

# VINTAGE JESUS

(The Jesus Most People Miss)

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## Sermon Notes

Today's question: "Why Should We Worship Him?"

1<sup>st</sup> commandment: You shall have no other gods before me.

1. God **is spirit** and has **given us** a spirit. (John 4:24, Gen 1:26, Job 33:4)

- The spirit of man is particularly the conscious element of us that continually perceives, reflects, feels and desires.

2. We worship **because** we are worshippers.

**Age old flesh problem: John 3:6, Gen 6:3, Ezekiel 36:26**

3. The **only way** to worship God in spirit and in truth is **through Jesus Christ**. (Rom 8:1-8 - Life in the Spirit (is a life of worship))

**There's no greater life than to live one worshipping and pursuing the worship of Jesus Christ.**

4. Our **spirit** is the most important part of us that makes us **like God** and allows us to **connect with God**.

- Our desire to worship is part of God's perfect design of us.
- Worship is a product of what you think and believe about what we worship.
- Truth belongs to God: TRUTH is not subjective; based on personal feelings, tastes and opinions.

5. Our **truth** is what flows through our connection with God (our spirit) and brings us either **life or death**.

**Worship Gone Bad:** Study of the word worship – Holistic view

- **Old English:** Worth = valuable + Ship = holding a position of office
- **Latin:** Cultus > Cult > cultivate reverence > ongoing and growing affect
- **Greek** = Latreia: Suffix 'latry meaning "the worship of"
  - Intensely related to worship – Latreia > Latris = "servant".

6. What we worship **we serve** and our satisfaction in life is directly related to the capacity of the God/god we serve.

**Transformational Worship: (Romans 12:1-2 A Living Sacrifice)**

7. What does Transformational Worship take?

- **God's mercies – plural** (Lam 3:22-23, Psalm 136)
- **Present your bodies as a living sacrifice – individually and corporately** (3Ts)
- **This is your spiritual service of worship – we serve and sacrifice** for what we worship.
- **Do not be conformed** – searching for **your identity** in the world's version of you through the **exchange** of God's truth for a lie.
- **Be transformed by the renewing of our minds** – Receiving and **living out** a new identity in **God's truths**, through **God's Spirit**, made possible through the exchange of your sin debt for **Christ's righteousness**.
- **Testing and discernment** – The necessary process of ongoing renewal that **analyzes and approves** your spirit and truth to be good and acceptable and perfect.

**Testing = Feeling our way toward God** (Acts 17:24-28)

**Worship Warnings: Our Emotions** (Luke 8:14&15)

8. **Why do we worship him?** Because God **served us first** and deserves our **spiritual service** of worship. (Mark 1:45, Romans 5:8)

**GROWING NOTES: Discuss each bullet point under number 7 through a review of the teaching notes and scripture references. Are you being conformed or transformed? What steps can you take toward testing your spirit and truth and how can your small group help you?**