

Bible Study: The Gospel of John

Chapter 12

1. Read through the questions of this Bible study. Now read chapter 12 of John and write down any questions and insights that come to you.
2. I know there's nothing much to draw upon in the Scripture concerning the table talk at the feast held to honor Jesus, but use your imagination (no, that's not a dirty word) and think about what Lazarus and Jesus talked about.
3. What parable might this feast in Christ's honor remind you of? Vs 1-2.
4. Why did Mary pour out her expensive "nard" upon Christ? Vs. 3-8.
5. Why did Mary pour it on Jesus feet? Why did she wipe it with her hair? Vs. 3.

6. If the perfume was for the day of His burial why was she pouring it on His feet at that time? Verses 7-8.

7. Why did Judas Iscariot object to Mary's act? Vs. 4-7.

8. What was Jesus answer to Judas? Vs. 7-8.

9. Would it have made any difference if Judas's motive had been different?

10. Was Lazarus important to God's plan for Christ? What do you learn about one reason for Christ raising Lazarus from the dead? Verses 9-11.

11. What does the word "Hosanna" mean? Vs. 13.

12. Why did the people greet Christ the way they did? Vs. 12-18.

13. Why would John include verse 16 in the account of this Gospel?

14. Why were the Pharisees despairing in verse 19?

15. In response to the request by the Greeks, why did Christ give this answer in verses 23-28?

16. What is Christ speaking of in verses 23-28? How does this apply to our lives as Christians?

17. Why did some not understand God's voice from Heaven? Vs. 28-29.

18. Is this event in verses 27-33 another completion of prophecy? See Psalm 20:6.
19. In verses 35-36, how is Christ's answer to the question by the people in verse 34 appropriate or is it an answer at all?
20. Compare verse 37 to verses 18-19.
21. How does the blinding of the eyes and hardening of the hearts (vs. 40) show Christ's glory (vs. 41)?
22. What is Christ saying about His testimony and Himself in verses 49-50?