

## Making a Place for God: When He is Trying to Make a Place for You

(1) Most people make some sort of place for God -- a place that fits their understanding of who and what He is.

- ▶ few atheists
- ▶ believing in = acknowledging "truth" about Him  
habitation in soul
- ▶ where you go to Him → place you make for Him
- ▶ where you go when things are good *or* bad

(2) Worship makes a place for God

- ▶ He inhabits our praises
- ▶ Magnifying and exalting God expands His role -- at least the role you acknowledge

(3) Most people want to make a place for God...

- ▶ Even though not live in temple made with hands, Bible people want to know that they have done right by God = tabernacle, temple, etc.
- ▶ Crowd on Palm Sunday welcomed wildly
  - \* inaccurate & incomplete picture of who & what
  - \* not realize that Jesus wants to make a place for them, not vice versa (later)

(4) Our New Campus ≠ for God to dwell

- ▶ Although want to glorify Him with craftsmanship
- ▶ = a place for others, to let them meet Jesus
- ▶ Church cannot do much for you, but God can

John 12:12-19

(5) Context: Lazarus resurrection not long before this

- ▶ Pharisees worried → "Take away our place & nation"
- ▶ Jesus not walk publicly
- ▶ Six days before Passover, Jesus → Bethany (2 miles)

- \* Lazarus eating
- \* Martha serving
- \* Mary adorning (anoint feet)

▶ Multitude come not just for Jesus (Lazarus).

- \* intro through change we witness in others
- \* Pharisees want to kill Lazarus too

(6) People did not understand the purpose of God

- ▶ Disciples didn't get it -
- ▶ Multitude looking for another exciting miracle, message, political liberation
- ▶ Jesus steadily pursued His purpose

- \* why He came
- \* to serve the sentence of our condemnation
- \* to die to offer eternal life

(7) God is making a place for us...

- ▶ Eden
- ▶ Promised Land
- ▶ Heaven -- "I go to make a place for you."  
repent = make ready the ways of the Lord

\* We miss it because we have our own agenda; fear losing own place

(8) Sin → remove God from your life your life from place		disassociate you from God disinherit you from land
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Closes door on relationship/inheritance