

## FINAL STUDY NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 1/15-16/2024 - John 12:1-50

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### OPENING PRAYER

**Review from last week:** The Death of Lazarus! I AM the Resurrection and the Life! Jesus and Death, the Last Enemy! Lazarus Raised from the Dead! The Plot to Kill Jesus!

**(John 12:1-50)** – Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany! – (vs. 1-8); **The Plot to Kill Lazarus!** – (vs. 9-11); **The Triumphal Entry!** – (vs. 12-19); **The Fruitful Grain of Wheat!** – (vs. 20-26); **Jesus Predicts His Death on the Cross!** – (vs. 27-36) **Who Has Believed Our Report?** – (vs. 37-41); **Walk in the Light!** – (vs. 42-50)

**Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany** - (vs. 1-8)

**Joh 12:1** Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

**Joh 12:2** There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

- “Six days before the Passover.” This most likely was the previous Saturday with Passover coming six days later on Thursday evening through sunset Friday. The next day was the triumphant entry of Jesus which would be then Sunday (our Palm Sunday), five days before the Passover.
- **Martha served. You are just true to character.** We remember the earlier incident when Jesus had visited in the house with Mary and Martha. How that Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus worshipping, and Martha was busy fixing things, getting things ready. She said, Lord, send Mary out here to help me. She left me to do all the work while she just sits there. We remember how Jesus’s sort of chided Martha. Martha, Martha, you are cumbered about with many things. But Mary has chosen the better part.
- **So it seems like a person is sort of true to their nature** There are those who just love to serve. They just come by it naturally and then there are others who are more contemplative. They love to just sit and worship. So we read here that, “Martha served:”

**Joh 12:3** 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.

- **Both Matthew and Mark tell us of this incident.** We are told that it was in the house of a man by the name of Simon. We are told that there was an objection from the disciples about the cost of this perfume.
- **This is just six days now before His crucifixion.** Mary, who is perceptive, sensitive, has noticed the heaviness that the Lord is going through at this time as the time of the cross has come. She is sensitive to His spirit. She is desiring to do something that is special, a special demonstration of her love for Him. So she took this ointment or perfume of spikenard, which was very costly, and for His burial anointed His feet and wiped His feet with her hair and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

**Joh 12:4** But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

**Joh 12:5** "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

- **John identifies which one of the disciples** who objected. It was *one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him*.
- **The other gospels record him as saying, Why this waste?** A denarii was the average pay for a day’s labor. Three hundred denarii would be the salary that you would earn working three hundred days. Thus, as John said, it was very costly. So Judas spoke up in objection to this. But John, not going to gloss things for Judas.

**Joh 12:6** 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.

- **Judas was the treasurer of the group.** He kept the bag of money but John said he was a thief, pilfering it from the bag for his own personal use. He was thieving out of the bag, taking it from *the money box*.

*Joh 12:7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.*

*Joh 12:8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."*

- **This is an anointing** for My burial.
- **For the poor you have with you always.** This does not mean that alms should not be distributed to the poor, but was a reminder that, while the poor would remain, Jesus would not always be with them.

### **The Plot to Kill Lazarus! – (vs. 9-11)**

*Joh 12:9 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.*

*Joh 12:10 But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,*

*Joh 12:11 because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.*

- **In the last chapter, the high priest Caiaphas** in their counseling of what they should do about Jesus and in their conspiring to put Him to death, said, (*Joh 11:51*) *Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation.*
- **Now it has gone from one to two, to be put to death! It is an amazing thing how sin can compound itself!** It starts out with one, but now it is necessary as they see, to put two to death. Let us put Lazarus to death also because of the number of people that are being attracted to him, because of the fact that that after four days in the tomb, he had been raised! So sin has that way of compounding. David sinned with Bathsheba, then compounded it into the murder of her husband!

### **The Triumphal Entry! – (vs. 12-19)**

*Joh 12:12 The next day (Sunday) a great multitude that had come to the feast (Passover), when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,*

- **They were beginning to gather now for the Feast of the Passover** coming early, going through the rite of purification, so they would be able to enter into the temple and join with the worship in the temple precincts. Many of them came from Galilee, coming with *lamb*s. Jewish law required that the Passover lamb was to live with the family for at least three days before sacrifice.

