

Jesus Honored.

John 12: 1-16.

WHAT a pleasure it is to those who love Jesus in studying the lesson to-day, to find Him honored. How often we read in the papers of dinners given to men who are considered of importance. Great men have dinners given in their homes. And so this house, whom Jesus had given health for disease, gladness in place of sorrow, smiles instead of tears—give Him a supper. Martha honors her Lord by serving, that is, helping during supper, seeing that everything is proper for so great a guest. Mary honors her Lord by pouring the very precious ointment on His feet and wiping them with her own hair. These sisters could not do enough for one who had done so much for them. Had He done more for them than He has done for us? No. He had not died the cruel death for them then. Let us honor Jesus as these friends at Bethany did, by inviting Him to our homes and keeping Him in our hearts. A home without Jesus is a sad place.

A little girl who had learned to love Jesus, one day sat down and read to her mother from the Bible, and then said: "This is my Friend, mamma, and I want you to know all about

Him, so that He may be yours, and you will keep Him in our home because you want Him yourself." So every day the little girl would read something about Jesus to her mother, and she would listen, just to please her child. But it made her think, and she became very much interested in this Jesus, her little pet's Friend, and it wasn't long before Jesus came to stay, the best and most honored Friend of the whole family. One little loving girl did that. And every little boy and girl can do something to honor Jesus. When He is in our home, let us do everything we can for Him. Mary laid the best she had at His feet. If we love Him with all our hearts, it will not be a sacrifice to give Him our best. This wonderful guest we cannot honor too much. When He rode to Jerusalem the people strewed flowers and palm branches in His way. Let us strew the paths of those whose lives are dark, with the flowers of kind deeds, gentle words and loving acts. Help in any way you can, for Jesus has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto Me."



MARY ANOINTING THE FEET OF JESUS.

Gentiles Seeking Jesus.

John 12: 20-36.

NO wonder that the Greeks, who had come to the feast at Jerusalem, wanted to talk with Jesus after hearing of His great work in Bethany and seeing His great triumphal march into Jerusalem. But Jesus knew that He was to stay with them but a short time—that He was to die. So He tells them in the words of our lesson, what He thinks will help them to better lives after He is gone. He tells them He will draw all men to Him. What does He draw us from? He draws us from sin, which brings sorrow, pain and all kinds of distress. Christ draws you from Satan and breaks the cruel chains. To what does Jesus draw us? He draws us to a happy life here and great honor with Him hereafter. He

draws us by loving us, and oh! how He longs to have, not only the Jews and Greeks, to whom He speaks, but you and me, and everybody know, and love, and honor God, His Heavenly Father. And Christ will honor in Heaven those who honor Him here. A poor slave, who had honored and praised his Lord, through all his suffering, was asked by a cruel slave-master, when in the act of whipping him, "What can

Jesus do for you now?" The half dead black man replied, "Him teach me to forgive you, massa!" True to the last to his great Master. If this poor oppressed slave could honor and praise Jesus through everything, how much ought we to honor him, who gives us so much happiness.

Now, how is it with us? Do we want to see Jesus? We must see him as our Saviour. We must see what he wants us to do, and what characters he wants us to have. Jesus is the one altogether lovely, and he wants us to be like him. We always become more or less like those we live with; then to become like Jesus we must be with him, and see him as he is every day.

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