

Hebrews 13:15-16 (NLT) ... “With Jesus' help, let us continually offer our sacrifice of praise to God by proclaiming the glory of his name. [16] Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to God.”

Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 (NLT) ... “How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty. [2] I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the Lord. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God. [3] Even the sparrow finds a home there, and the swallow builds her nest and raises her young— at a place near your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God! [4] What joy for those who can live in your house, always singing your praises. ... [10] A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live a good life in the homes of the wicked. [11] For the Lord God is our sun and shield. He gives us grace and glory. The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. O Lord of Heaven's Armies, what joy for those who trust in you.”

Joy and happiness are two very different creatures!

Joy comes from _____ **Jesus!**

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NLT) ... “Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vine; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, [18] yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation.”

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**Answers:** ... divides ... unites ... calendar ... people ... human destiny ... waste ... witness ... work ... giftedness ... worship ... knowing.

# Life Change Application

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## One Way or The Other!

John 12:1-12

**Luke 16:13 (NLT)** ... “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Jesus is certainly someone who \_\_\_\_\_ us!

**John 11:52 (NLT)** ... “It was a prediction that Jesus' death would be not for Israel only, but for the gathering together of all the children of God scattered around the world.”

Jesus died on the cross to \_\_\_\_\_ us!

1. The life of Jesus divides our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. His life also divides \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 10:34-35 (NLT)** ... “Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! No, I came to bring a sword. [35] I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

3. Jesus also divides \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 8:24b (NLT)** ... “... unless you believe that I am who I say I am, you will die in your sins.”

**Isaiah 59:2 (TEV)** ... “It is because of your sins that he doesn't hear you. It is your sins that separate you from God when you try to worship him.”

## Q ... What has the existence of Jesus done in your home?

**Mark 14:3 (NLT)** ... “Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had leprosy. During supper, a woman came in with a beautiful jar of expensive perfume. She broke the seal and poured the perfume over his head.”

This morning I want us to focus in on the four people that **John** makes mention of, and I want us to see how they **reacted** to **Jesus** and what that did to their lives.

I. (4-8) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Judas.

## Big Q ... Why was Judas objecting to what Mary did for Jesus?

**Acts 1:25 (NLT)** .. “... he has deserted us and gone where he belongs.”

**Matthew 26:24 (NLT)** ... “For I, the Son of Man, must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for my betrayer. Far better for him if he had never been born!”

II. (1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Lazarus.

**Ephesians 2:4-6 (NLT)** ... “But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, [5] that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's special favor that you have been saved!) [6] For he raised us from the dead along with Christ, and we are seated with him in the heavenly realms—all because we are one with Christ Jesus.”

**Psalms 51:7-13 (NLT)** ... “Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. [8] Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me—now let me rejoice. [9] Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. [10] Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. [11] Do not

banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. [12] Restore to me again the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. [13] Then I will teach your ways to sinners, and they will return to you.”

**John 12:9-11 (NLT)** ... “When all the people heard of Jesus' arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. [10] Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, [11] for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus.”

III. (2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Martha.

**Martha** was serving out of her \_\_\_\_\_!

**1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)** ... “God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.”

**John 12:26 (NCV)** ... “Whoever serves me must follow me. Then my servant will be with me everywhere I am. My Father will honor anyone who serves me.”

IV. (3) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mary.

**Matthew 26:12-13 (NLT)** ... “She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial. [13] I assure you, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be talked about in her memory.”