

## John Chapter 12

Jesus goes to Bethany to prepare for the Passover. Travelled. Spent time with His friends. He felt comfortable there. Went to say good bye to His friends. Night before Palm Sunday. Prepared Himself for 6 days. Now makes Himself available to His enemies. Before He always evaded them because it was not His time. Sacrifice on His own time and Plan.

They served Him. Proof of physical resurrection of Lazarus – eating. Sit with Jesus at a supper. Anointing with spikenard – very expensive. Honor. Humility of Martha. Uses the best for Him. Doesn't care about the cost. Priests and kings were anointed. House is filled with fragrance.

V 5-6 :Judas objects. False teacher and thief. Coldness. States a plausible religious act; Satan can become an angel of light. Covers his own sin.

V 7: Jesus accepts her worship. Anointed for burial. The poor will always be here – Deut 15:11. Homage to Him was more important at this time.

Leaders came to see Jesus and Lazarus. Wanted to put him to death also. The Lazarus story had impacted many people. Power was threatened.

Jesus enters Jerusalem. Day that the lambs were shown and selected. V13: quotes Psalm 118:26. The King of Israel.

Fulfills Zechariah 9:9. Bringing salvation with Him. Palm Sunday is in all 4 gospels. Multitude of people who had come for the Feast. These were people from the countryside; not from Jerusalem. True believers not ashamed to acknowledge Him. These are the common people and not the sophisticated, educated leaders. He chooses the foolish of the world; I Cor 1:27.

V16: disciples understood these things after Jesus was glorified.

Rev 7: 9-10. Palms.

V 20- Greeks. Hellenist Jews in diaspora or “God fearers.” Drawn to Jesus. Came to worship at the feast. If uncircumcised could not have eaten the Passover. Pre-figuring the One New Man. Philip and Andrew can bring them into contact with Him. Ministry.

V23: Jesus knows that His hour is near. Now Gentiles are coming. Prophecies in Isaiah. Gentiles begin to seek Him. He must die in order to bring this about. Accepts humanity and death. Condescension. Was necessary.

If you love Him, you should be following. He expects that.

V27: He is troubled at the approaching suffering. The burden He would bear. “This hour,” the suffering was at hand. But accepts His Father's Will. Audible voice of the Father. God is glorified in the Plan of Salvation.

V 30-33: Now is the time of judgment. The ruler of the world will be cast out. The Cross divides people into 2 groups. Greek word, *krisis* – judgment. He will be lifted up- between Heaven and earth; between God and a sinful mankind. Breaks the power of sin. Gen 3:15. Refers to Bronze Serpent.

Talks about “all men,” not just the Jews. “Draws” people . Not forced.