

**John 11:47–48 (NLT)** <sup>47</sup> Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. “What are we going to do?” they asked each other. “This man certainly performs many miraculous signs. <sup>48</sup> If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation.”

**John 11:53–54 (NLT)** <sup>53</sup> So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus’ death. <sup>54</sup> As a result, Jesus stopped his public ministry among the people and left Jerusalem. He went to a place near the wilderness, to the village of Ephraim, and stayed there with his disciples.

**John 11:57 (NLT)** Meanwhile, the leading priests and Pharisees had publicly ordered that anyone seeing Jesus must report it immediately so they could arrest him.

**John 12:1–3 (NLT)** Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> A dinner was prepared in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus’ feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

**John 12:4–6 (NLT)** <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 12:7–8 (NLT)** <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, “**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.**”

**Matthew 26:14–16 (NLT)** <sup>14</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests <sup>15</sup> and asked, “How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?” And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup> From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to **betray Jesus**.

**Acts 13:22 (NLT)** But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'

**Psalms 122:1 (NKJV)** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

Worship is really about submission to the One we are worshipping.

The goal of worship is to meet with God

If we are going to ascribe to God worship, if we are going to acknowledge His being worthy of our worship, then we need to have an understanding of His Majesty and Greatness.

**Psalms 146:5 - 6 (NIV)** <sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup> the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who remains faithful forever.

**Luke 5:1-3 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

Singing praises is just the beginning of worship.

**Isaiah 29:13 (NLT)** And so the Lord says, "These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote.

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**Luke 5:4-7 (NIV)** <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

**Luke 5:8-9 (NIV)** <sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,