

## Christ Community Church Bible Study

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Week 15-- John Chapter 12: Jesus' Hour has Come: Preparation, Praise,  
& Prediction

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### Outline

- I. The Anointing at Bethany (vss 1-8)
  - a. Significance: to prepare Jesus for His death
  - b. Place: Bethany, most likely at Martha's house in honor of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead; Lazarus sat as a special guest of honor at the dinner
  - c. When: six days before the Passover (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Passover mentioned in John)
  - d. Mary engages in an act of prophetic worship using "oil of spikenard"
    - Aromatic spice (aromatherapy)
    - A valuable and fragrant ointment derived from the dried roots of the herbal plant called nard, By the tie of Jesus it was imported from India in alabaster boxes. Because it was so costly, it was used only for special occasions.
    - Mary anointed Jesus now, perhaps not knowing or even realizing the significance of her act.
      1. Thanks to him for raising her brother from the dead.
      2. Prophetically she anointed his body that would not get anointed in the tomb (see vs 7)
    - Judas Iscariot, Simon's Son, was in charge of the money box (the treasurer) the One who would betray Jesus protested such extravagance, claiming to be concerned about the poor
    - Jesus does not deride giving to the poor, he challenges Judas' hypocrisy, and also honored Mary's act of devotion
      1. Deut 15:11 – For the poor shall never cease out of the land: Therefore, I command thee saying, Thou shalt open thou hand wide unto thy brother to your poor, and to your needy, in your land.”
      2. He honored Mary's devotion so much so that Mark and Matthew's gospel add "she has done what she could, and wherever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that his woman has done, be told for a memorial of her (Mt 26:13; Mk 14:9)
      3. Lesson: Do what you can to share the gospel and let your works or acts of devotion be a memorial to your role on advancing the kingdom; let your faithful acts of devotion be a legacy for future generations,
- II. The Plot to Kill Lazarus (vss 9-11)

- a. Many of the Jews came to Bethany to see Jesus and to see Lazarus
  - b. The chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus
- III. The Triumphal Entry (12-19)
- a.
  - b. The next day—Sunday, Jesus goes to Jerusalem from Bethany and a great multitude met him, taking palm branches and went to meet him exclaiming:
    - Hosanna! (especially in biblical, Judaic, and Christian use) used to express adoration, praise, or joy." "Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.""
    - The King of Israel
      1. King—signifying the head or leader of a kingdom
      2. They looked for salvation or deliverance from an earthly kingdom; Jesus came to establish a spiritual and eternal kingdom
- IV. The Fruitful Grain of Wheat (vss 20-26)
- a. Greeks had come to Jerusalem to worship at the feast and to see Jesus
  - b. They told Philip→Phillip told Andrew → and Philip and Andrew told Jesus
  - c. Vs 23 **The Hour Has Come that the Son of Man should be glorified**
  - d. Uses the analogy of a grain of wheat vs 24 to speak of his death and our discipleship (vss 25-26)
- V. Jesus Predicts His Death on the Cross (vss. 27-36)
- a. My soul is troubled
  - b. For this purpose, I came to this hour--Kairos moment
  - c. What does it mean for Jesus to be glorified?
  - d. Vs 32—And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself
  - e. Jesus: “ a little while longer th light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; while you have the light, believe in the light so that you may be (children, NLT) sons and daughters of the light (CEB: people whose lives are determined by the light)
- VI. Who Has Believed Our Report (vss. 37-41)
- a. Paradox of Belief: They saw the works but did not believe (vs 37) → they could not believe because God has blinded their eyes
- VII. Final public Words: Walk in the Light (vss. 42 – 50)