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Key Thought/Actions:

• How Will I Honor the Lord?

### Welcome/Prayer:

#### Review/Preview:

John 10 and 11

Our good shepherd wants to lead us ... are we willing to follow or are we trying to do it without Him

Pain, suffering, death are part of this earthly life, Jesus is already there, he knows our pain and has the power to resurrect life and bring God glory through our pain.

#### Intro:

How have you shown honor to someone?
hold a door for someone
getting out nice dinnerware when you have guests to your home
standing turning for bride at wedding

■ funerals, car procession, police officer killed

## Scripture

John 12

V2: dinner in The honor of Jesus

V3: The house was filled... Noticeable, unmistakable honor

V5: don't waste this money, priorities question, but what was the motive

V7: leave her alone... Jesus honors her

V13: people honoring Jesus

V16–17: disciples didn't see the big picture

V26: God honoring the one who serves him

V28 God speaks audibly, glorifying and honoring Jesus, pointing people to . .

him



V30: for your benefit, the Lord will lead us

V36 put your trust in the light while you have it... Today is the day of salvation don't reject him. We won't always have the opportunity.

V42-43 believers, living in fear... loved praise of man more than praise of God

V47-49 Jesus came to save, not condemn;... But there is a time of judgment coming for those who reject Jesus

V50 what we are offered is eternal life in Jesus ... (regrets ... Why in the world would we resist this?)

#### 1. Honoring yourself

- a. billboard "you need ...
- b. Muhammad Ali
- c. Proverbs 16:18-19 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Better to be lowly in spirit along with the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.
- d. Proverbs 27:2 Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips.
- e. Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- f. Luke 14:11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
- g. Esther 6:6-11 ... Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?"

#### 2. Other people honoring you

- a. V42-43 believers, living in fear... loved praise of man more than praise of God
- b. Acts 7:55-58
  - i. 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." 57 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, 58 dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.

## Meanwhile, the <u>witnesses laid their coats at the feet of</u> a young man named Saul.

#### c. Acts 12:21-23

- i. 21 On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. 22 They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." 23 Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.
- d. Luke 6:26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers treated the false prophets in the same way.
- e. Proverbs 27:2 <u>Let</u> someone else praise you, ... receive it with thankfulness, but cautiously

#### 3. Honoring other people

- a. Romans 13:7 Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.
- b. Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.
- c. Ephesians 6:2-3 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."
- d. Ephesians 5:33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.
- e. Pygmalion or Rosenthal effect ... how people live up (or down) to our expectations
- f. Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

#### 4. The Lord honoring you

a. V7: leave her alone... Jesus honors her

- b. V26: Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.
- c. 1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.
- d. Matthew 23:11-12
- The greatest among you shall be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

#### 5. Honoring the Lord

- a. V2: dinner in The honor of Jesus
- b. V3: The house was filled... Noticeable, unmistakable honor
- c. V13: people honoring Jesus
- d. Luke 19:36-40
  - i. 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. 37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

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## Summary: Challenge/Application:

How Will I Honor the Lord?

# Closing Song Benediction:

Go in peace and in the power of the Holy Spirit.