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Written for Sunday, March 13, 2016

Lent – 5th Sunday – Lectionary Year C

Scripture: [John 12:1-8](#) [**Summary:** *Jesus is anointed*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed

ASK (a.k.a. [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- What's a gift that you've given someone?
- Did you think it was a good gift?
- Do you think the person you gave this gift to remembers your gift?

TELL (a.k.a. [The Freeway](#))

- I ask you about giving gifts because in today's scripture story, we hear that Jesus receives a gift.
- And a number of people who are around Jesus when he receives the gift don't think much about the gift
- In fact, some of them don't like the gift at all
- But Jesus is very thankful for the gift
- Which is probably one of the reasons why there's a story about it

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. [The Destination](#))

- So this story was making me think about how might we give gifts to Jesus.
- One gift that we can give Jesus is by doing things that he did
- Because to copy someone by doing what they do can be a very nice thing to do when you really want to be like the other person.

- Some of the ways we can copy Jesus...
 - ...by paying attention to God in prayer in the same ways that Jesus did
 - ...by spending time together in worship like Jesus did
 - ...by learning and talking about the Bible stories like Jesus did (though we also have stories about Jesus)
- And it's possible that there might be some people who might not like these gifts we give – they might even make fun of us.
- But, as we give Jesus this gift of copying him, then we also receive the same things from God that Jesus did
- And when we receive these same things from God, then we have even better gifts to share with others: Like the gift of God's love, healing, and forgiveness.
- And that's the good news for today

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus...

Thank you for Jesus...

...and help us to do like he did...

...and help us to do like he did...

...so that we can receive your gifts...

...so that we can receive your gifts...

...and then share them with others.

...and then share them with others.

Amen