

John Chapter 12

1. When did Jesus arrive in Bethany? *Jesus arrived in Bethany six days before Passover. This is the last Passover mentioned in John. This is just days before the death of Jesus*
2. What did Mary do for Jesus? *She anointed his feet with expensive perfume and wiped them with her hair. Mary shows her great love for Jesus in giving this expensive gift. She also shows her humility in anointing his feet and wiping them with her hair which was precious to a woman of this time. This sets up the story of Jesus washing the disciples feet in the next chapter.*
3. Judas objected to Mary's act.
 - a. What did he say? *Why wasn't the perfume sold and the money given to the poor? He interrupts this beautiful moment to talk about money.*
 - b. What was his motivation for saying this? *He was the keeper of the money bag and had the habit of stealing from it. This is not to say that Judas never had any belief or affection for Jesus.*
4. How did Jesus respond to Judas' objection? *He told Judas to leave her alone. He said this had to do with his burial. The poor are always around but Jesus would not be around for much longer.*
5. What were the chief priests making plans to do and why? *They were plotting to kill both Jesus and Lazarus. They wanted to kill Lazarus to cover up the fact that Jesus raised him from the dead.*
6. What did the crowd shout as they went out to meet Jesus? *What titles did they give him? Hosanna - a one word prayer to God to save. They called Jesus the one who "comes in the name of the Lord," and the "King of Israel." This was prompted by the healing of Lazarus.*
7. How did Jesus fulfill scripture as he entered the city? *Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a young donkey. (see Zech. 9:9)*
8. When did the disciples realize the significance of these events? *They did not realize the event was prophecy fulfilled until after Jesus was glorified.*
9. Who was it who came to Phillip and asked to see Jesus? *A group of Greek speaking Gentiles came to see Jesus. Jesus' fame had spread beyond the Jews.*
10. What event do you think Jesus had in mind as he spoke in verses 23-28? *He is referring to his death. This is in response to the Gentiles wanting to see him. His point is that while on the earth he was helping the Jews but he needed to die in order for his coming to be a blessing to everyone.*
11. What two things did the people think when the voice spoke from heaven?
 - a. *Some said it had thundered. Their unwillingness to believe prevented them from hearing the voice.*
 - b. *Others said an angel had spoken. Those who were open to the message could hear it.*
12. When Jesus spoke about the judgment of the world, what did he say it was time for? *He said it was time for the prince of the world, who is Satan, to be cast down. (see Rev. 12:7-9)*

13. When the crowd asked what Jesus meant about the Son of Man being lifted up, Jesus told them about the light.
 - a. What is the light Jesus was talking about? *Jesus is talking about himself and the light of truth in his teaching.*
 - b. What did Jesus say about that light? *He said we would only have the light a little while longer.*
14. Why didn't the leaders who did believe in Jesus admit their faith? *They were afraid of the Pharisees and being thrown out of the temple. This would mean they were not allowed to worship God anymore.*
15. Why did Jesus say he came into the world? *He said he came into the world not to judge the world but to save it. He went on to say those who reject Jesus' teachings will be judged by them.*
16. From where did Jesus say his words came? *Jesus said he did not speak of his own accord, but that the Father who sent him told him what to say and how to say it.*

Digging Deeper:

1. Mary gave Jesus a gift that was worth a year's salary? If you had a year's salary or a year of time to use for Christ, how would you use it? *Answers to this question will vary from student to student.*
2. If you gave a dinner in Jesus honor who would you invite and why? *Answers to this question will vary from student to student.*
3. The crowds called Jesus the king of Israel. How do you think their idea of a king was different from Jesus idea? What point was Jesus trying to make by riding in on a **donkey**? *Jesus was making a statement of humility. This was a humble mode of transportation and is a big contrast to the crowds cheers and the palm branches, which were a symbol of the power of Israel. People would throw palm branches down to pave the road for the entrance of a king. The people saw the king as the one who would show the power of God against their enemies. Jesus showed them that the Messiah was to come as a lowly sacrifice.*
4. In verse 20 some Gentiles ask Phillip to see Jesus. What would bring these people here to the Jewish feast? Why do you think they want to see Jesus? Why does Phillip go to Andrew first and not directly to Jesus? *The scripture does not tell for sure why they were here. Most likely they were gentile converts to Judaism. They may have just been traveling through. They had heard of all Jesus had done and wanted to meet him. This was an unusual request apparently. It seems as if Andrew may have been the apostle in charge of who was allowed to have a personal visit with Jesus.*
5. What does Jesus mean when he says, "the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life"? In what ways do people "love" their lives more than the Kingdom these days? *The only way to gain life in heaven is to be willing to loose it for the sake of Jesus. We show our love for things by the way we give time and energy to them. When we give more time and energy to the unimportant things of this world we are "loving" our earthly life. If we do this we will never be able to gain eternal life.*