

MAD ABOUT JESUS

John 12:1-11

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INTRODUCTION: DEFENDING THE FAITH

Madness is a quality of genuine faith in Jesus.

The Gospel of John was written to articulate what it means to have true faith in Jesus. So far, we have learned that true faith is the result of being born again. True faith results in true worship. True faith results in obedience. In John 12, we will see that true faith in Jesus will result in madness -at least from the world's point of view.

Madness

carried away by enthusiasm or desire: extremely or excessively fond of or enthusiastic about something or someone often resulting in action that others might deem crazy

2 Samuel 6:16

Then it happened *as* the ark of the Lord came into the city of David that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:21

So David said to Michal, "*It was* before the Lord, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before the Lord.

Acts 17:22-34

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

2 Corinthians 5:13-15

For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

I. MADLY IN LOVE WITH JESUS

? What does the madness of true faith look like? How does it act?

A. SELFLESSLY ACTING OUT IN LOVE FOR GOD

1. Without Caring What Others Think
2. Without Being Self Conscious

? What constrains our behavior?

B. IN TUNE TO GOD'S PLAN

C. WILLING TO DO MY PART

1. Symbolic of Jesus' Impending Death
2. For Preparation
3. Beautiful

II. MADLY OPPOSED TO JESUS

A. OPPOSED TO JESUS' PLAN

1. Betray is Literally "To Give Jesus Over"
2. Judas' Apparent Desire was "To Give To the Poor"

B. OPPOSED TO JESUS PRIORITIES

III. MADDENINGLY IGNORANT AND ILL-PREPARED

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Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at something that doesn't really matter.

CONCLUSION: WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO BE MADLY WITH JESUS TODAY

To be madly in love with Jesus is to be so enthusiastic about Him that you aren't self-conscious, to be so in tune with His plan that you won't do the wrong thing, and so willing to serve that you will do the right thing even if the world thinks it strange.

APPLICATION
