Two Acquaintances Of The Savior

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INTRODUCTION

- Tonight's lesson is a story of two very extreme characters. Both were privileged to be in the presence of Jesus.
- A lot of people claim to know Jesus and love him, and yet their response to the word of God may be a far cry from yours.
- So just because you are an acquaintance of Jesus, is that sufficient enough of a response? It wasn't for Judas.

1 Mary: Jesus Is Worthy of the Best I Can Give

John 12:3; 2 Samuel 24:24; Luke 9:44

- Jesus is worthy of the best that I can give.
- Mary's acquaintance with Jesus was on the deepest level.
- She chose the good part. She kept the main thing, the main thing.
- I will not offer unto my God that which cost me nothing.
- Mary's act embraced the opportunity because she knew the opportunity soon to be past.
- She was impressed with him. She listened carefully to him. She gave lavishly to him.

2 Judas: I Am Worthy of All That I Can Get

John 12:6; Matthew 26:24

- I would suggest about him that he is thinking that I am worthy of all that I can get.
- His association or acquaintance with Jesus is on a much more shallow level.
- Speaking the words of charity without a heart of charity. That marks the hypocrite.
- Jesus said about Judas, it would have been better for that man not to have been born.
- He was simply in the wrong place in the wrong time with the wrong attitude.

3 Be Careful of a Heart Inclined Towards Self

Proverbs 4:23

- What we learn from Judas is to be careful of a heart that is inclined towards self.
- The problem is that a heart inclined towards self is dangerous no matter when we live.
- It is the cause of all kinds of error and division. It's why brethren fall away.
- If we're not continually watching over our hearts with all diligence, we may find ourselves in just a short time, our heart has changed.
- There may have been a side that was right about the issue whose hearts were very wrong.

THE CHALLENGE

The more we give to our worthy Savior, the more we receive in return. We will not have lost anything in what we have rendered to him. And so would you be his servant?

MY NOTES