

HONORING JESUS, 10/29/23

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- 2) Honor Jesus from your heart
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 - b. *Lazarus* honored Jesus by spending time in His presence
 - c. *Mary* honored Jesus by giving the very best she had, offering it in humility, and offering it in spite of the criticism of others
- 3) Honor Jesus at all times; worship is not just for Sunday morning!

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