

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John

Lesson 13

Triumphal Entry

John 12:12-50

REFLECTION

Review John 11:45-12:11. What did Mary's anointing of Jesus for burial in John 12:1-7 teach you about worshipping Christ?

FOCUS VERSE

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain (John 12:24).

SECTION 1 – The Triumphal Entry

Read John 12:12-21.

1. What did the multitude cry out and do in honor of Jesus as He entered Jerusalem (vs. 12, 13)? _____

2. How did Jesus come to Jerusalem (vs. 14)? _____

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Find all the added information about Christ's Triumphal entry in Matthew 21:1-9, Mark 11:1-10, and Luke 19:29-40.

3. John recorded the prophecies from Psalm 118:26 and Zechariah 9:9 concerning the coming of the King that were written five hundred years before Jesus made His triumphal entry. Write them out and meditate on them (John 12:13, 15).

vs. 13 _____¹

vs. 15 _____^{2 3}

4. When did the disciples understand and remember these prophecies⁴ (John 12:16)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

How does John 14:25, 26 relate to this verse? _____

PERSONAL

Share a time when the Holy Spirit brought His Word to your remembrance? _____

5. Who were the four groups of people that attended the Passover⁵ feast (John 12:17-21)? What was their response to Jesus?

Group (vs. 17) _____

Response _____

Group (vs. 18) _____

Response _____

Group (vs. 19) _____

¹ Hosanna! : save now, I pray thee!

² Daughter of Zion: nation of Israel.

³ Zion: mountain that Jerusalem, the city of the King, sits on.

⁴ prophecies: God inspired words given to a man of God about the future.

⁵ Passover Feast: celebration of the Hebrew nation's deliverance from the slavery of Egypt; remembering the night when the Angel of Death killed every firstborn in Egypt, but passed over the homes whose doorposts were marked with the blood of a lamb.

Response _____

Group (vs. 20, 21) _____

Response _____

SECTION 2 – The Messiah Teaches

Read John 12:20-36.

This was the final week of Jesus' life on earth. He was about to finish the work the Father had sent Him to do.

1. What did Philip and Andrew do with the request from the Greeks (vs. 22)? _____

2. How did Jesus respond to the question from the Greeks (vs. 23)? _____

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Why do you think He answered in this way? _____

3. What are the teachings and promises Jesus gave regarding His soon approaching hour to die for the sins of the world (vs. 24-26)?

PERSONAL

How do these teachings apply to you as a follower of Christ? _____

⁶ glorified: Christ's death, resurrection and ascension.

LOOK DEEPER

What does it mean to *lose your life* (John 12:25)? What does it mean to *hate your life*?

Mark 8:34-37 _____

Galatians 2:20 _____

PERSONAL

How can you practice these principles in your life? _____

4. How did Jesus express His emotional turmoil to His Father as His hour drew near (John 12:27, 28a)?

Write out the Father's response (vs. 28b).

I _____ both _____ it and will _____ .

5. How did the people explain what they had heard (vs. 29)? _____

6. Why did Jesus say the *voice* had come (vs. 30)? _____

7. The time had come for God to judge the sin of the world and cast out its ruler Satan. What did Jesus say He would do when He was *lifted up*⁷ (vs. 31-33)?

8. What two questions did the people ask Jesus (vs. 34)? _____

⁷ lifted up: Christ being lifted up on the cross to die for the sins of man.

9. Jesus answered their question with an exhortation and a warning regarding light and darkness. What is the exhortation (vs. 35, 36)?

What do you see as a warning? _____

What did Jesus do next? _____

SECTION 3 – Walk in the Light

Read John 12:37-50.

1. What did Isaiah prophesy that was now coming to pass (vs. 37-41)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Describe Isaiah's encounter with the LORD of Hosts⁸ in Isaiah 6:1-10, when he received the prophesy in John 12:37-41?

NOTE

Israel's rejection of Christ their King as a nation was foretold in the Old Testament passages. This is spoken of in Romans 9-11. God is not finished with the Jew, their unbelief is for a season. This mystery gives the Gentiles opportunity to repent and come to faith.

2. Who did come to believe in Jesus (John 12:42, 43)? Why did they not confess Him openly and publicly?

⁸ LORD of Hosts: LORD of Armies; all, visible and invisible.

PERSONAL

What have you done with this great opportunity to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? _____

3. What truths does Jesus reveal to those who believe in Him (vs. 44-46)? _____

4. What are the consequences to those who do not believe (vs. 47, 48)? _____

5. By whose authority did Jesus speak (vs. 49, 50)? What was the command from His Father? _____

PERSONAL

What have you learned from chapter 12 about Jesus? How will this truth help you? _____

*. . . if I AM lifted from the earth
[I] will draw all peoples to Myself.
John 12:32*

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