

The Race: Why It Takes The Grace of God

Hebrews 12:4

Let's note the facets of this race we have looked at:

1. The Race: What Is It? – Life in Christ
2. The Race: What Is Needed? – Patient Endurance
3. The Race: Who Encourages Us? – Many Testimonies of faith
4. The Race: What Slows Us Down? – Unnecessary weights
5. The Race: What Trips Us? – Sin
6. The Race: Where Is Our Focus To Be? – On Jesus
 The Look of Salvation – Isaiah 45:22
 The Look of Sanctification – Hebrews 12:2
 The Look of Satisfaction – I John 3:2
7. The Race: Why Is Jesus Our Great Example? – He is Author and Finisher of Faith and He patiently endured.
8. The Race: Where Is The Finish Line? – In the presence of the Father.
9. The Race: What Keeps Us From Weariness and Fainting? – Considering Him.
10. The Race: Why It Requires God's Grace? – We strive against sin.

I. Jesus Stood Against The Sin Of Unbelief.

A. Unbelief regarding His deity – John 8:58-59.

B. Unbelief regarding His exaltation – Mark 14:61-64.

C. Unbelief regarding His second coming – Mark 14:61-64.

D. Unbelief regarding His claim of exclusive salvation –
Matthew 21:42-46.

II. Jesus Stood Against The Sin Of Jealousy – Luke 4:16-20.

A. This incident takes place in His home town.

B. He claims to be the fulfillment of Isaiah 61:1-2.

C. Jesus knew what was in their hearts – verses 23-27.

D. They react with jealous rage – verses 28-29.

III. Jesus Stood Against The Sin Of Diminishing Worship And Service For Our Lord – Mark 14:4-10.

A. Mary has anointed Jesus with expensive ointment.

B. Jesus says she anointed His body for burial.

C. They thought it a waste.

D. This incident led to Judas conspiring to betray Jesus – verses 10-11.

IV. Jesus Stood Against The Sin Of Greed – John 12:6.

A. This is another part of the same incident.

B. Greed also motivated those in charge of the temple.

V. Jesus Stood Against The Sin Of Pride – Luke 20:1-2, 19.

A. The leaders question Jesus' authority.

B. They seek to destroy Him – verse 19.