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*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