

# Jesus: Our King

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1. What is significant about Mary anointing Jesus? Read and contrast the attitudes of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42. What do we learn from this passage?
2. What was Judas' spoken concern about the use of the oil? What did he really want to do with the money? What does this tell us about Judas? What does this tell us about our ministry to the poor?
3. Discuss the logic of the Jews wanting to kill Lazarus. What would motivate them to consider such a plot?
4. Discuss the actions of the crowd as they worshipped Jesus. What do you think motivated them? Why do you think that this chant changed to, "crucify Him!" in just a few short days?
5. Verse 16 says that the disciples did not understand these things until after Jesus was glorified. What do you think affected their understanding?
6. Verses 20-22 describe an evangelistic opportunity. How would you recount the event? What does it mean to you?
7. The last part of this passage talks about service. Discuss ways to serve the King.

<sup>1</sup>Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. <sup>3</sup>Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

<sup>4</sup>But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

<sup>7</sup>But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. <sup>8</sup>For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

<sup>9</sup>Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, <sup>11</sup>because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

"Hosanna  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the LORD!  
The King of Israel!"

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
Behold, your King is coming,  
Sitting on a donkey's colt."

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. <sup>18</sup>For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

<sup>20</sup>Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. <sup>21</sup>Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

<sup>22</sup>Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup>But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

## The Praise Craze

**Read: John 12:27-50**

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**Monday**

27-29 — What was Jesus' prayer? Remember a time when you had a similar prayer. Think of how hard it is to resign to glorifying the Father?

**Tuesday**

30-34 — Why did the voice come from Heaven? What did it mean to be "lifted up?" What was the response of the people? How do we deal with the reality that God is at times different from our image of Him?

**Wednesday**

35,36 — Describe life in the light contrasted to life in the dark. What does it mean to become "sons of light"? How are we to walk in the light now that Jesus is no longer here?

**Thursday**

37-41 — What verses from Isaiah were quoted? Who has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts? How would you explain the "fairness" of that? Describe the hearts of some individuals that you know who have refused to believe in Jesus.

**Friday**

42-46—Why did some "believers" not confess Him? Do you think that these people were genuinely saved? Why do people fear others more than God? What are some things that people fear today in regard to confessing Jesus?

**Saturday**

47-50 — If Jesus does not judge the unbelievers (v. 47), how are the unbelievers judged (v. 48)? What would it be like to be so obedient to the Father as to be able to make the claims Jesus did in verses 49 and 50?

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