

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Seventeen—The Gospel of John Chapter 12

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1. a) Name the ways Lazarus, Martha and Mary honored Jesus at the dinner in John 12:2.

b) Who are you most like—Lazarus, Martha or Mary, in the way you honor the Lord? Why?

c) Name other people who are blessed by the fragrant aroma of your offering of honor to Jesus.
2. From John 12:4–6, what do we learn about Judas Iscariot? Include in your description his responsibilities, his intent, and specific character flaws that you think contribute to his decision to later betray Jesus.
3. Briefly review your answer in Lesson 9, question 3 (a) regarding the Passover Feast. Why do you **think** God chose this time for Jesus to speak of His death?
4. Describe Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Be sure to include:
 - the size of the crowd
 - what they were saying and doing and why
 - Jesus' actions and why
 - what the disciples were doing
 - Pharisee's reaction to all of this

5. Read Psalm 118:19–29. Because the crowd quotes from Psalm 118:25–26, what do you **think** the crowd seems to understand about Jesus?

6. In your own words, what is Jesus' reply to the Greek worshippers' request to see Him in John 12:20–23? (Keep in mind Jesus' previous comment in John 10:14–16.)

7. a) Write in your own words what you **think** Jesus means in John 12:24.

- b) According to Jesus in John 12:25–26, how should Jesus' followers respond to the truth revealed in verse 24?

- c) What is Jesus' promise in John 12:26?

8. a) How does Jesus deal with His troubled heart in John 12:27–28?

- b) Name a specific way you'd like to see yourself more like Jesus in dealing with your heart in troubling times.

9. a) Write the definition of the word glorify from the dictionary.

- b) What do you **think** the voice from heaven meant in John 12:28?
10. a) Jesus refers to time sensitive issues several times in John 12: Summarize what He says in John 12:23, 27, 31, and 35.
- b) Based on your answers in question 10 (a), if you were part of the crowd listening to Jesus, what would you expect is happening or will happen soon?
11. Skim the next few chapters. To whom is Jesus speaking in these next chapters? In light of your answer, what is significant about John 12:36?
12. a) In John 12:42–43, why didn't some leaders of the Jews confess their faith?
- b) In what area of your life do you struggle with the same problem? Will you confess this to the Lord, along with your fear, and ask Him to change your desire?

