

Ann's Choice Bible Study, February 17, 2021: John Chapter 12

Read John 12: 1-11

1. "Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany." What kind of gathering did he attend at Lazarus' home? What was the purpose of the occasion?
2. What did Mary do after all the men were reclining around the table?
3. Who objected to Mary's actions, and why did he find it offensive?
4. In verse 3: "And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume." This was a very sacrificial offering. In what ways might we show our devotion to Jesus and be a fragrant aroma for the Lord?
5. Many heard of the gathering, because news had spread about the miraculous raising of Lazarus. What did the Chief Priests plan to do and why?

Read John 12: 12-19

6. A crowd gathered to greet Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. What did they do as they lined the road to meet him?
7. Do you know what the word "Hosanna" means? What do you think this indicates that the crowd hoped for from Jesus?
8. Jesus' means of transportation was foretold in prophecy. What can you share about that?

9. Even though Jesus quoted scripture, his disciples did not grasp what he meant. When did they begin to understand his words?

Read John 12: 20-36

10. The Greeks referred to in verse 20 most likely represent gentiles not visiting from Greece, but those living and working among the Hebrew people. Whom did they approach and why?
11. Jesus foretold his crucifixion to the crowd around him. What would be the outcome according to verses 23-24?
12. Verse 25 might be confusing on first reading. Can you explain what Jesus meant by this statement: "Anyone who hates their life will keep it for eternal life."?
13. Jesus prayed out loud. How is this prayer akin to the one he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane?
14. How did God respond to Jesus' prayer?
15. Jesus said that God's voice was for the benefit of those surrounding him and again he spoke of the crucifixion. What words indicated that he knew just how he was to die?
16. Jesus admonished his followers to be children of the light. How might we show that we "walk in the light"?

Read John 12: 37-47

17. How does John describe the nonbelievers in this passage of scripture?
18. Many believed in Jesus, but they were afraid to openly espouse their faith. Why were they afraid?
19. In verses 46-47 Jesus told them why he came to the world. What did he say he came to accomplish?
20. Who is the judge and how do we know his nature according to this passage?