

SERMON NOTES - John 12:1-12

 SERVING JESUS IS _____.

 LOVING JESUS IS _____.

 FOLLOWING JESUS IS _____.

 HONORING JESUS IS _____.

1 Can you think of a time you judged someone for their decision of service or worship? Why did you judge them? What made you feel like you had the right to judge them?

 a. Why did Judas judge Mary? What does a judgmental spirit in situations show about your own heart? What things do people use to mask their own vacuous spiritual condition?

2 What had just happened before this family/friend dinner? What happens after this family/friend dinner? So what is the real context of this party? Why was Martha serving and Mary sitting at Jesus' feet?

 a. What world was Mary accustomed to inhabiting? Circle any of the following: the practical, the spiritual, the mystical, the emotional, the physical, the past, the present, the future.

 b. What was Martha concerned with? What was Mary concerned with? What concerns could both women address in their own lives? How can the behaviors of these sisters inform our attitudes in the future?

3 Is your service characterized by your consideration from the heart of others, or do you think primarily of yourself?

 a. *When you work hard, especially when others don't join you or notice you, do you notice yourself becoming more critical of others, more judgmental, assuming the worst of their thoughts and motives?*

 b. Like Martha, do you subtly impugn the goodness of God?

