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## Why We Worship Jesus As WE DO

*(How you worship and who you worship matters)*

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"They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples!' 'I tell you,' he replied, **IF THEY KEEP QUIET, THE STONES WILL CRY OUT.**"  
(Luke 19:35-40 NIV)

### 3 thoughts on worship:

**Worship begins with adoration and wonder.**

"A psalm. For giving thanks. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."  
(Psa 100 NIV)

**Worship is a balance between spirit and truth.**

"'Sir,' the woman said, 'you must be a prophet. But say, tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here (at Mount Gerizim), where our ancestors worshipped?' Jesus replied, 'The time is coming, ma'am, when we will no longer be concerned about whether to worship the Father here or in Jerusalem. For **it's not where we worship that counts, but how we worship**--is our worship **SPIRITUAL AND REAL**? Do we have the Holy Spirit's help? For God is Spirit, and we must have his help to worship as we should. The Father wants this kind of worship from us.'" (John 4:19-26 TLB)

"Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Mat 4:4 NIV)

**Worship occurs when a connection is made.**

"The Lord says: 'These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men. Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish.' Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, 'Who sees us? Who will know?' You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'He did not make me'? Can the pot say of the potter, 'He knows nothing'?" (Isa 29:13-16 NIV)

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."  
(Mat 15:8-9 NIV)

### How will we worship?

**We will worship God sincerely.**

**We will worship God honestly.**

"Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near." (Heb 10:25 TLB)

**We will worship God together.**

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."  
(Mat 18:20 NIV)

**We will worship God inclusively.**

"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'" (Luke 14:23 NIV)

**We will worship God expectantly.**

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (Jer 33:3 NIV)

### Our mission

*"To help nonreligious people connect to God and each other"*

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" (Mat 28:18-20 NIV)