

# The GOSPEL of JOHN (XII)

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\*Feast in Bethany

\*Mary anoints Jesus  
(Comp. Mt. 26; Mk.  
14)

\*Martha served (v.2;  
Comp. Luke 10:38-42)

\*Mary worshipped  
(v. 3)

\*Judas coveted (vv.  
4-6)

- Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead,<sup>[a]</sup> 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<sup>[b]</sup> 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<sup>[c]</sup> 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."

## \* Plot to kill Jesus

- “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.” vv. 9-11)

## \*The Triumphal Entry

\*Fulfillment of a prophecy (vv.12-14; Zach. 9:9)

\* Some things are hard to understand (v. 16)

\*Pharisees are jealous (v. 19)

- <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: <sup>15</sup> “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!”(vv. 12-19)

\* Some Greeks want to see Jesus (vv. 20-21; Comp. Mt. 2:1-12)

\* Death leads to life (resurrection) v. 24

\* Love ... hate. What does it mean? (v. 25; Comp. Luke 14:26; Rom. 9:13)

\* Rewards for serving (v. 26)

- <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.***

\* Jesus predicts His death (vv. 27-36)

\* He Will be 'lifted up' (comp. 3:14, 8:28)

\* Jesus: The light of the world (v. 35)

- <sup>27</sup> "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify Your name."
- Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again."
- <sup>29</sup> Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."
- <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself." <sup>33</sup> This He said, signifying by what death He would die.
- <sup>34</sup> The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how *can* You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"
- <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them. (vv. 27-36)

\* More prophecies fulfilled (vv. 37-41; Is. 53:1, 6:9-10)

\* What does it mean- 'He has blinded their eyes ...hardened their hearts'? (v.40)

- 37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, <sup>38</sup> that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:
- “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?”<sup>[f]</sup>
- 39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:
- 40 “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with *their* eyes, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.”<sup>[g]</sup>
- 41 These things Isaiah said when<sup>[h]</sup> he saw His glory and spoke of Him. (vv. 37-41)

\* Secret believers  
(v.42)

What Do you think of  
them?

\* Whose praise are we  
seeking? (v.43)

\* Jesus: The light of the  
world (v.46)

\* Judgement for the  
unbelievers (v. 48)

- <sup>42</sup> Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.
- <sup>44</sup> Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. <sup>45</sup> And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. <sup>46</sup> I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. <sup>47</sup> And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; **for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.** <sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”



## \* Lessons from John 10

- Who are you most like? Mary, Martha, Judas?
- Prophecies come true. God's word is true, you can believe it!
- Undivided love for one appears like hating the other. How do you practice what Jesus said in verse 25?
- Jesus IS the light of the world. Walk in the light.
- Some things are hard to understand. Faith is needed here!
- Rewards for serving Christ- what are they?
- What is the mark of one serving Christ?
- Jesus said: 'I will draw all people to myself.' How were you drawn to Christ?
- Name one thing by which we know the Scripture is the truth.

- There is an old story about tourists wandering through a European art museum casually making critical comments about some of the paintings they disliked or did not understand. Finally, one of the attendants, unable to put up with their discourteous behavior any longer, responded, "The paintings in this museum are not on trial; only the spectators are."
- So it is with the Word of God. For two thousand years religious leaders and atheists, wealthy and poor, brilliant and ignorant, have critiqued God's Word, but in the final analysis as John so aptly said, "It will judge us all."