

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes
Chapter 12 PT. 1: Mary Anoints Jesus

Introduction: Remember, we left off in **Chapter 11** with the Pharisees convening a council headed by the High Priest Caiaphas to conspire to kill Jesus.

- Jesus knows that He can no longer continue to walk publicly among the Jews.
- Jesus went out to the Wilderness to the city of Ephraim with His Disciples.
- This is not just any council, but the Sanhedrin (**The Supreme Court of Ancient Israel**).

John 12:1-26

Mary Anoints Jesus

Verse 1-3

John 12:1-3 (NASB) - ¹ Therefore, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they made Him a dinner there, and Martha was serving; and **Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him.** ³ Mary then took a pound of very expensive perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.



Understanding:

- The Bread of Life is breaking bread with the one He gave Life to!
- Mary prepares Jesus for His burial and doesn't even know it!



- But as always, the devil knows when to raise his ugly head!

Verse 4-6

John 12:4-6 (NASB) – ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, the one who intended to betray Him, said, ⁵ “**Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the proceeds given to poor people?**” ⁶ **Now he said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he kept the money box, he used to steal from what was put into it.**



Key: Never forget this! Jesus knows our, “**Why**”!

- Jesus is Omniscient!
- He knows the heart of men.
- You can’t hide your motive from Him so just be honest about why you do what you do!

Verse 7-9

John 12:7-9 (NASB) - ⁷ Therefore Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. ⁸ **For you always have the poor with you**, but you do not always have Me.” ⁹ The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not on account of Jesus only, **but so that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.**

Note: Pay attention to the crowds that form around you; the enemy will be among them!

Verse 10-11

John 12:10-11 (NASB) - ¹⁰ But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also, ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.



The Triumphal Entry

Verses 12-13

John 12:12-13 (NASB) - ¹² On the next day, when the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ they took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* shouting, **“Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, indeed, the King of Israel!”**

Hosanna-(Hebrew)-*hōsanná*-‘save, I pray’.

It comes from the Hebrew *hoshiah na* (or Aramaic *hosha na*), which is a direct petition meaning “save us” or “save, please”. **Derived from Psalm 117 and 118:25.**

Psalm 118:25 (AMP) – ²⁵ O LORD, save now, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, send now prosperity *and* give us success!

Verse 14-16

John 12:14-16 (NASB) - ¹⁴ Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; **as it is written:** ¹⁵ **“DO NOT FEAR, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY’S COLT.”** ¹⁶ These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, **then they remembered that these things were written of Him**, and that they had done these things for Him.



Key: “It Is Witten” always signals that it was said in the **Tanakh**. This is the fulfillment of the **Zechariah 9:9 Messianic Prophecy!**

Zechariah 9:9 (NASB) – ⁹ Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is righteous and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

- This was a demonstration of humility and peace, not of a conquering King.
- He did not choose a war horse but a servant animal symbolizing His servant leadership.

Verse 17-19

John 12:17-19 (NASB) - ¹⁷ So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify *about Him*. ¹⁸ For this reason also the people went to meet Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, **“You see that you are not accomplishing anything; look, the world has gone after Him!”**



Note: A heart bent on evil cannot be turned unless Father does it!

Proverbs 21:1-2 (AMP) – ¹ The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it whichever way He wishes. ² Every man’s way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs *and* examines the hearts [of people and their motives].

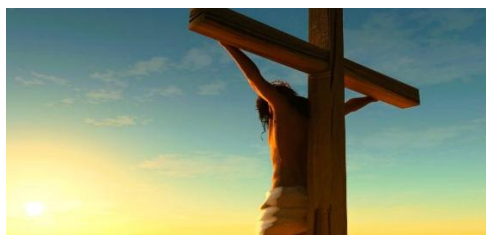
- Father knows the heart of men!
- He uses it to fulfill His Purpose and His Plan!
- It doesn’t matter what is in your heart, good or evil; He knows your heart!

Greeks Seek Jesus

Verses 20-23

John 12:20-23 (NASB) - ²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; ²¹ these *people* then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and were making a request of him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip came and told Andrew; *then* Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus. ²³ But Jesus answered them by saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

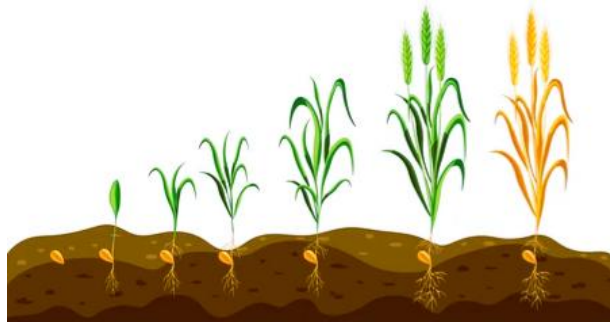
- These “Greeks” are not **non-Jews (Gentiles)** but Jews from the diaspora (**From Far Away**).
- This was a **sign** that when Jesus was raised up, He would be drawing all people to Himself; Greeks and Gentiles included.



Christ's Final Discourse To The People

Verse 24-26

John 12:24-26 (NASB) – ²⁴ Truly, truly I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.** ²⁵ The one who loves his life loses it, and the one who hates his life in this world will keep it to eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.



Important: You know the “wheat” is fully mature when it can reproduce after its own kind and it’s ready to die! This is discipleship! [THIS is Discipleship!](#)



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