*Joh 12:13 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!'"*

*Joh 12:14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:*

*Joh 12:15 "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SITTING ON A DONKEY'S COLT."*

*Joh 12:16 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.*

- **This is His day of presentation to the nation as their Messiah.** According to the prophecy of Zechariah, He was riding on a donkey. The people began to cry a Messianic psalm, (*Psa 118:24-26a*) *This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. [25] Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. [26a] Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*
- **This is the day that God has established for the presentation of the Messiah, the promised Messiah, to the nation.** The psalm talks about (*Psa 118:22-23;26-27*) *The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. [23] This was the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. [26] Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. [27] God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.* It is a psalm that is speaking of Jesus being presented to the nation as the Messiah, tied together with Zechariah, coming in on a donkey.
- **Also it is tied together with the prophecy of (Dan 9:25) Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; Or four hundred and eighty-three years, 173,880 days!** So, it is all tied together. The prophecies of the Old Testament on this day, this day of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus as the people are

waving palm branches and crying out, *Hosanna*, or Save now, *Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the name of the Lord!*

- **In (Luk 19:39-42) And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." [40] But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." [41] Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, [42] saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.**
- **This is John's account of the triumphant entry. It is an abbreviated account in comparison to the other gospels. But John does give us this little insight.** They did not realize what they were doing, when they were doing it. It was just sort of a spontaneous thing. *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.*

***Joh 12:17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.***

- **They were going out around and saying, we were there.** We saw Lazarus come out of the grave! They were witnessing of what they saw Jesus do!

***Joh 12:18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.***

***Joh 12:19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"***

- **Here is a movement now towards Jesus by the people.** But the religious leaders, are conspiring to kill Him! They will soon have Him hanging on the cross but God will raise Him from the dead.

**The Fruitful Grain of Wheat! – (vs. 20-26)**

***Joh 12:20 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast.***

***Joh 12:21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."***

***Joh 12:22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn, Andrew and Philip told Jesus.***

- **There are Greeks here.** They want to see You! Here is a request from Greeks. He can only be understood in the light of His death upon the cross and the resurrection which followed it. What He is saying is, as I am now, I cannot deal with Greeks. But *when I am lifted up*, when I am crucified and when I have risen again from the dead and ascended into heaven, then I am in a position to deal with all men, Greeks, as well as Jewish men of all nations! But at this point He cannot do that, *until He has been lifted up. Then I will draw all men unto Me.*
- **Now here is the thing that is impressed upon us in this crucial turning point**, as it were in His life and ministry. It is this. He insists that anyone who comes to Him, saying I would see Jesus, He insists that every such inquirer should immediately come face to face with His death! His death upon the cross. This is the crucial and the central message of the Christian faith. We must approach Jesus in the right manner, not because of just curiosity, to examine and assess Him, to sum Him up.
- **What is your motive, my motive in approaching Jesus?** Using polite manners, as coming to a great man, or coming in pure desperation, not to a great man or teacher, but coming to Him, realizing who He is! That He is God in the flesh, wholly God and wholly man! The Savior of the whole world! The manner of approach is of great importance. Do you know Him? Start by realizing who He is!

***Joh 12:23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.***

***(Joh 17:1-4) Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, [2] as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. [4] I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.***

- **The hour has come! From the beginning, Jesus talked about this hour.** The beginning of His ministry when in Cana of Galilee, there in the second chapter of John, the first recorded miracle of Jesus, the turning

of water into wine. When Mary came to Jesus informing Him that they had run out of wine, He said, (*Joh 2:4*) *Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."* The hour of His being presented to the nation as their Messiah, the hour of His being glorified by the crucifixion and the resurrection, has now come! (*Heb 2:9*) *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.*

- **In chapter seven, when they wanted to arrest Jesus.** They could not lay their hands on Him because His hour had not yet come. In chapter eight, as He was teaching in the treasury portion of the temple, again no one could take Him because His hour had not yet come. But now Jesus knows that the hour has come, that the Son of Man should be glorified! Glorified through His crucifixion (the cross!) and resurrection!

*Joh 12:24 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.*

- **He gives to them a classic kind of an illustration!** Here is a little grain of wheat. Set it on the shelf, it will just abide there alone. The potential is there of bearing much fruit. But it has to die in order to multiply! He cannot bear fruit unless He dies! Jesus is referring to Himself that through His death, there will be much fruit, the multiplication. The wheat abides alone unless it dies and *if it dies, then it produces much grain!*

*Joh 12:25 He who loves (is fond of, likes) his life (psuche) will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep (guard) it for eternal life (zoe).*

- **When Peter first acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, (*Mat 16:24-25*)** *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. [25] For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."* Jesus is saying similar things here. He who loves his life, is going to lose it! But if you will live your life for Jesus Christ, you will discover what living really is!

