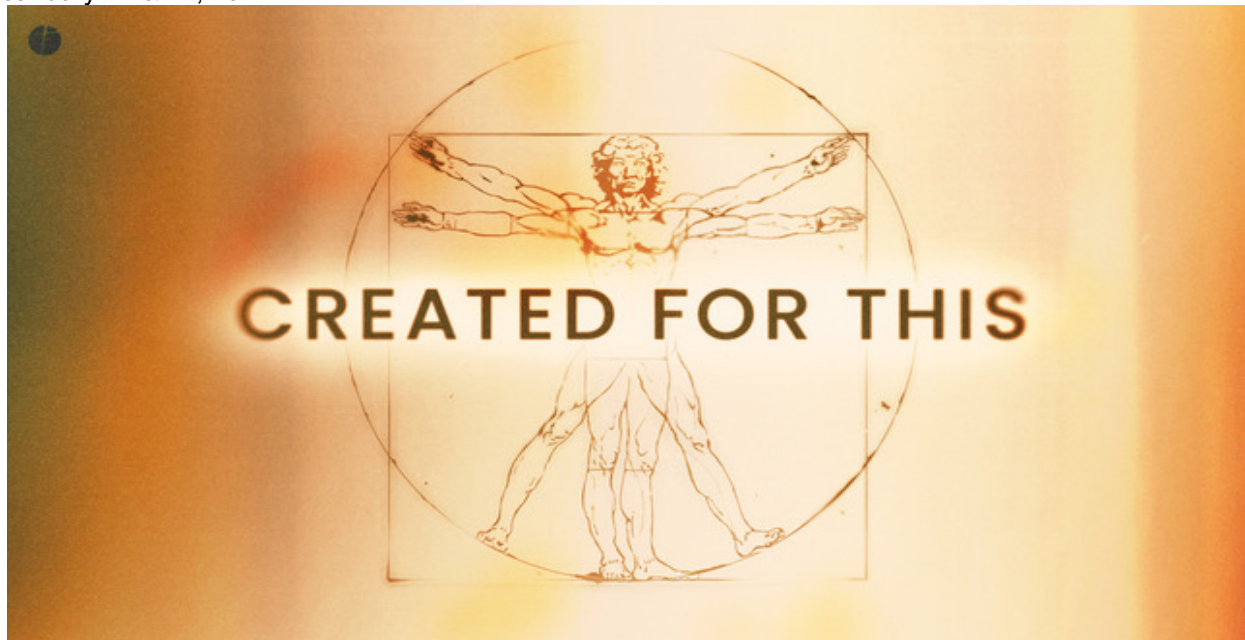


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Created For This - Week #3

Created For Worship

Worship: Treasuring God with our lips and our lives above all things!

John 12:1–8 (NIV)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

10 Things Every Believer Needs to Know About Worship:

1. Worship is a response!

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

- Worship is our continual response to the goodness of God!

2. Worship is commanded!

- Worship is commanded through scripture but only for those who have experienced new life in Christ!

Luke 4:8 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Exodus 34:14 (NIV)

Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

- We don't worship God so that He gets bigger; we worship God so He gets bigger to us!

3. Worship is both public and private!

Psalms 100:4 (NIV)

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

4. Worship is a posture!

- We worship by bowing our will to God's will!

5. Worship is costly!

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Worship is extravagant praise to an omnipotent God!
- We are created for generous worship!
- How am I leveraging earthly resources for eternal transformation?

6. Worship is service!

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

7. Worship is a lifestyle!

- Every obedient decision is an act of worship.

8. Worship will bring criticism!

John 4:23 (NIV)

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

- Worship will bring criticism from the crowd but praise from the King!

Matthew 26:12-13 (NIV)

When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

9. Worship is a weapon!

- Praise invites the presence of God!
- It’s hard for worship and discouragement to occupy the same house!

10. Worship is what you were created for!

- It is doubtful you will enjoy heaven for eternity if you are not growing as a worshipper presently!
- Worship the Lord and be free; worship anything else and be a slave!