

John 12: 1 - 19

Joh 12:1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Joh 12:2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Joh 12:3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. Joh 12:4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, Joh 12:5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." Joh 12:6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. Joh 12:7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "[It was intended] that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. Joh 12:8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." Joh 12:9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. Joh 12:10 So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, Joh 12:11 for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him. Joh 12:12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. Joh 12:13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "*Hosanna!*" "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*" "*Blessed is the King of Israel!*" Joh 12:14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, Joh 12:15 "*Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.*" Joh 12:16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him. Joh 12:17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Joh 12:18 Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. Joh 12:19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

John 12: 20 - 36

Joh 12:20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. Joh 12:21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Joh 12:22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Joh 12:23 Jesus replied, **"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.** Joh 12:24 I tell you the truth, **unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.** Joh 12:25 **The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** Joh 12:26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. Joh 12:27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? **No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.** Joh 12:28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." Joh 12:29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Joh 12:30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Joh 12:31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. Joh 12:32 But I, **when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."** Joh 12:33 **He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.** Joh 12:34 The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?" Joh 12:35 Then Jesus told them, **"You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you.** The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Joh 12:36 **Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light."** When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

1. What does verse 23 indicate about Jesus control over circumstances?
2. In verse 24, what is Jesus referring to? What does this verse teach about Jesus' death? Does this apply to us as well?
3. What is verse 25 teaching?
4. In verse 27, why is Jesus troubled? (remember the context of this discussion) For what reason did Jesus come into the world?
5. In verse 32 & 33, what did Jesus mean when He said, "when I am lifted up"?
6. In verse 32, how will Jesus draw all men to himself?
7. In verse 35, what is this light? What does it mean to walk while you have the light? What does it mean that darkness will overtake you?
8. In verse 36, how are we to understand the word, "trust"?