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Series: Road to the Resurrection

Sermon Title: Polarizing Responses when Encountering Jesus

Scripture: [John 11:45-12:11](#)

Main Idea: Encountering Jesus brings heart-revealing responses that indicate where our true trust lies.

OUTLINE

1. Four heart-revealing responses
 1. Initial saving belief (John 11:45).
 2. Reluctance and fear (John 11:47-53; 55-57; 12:9-11) of two groups of people
 1. Caiaphas and the chief priests and Pharisees (11:47-53; 12:9-11)
 2. The common people (11:55-17)
 3. Extravagant worship and devotion (John 12:1-3).
 4. Self-serving greed and criticism driven by greed and covetousness (John 12:4-6).
2. What is your response to Jesus?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Begin by reading John 11:1-12:10 (more than we read this morning). Take 10-minutes to make observations that flow from the text. Resist the urge to draw conclusions...make textual observations.

1. How does this passage propel you to continue the work God did in your heart last week?
2. Review and discuss the four heart-revealing responses Pastor Matt mentioned this morning. Where do you find yourself there? Can you identify different seasons of your faith where you found yourself in more than one of these four heart responses?

3. Read John 3:36 and Acts 16:31. What do these passages show us that relate to the first two heart-revealing responses?
4. When talking to people about the Gospel of Jesus, do you present it as a gentle command, or an offer for those who want it if they want a better life?
5. Look closely at Mary's response and ask:
 1. Do I treasure Jesus more than my stuff?
 2. Do I treasure Jesus more than my pride?
 3. Do I treasure Jesus more than my reputation?
6. Where does common sense (or wisdom) fit in with extravagant devotion to Christ? Shouldn't good stewards be sensible?
7. What idols need to be confessed and forsaken in order to express worship and devotion to the Lord in your daily life?
8. What practical steps can you (will you) take to express extravagant worship in your daily life?

Close in a time of prayer and worship for Oak Grove following Thirst.