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| 1 Sam 9:27-10:1John 12:1-8  | Ignoring Your Anointing | Pinelands – 9am – 10/03/2024Thornton – 10:30am – 10/03/2024 |

**What makes A Special moment Special?** *(Feedback)*

*Something out of the ordinary… Unique, Significant, Symbolical*

**That Could be…**

New home, Achievement, Raise in Salary, Graduation,

End of school term, Anniversary, Birthday, etc.

**THEN… We love Celebrating those special moments.**

Listen to **TWO very Special** moments in our readings today…

***READINGS…*  *1 Sam 9:27-10:1 + John 12:1-8***

**TWO…** **Very Special Moments…**

**SAUL…** ***ANOINTED*** by **Samuel…**

 **UNIQUE…**

Inauguration of a KING

 *(that does not happen everyday)*

 **SIGNIFICANT…**

Chosen by God to lead his people

 **SYMBOLICAL…**

 Head is anointed…To lead the nation

**JESUS…** ***ANOINTED*** by **Mary**

 **UNIQUE…**

Acknowledgement of the Saviour / King

At a Dinner Party in Bethany

 **SIGNIFICANT…**

Preparation for the Cross

Of Jesus up-coming Death

 **SYMBOLICAL**

FEET are Anointed… To SERVE

Serve all people as SAVIOUR

**ANOINTING = BEING SET APART** *(task to do)*

**- Saul** - set apart to be **KING**

 **- Jesus** - set apart to be our **SAVIOUR**

 ***TWO*… VERY SPECIAL MOMENTS**

***BUT :*** WE TOO ARE ***ANOINTED*** *(not with oil or perfume)*

  **BUT** WITH the ***HOLY SPIRIT***.

 - We are ***ANOINTED with the Holy Spirit*** as…

God's own children *(Rom 8:16)*

***“God’s Spirit joins Himself to our spirits to…***

***DECLARE that we are God's children”.***

**UNIQUE…**

 God Chooses us… Each one of us (Adopted)

 God Chooses YOU

**SIGNIFICANT…**

 No one is excluded…

 You Matter, Your ACTIONS Matter.

**SYMBOLICAL…**

 Anointing of the Heart…

 Relationships with GOD and OTHERS

**ANOINTED… SET APART:** *(Just like Saul and Jesus)*

- as belonging to God

 - as different to a sinful world

 - as the salt of the earth

 - With a TASK to do

 **…THAT IS SPECIAL…**

 **WORTH CELEBRATING…**

Each time we **WORSHIP**, interact with **JESUS** it…

 IS A **SPECIAL** MOMENT…

 A **CELEBRATARY** MOMENT.

We share in a ***Special life***…A LIFE WITH ***THE*** CHRIST

Then things **APPEAR** to come ***OFF*** the rails.

 BECAUSE **OFTEN** *(not always – BUT often)*

 - We ***IGNORE*** our ***ANOINTING***

People do not see **Christianity…**

 - as relevant, as effective.

- as making a difference

 ***BECAUSE*** *they* ***do not see it in us***

**The problem is…**

 We often **FAIL** to take this **ANOINTING** into the world

 *(some how we keep it separate from the worlds we live in)*

* Somewhere between the CHURCH **and the** WORLD

- This Anointing **gets lost**

 - CHRIST GETS LOST

*- We* ***IGNORE*** *our* ***ANOINTING***

- people do not see **Our FAITH** in **US**

- People do not see **Christianity…**

as relevant, as effective.

**OFTEN** - People leave Jesus in the church

 **YET** ***- Outside*** the church is where:

 Jesus **needs** to be seen.

***- Outside*** the church is where:

 people are **craving** for **Jesus**

 **BUT** - If we **leave** Jesus in the church…

 If we **Ignore our Anointing…**

 Their craving will never be SATISFIED

**Mark 1:29ff gives us a good example…..**

 Disciples come to Jesus…say…

 *“Everyone is looking for You”*

 Jesus responds…

 *“We must go to the other villages around here.”*

 We do not just keep **it HERE….**

 We must go **OVER THERE.**

WE NEED TO **ENSURE…**

 THAT WE TAKE ***JESUS*** TO THE WORLD

 That others understand and experience

 **JESUS as…** relevant, effective, real,

Special, Unique

**- It has been said...**

**"There is NO substitute for outstretched hands**

**And outstretched lives."**

*(no committees, organizations can take the place of*

 *personal touch, relationship or involvement.)*

We need to stretch out our lives, ourselves and our hands

 **AND** be personally involved.

The only way that is going to happen...

 **...IS IF:** WE DO WHAT JESUS DID

  ***- MOVE OUT :***

 - need to be "mission minded"

- Practice our **ANNOINTING**

 *(what it means to be a Child of God)*

- reach out to others

- Jesus was always involved with people

 *(that was his passion + action)*

 - Personally involved - always had time

**ANNOINTED AS GOD'S CHILDREN**

 WE ARE **SET APART** WITH A TASK

***To Move out***

- showing others a relevant, effective and real **JESUS.**

*(Story from “Vitamins for your soul” page 112)*

In St.Paul, Minnesota, some years ago, there was a magnificent Lutheran Church. It was burned to the ground in a tragic fire. In the Church was a replica of Thorwaldsen’s famous statue of the ***Appearing Christ***. The original is in the Copenhagen Lutheran Cathedral and it depicts Christ with His *head down* and arms outstretched saying, *“Come unto me all ye who are heavy laden and I will give you rest."*

You have to kneel in front of the statue in order to look up into His face. The amazing thing was, that in the charred ruins of that completely destroyed Church, the **statue stood untouched**. People going to work saw the statue for the first time because **they had never known** it was there. They would climb over the ruins to have a look at it - more magnificent than ever in the midst of the ruins. They would kneel in front of the statue and look up into the face of Christ.

Thousands of people discovered the appeal in Christ for He was no longer contained within the four walls of the church.

WE NEED TO **ENSURE THAT…**

The ***SPECIALNESS*** of our **ANOINTING…**

THAT **keeps…**

bringing us back to church….

**GETS** taken out to the world…

Others need to begin to…

 **SEE IT** and **EXPERIENCE IT**

**UNDERSTAND IT** and **REALISE IT.**

**HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ENABLE**

**THE SPECIALNESS OF JESUS TO BE SEEN**

**IN YOUR EVERYDAY WORLD ?**

**1 Samuel 9:27-10:1**

When they arrived at the edge of town, Samuel said to Saul, “Tell the servant to go on ahead of us.” The servant left, and Samuel continued, “Stay here a minute, and I will tell you what God has said.”

Then Samuel took a jar of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head, kissed him, and said, “The Lord anoints you as ruler of his people Israel. You will rule his people and protect them from all their enemies. And this is the proof to you that the Lord has chosen you to be the ruler of his people.

**John 12:1-8 Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, the man he had raised from death. They prepared a dinner for him there, which Martha helped serve; Lazarus was one of those who were sitting at the table with Jesus. Then Mary took a whole pint of a very expensive perfume made of pure nard, poured it on Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The sweet smell of the perfume filled the whole house. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot - the one who was going to betray him - said, “Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor?” He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would help himself from it.

But Jesus said, “Leave her alone! Let her keep what she has for the day of my burial. You will always have poor people with you, but you will not always have me.”