

CTW: Psalm 118-1-2; 19-29

READING: John 12:1-8

AGD: Today we celebrate one of the greatest mysteries of God—the Resurrection.

It's interesting that the religious leaders often demanded signs before they would believe but never got them. The disciples got them all the time and didn't recognize their significance.

- They see them but struggle to comprehend what it means.
- There is a difference between learning and knowing. (study prophecy)
- Jesus told His disciples plainly what would happen to Him but they couldn't understand it.
- Proverbs 25:2 "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; the glory of kings is to seek it out."

There was at least one person to seem to get it—Mary of Bethany. READ John 12:1-8

- The scene. The feet (Feet ache. Ugly. Smell. Dirty.)
- Mary anoints Jesus' feet. She wasn't afraid to get her hands on Jesus. She wasn't timid about her adoration or devotion. We Presbyterians.....

Maybe Mary (Mariam) of Bethany got a glimpse because she spent her time at Jesus' feet:

1. Listening
2. Lazarus' resurrection
3. Last rites (our story today—anointing His body for burial)

We could stand to be a little more familiar with the feet of Jesus

- He walked into our world sowing grace and truth
- He walked into Jerusalem knowing the future!
- He climbed that hill, with a cross on His back carrying our sin
- His feet were nailed to a cross, pierced for us

What kind of time do you spend at His feet?

- Would you recognize them? The ones with the nail scars?
- Would we take a seat and humbly listen?
- Would we pour out our precious things?

Jesus said Mariam would be remembered forever because of her devotional service. I imagine these words of Jesus "anointing My body for burial" would have been remembered by her less than a week later.

- Ever had that experience when God speaks to you twice. Once to tell you and a second time to remind you?
- Maybe if we would stay at His feet we would know Him more
- I mentioned the difference between learning and knowing. There is also a difference between knowing about and knowing personally
- Resurrection changes things not because of history but also it's current reality

Jesus is alive and in the world today. You don't have to settle for just reading about Him—You can meet Him!

You don't have to just settle for seeing signs—you can experience His significance in your daily life

Love and devotion—worship—opens our eyes to deeper truth than information

We could all stand to spend more time at His feet

His are the feet that bring Good News—man is reconciled to God in Christ--and how beautiful they are!

Those feet are unique and uniquely scarred

Those feet still carry us

The best we have can be poured out in worship

He would be worthy of respect and honor even if His ministry ended in the tomb, but He is worthy of our worship because He is alive. We might not be able to make sense of our own lives much less the mysteries of God but