

Sermon Overview CEFC
January 21, 2024

Title: Jesus Signs

Passage: John 11:55-12:11

Introduction

Series Purpose: What we _____ about _____ is still a matter of _____ and _____.

Question: Why do we _____ the Jesus _____ that are right in _____ of us?

Main Point: We _____ to _____ the Jesus Signs because we are _____ on the _____ thing.

Following the Jesus Signs

Jesus Signs _____ point us toward _____ self-giving.

Jesus Signs _____ point us toward _____ self-serving.

Principle: It's difficult to follow signs from above if our eyes are focused _____.

Conclusion

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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Passage: John 11:55-12:11

Main Point: We fail to see the Jesus Signs because we are focused on the wrong thing.

1. Read John 11:55 – 12:11 as a group. What stands out to you? What questions does it raise? How does it challenge you?
2. Review the seven signs that Jesus performed in the gospel of John. What did each of the signs communicate and why did some folks miss the meanings even though they saw the signs?
3. Of the three people who experienced Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead and responded to the sign with selfless self-giving, who are you drawn to most: Martha's selfless service, Mary's selfless worship, or Lazarus' selfless commitment to community? How might God be speaking to you through this?
4. Judas spiritualized his selfish desire for money behind a concern for the poor? The Temple leadership masked their selfish desire for position and power behind the veneer of concern for their country and people. What are some ways we sometimes try to make our selfishness seem reasonable, noble, loving, or spiritual?
5. Think of a time when you saw evidence that Jesus was working around you (a Jesus Sign). Describe that experience and how you responded.
6. It's difficult to follow a sign from above when our eyes are focused self-ward. What is something concrete you can do this week to focus your eyes on God and others and away from self?