16:13-28; 17:22-23; 20:17-19.

Because of their unbelief/ignorance they saw what was the greatest act of worship as waste.

His Sovereignty (Matthew 26:14-16)

-Jesus knew Judas would betray Him (John 6:64; 13:18-19; 17:12). This event caused the chief priests to crucify Him during the passover thus fulfilling Scripture exactly. This was His plan all along. look up all the times Matthew shows that Scripture was being fulfilled exactly: Matthew 1:22; 2:15-17; 2:23; 3:15; 4:14; 5:17; 8:17; 12:17; 13:14; 13:35; 21:4; 26:54-56; 27:9

-Satan was duped too. He entered into Judas to betray Christ (Luke 22:3). He is not omniscient and in his greatest moment of vengeance against God he found that God had planned it all along to bring glory to Himself. Read Colossians 2:13-15. God humiliated Satan and showed His sovereign control the whole time.

-The implication of this is the idea of compatibilism

<http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justintaylor/2013/06/17/we-are-all-compatibilists-at-the-cross/>

here is an article for your information that may help as a resource:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/compatibilism.html>

Implication/ Our Worship:

we must believe the right things about God to actually worship Him -Hebrews 11:6

-this is the renewing of our minds seen in Romans 12:1-2

Here are the two basic things Mary believed that led to her great act of worship -Romans 8:26-31 (compatibilism) - all things work together for good - God is sovereign and He is good

Application:

If God is for us who can be against us - these right facts lead to right worship

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

During the offering I spoke of an immediate application to the main idea, (that our ignorance is a hindrance to worship) this is nowhere more true than in the subject of giving in the church today
Read: 2 Corinthians 8:3-9; 9:6-15 and then read the following articles and discuss:

<http://www.stewardshipministries.org/blog/2012/10/02/giving-as-an-act-of-worship/>

http://www.alliancenet.org/partner/Article_Display_Page/0,,PTID307086_CHID560224_CIID2418080,00.html

and here is another one for your own study regarding the importance of giving for worship:

<http://library.generousgiving.org/page.asp?sec=72&page=302#MacArthurJ16>