*Joh 12:26 If anyone serves (and continues to serve) Me, let him follow (imperative, walking in His footsteps) Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.*

- **What beautiful words of Jesus of encouragement to those who will be giving their life for Him!** Those who love not their own life but were willing to give their lives for Him. Jesus said, "My Father will honor them;" a special place of honor for those who have given their lives for the cause of Jesus Christ! Have you given your whole life to Him!

**The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up; Jesus Predicts His Death on the Cross! – (vs. 27-36)**

*Joh 12:27 "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.*

- Now My soul is troubled (troubled at Lazarus' death; here; later at the Last Supper); what shall I say? Father, save Me from \_? Jesus was reluctant to go to the cross. In (*Heb 12:2*) *looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* He went only in obedience to the will of the Father. Notice, that as our High Priest, He can be touched with our infirmities!
- **When in the garden as He was in agony in prayer, sweating as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground, He was praying, (*Luk 22:42*)** *saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."* It was total submission to the will of the Father! Jesus is now troubled because the shadow of the cross is now falling across the path that He will be walking in just a few days. He is concerned about this.
- **There are many things that cross our paths that cause our souls to be troubled.** Things that happen to us or to those we love that we do not understand. As we try to reconcile these things with the love of God, we find great difficulty, because as I look at this situation I cannot see the purpose that God is working out and I am troubled! I wonder if God loves me, then why am I suffering like this? Why am I being afflicted if God loves me and I cannot see the purposes of God and my soul is troubled. What should one do when their soul is troubled? Do exactly what Jesus did, He prayed about it. He said, "Father, save Me from this hour."

- **But He did more than just pray, He then began to reason. But for this purpose I came to this hour!** This is the purpose. God is working an eternal purpose through my suffering. It is for this cause I came into the world. I am here to do the will of the Father, to drink the cup. He began to see the situation from the eternal perspective. Whenever our soul is troubled over our immediate problem, it is so good if we can put the problem in the light of eternity. If we can see it from the eternal perspective, (2Co 4:17) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory! God is working out eternal purposes and His eternal plan, though it may mean temporary suffering or pain or hardship, difficulty. But I see it in light of the eternal!
- **Do you see? The cross, the death upon the cross is absolutely essential to the salvation of men and women out of all nations, which under Him are one!** Then He says the second thing about it. It is the cross and the cross alone that reveals the glory of the way of salvation, the glory of it all!
- **Have you seen that the cross is an absolute necessity?** I want to ask you a further question. Do you glory in the cross? He says it is not only essential. He says that it is here, that the glory of the way of salvation is truly, and only revealed. Then there was finally that submission as Jesus said:

**Joh 12:28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."**

- **The submission.** From the prayer, "Save Me from this hour," to the submission, "Lord, glorify Your name." You receive glory, Father. Though it may bring pain and suffering to Me, *glorify Your name.* That is the submission to the will of God.
- **This is so important that we come to the place where we submit the issues to the Lord!** Lord, You work. *Glorify Your name!* Then I have peace. Lord, whatever You want. I am Yours. If this suffering is serving an eternal purpose; fine, Lord. I will accept it. If this trial is going to bring out eternal benefits, then fine, Lord!
- **Paul said, (2Co 1:3-4) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, [4] who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.** It is very difficult for us to truly comfort or sympathize with someone unless we have gone through that experience ourselves. You do not really understand the pain and the hurt unless you have been there. When you have been there and have experienced that blessed work of the Holy Spirit in comforting your heart, strengthening you to go through, then you can comfort someone else because you have been through it.
- **So the commitment to the will of God. Jesus committed Himself, "Father, glorify Your name."** It was at this point that the Father responded.
- **Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again!** God's response to that total commitment to His will! The Father had also spoken audibly from heaven in behalf of the Son at His baptism and on the Mount of Transfiguration (Mat 3:17; 17:5).
- **But He says I am going to be glorified. We remember this prayer to His Father, Glorify Your name.** Then came a voice from Him, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. Glory! Why? He is talking about the cross. He says this is glory. The glory of the cross.
- **The cross of Calvary, the death of our Lord upon the cross on Calvary's hill, glorifies God the Father!** "Father, Glorify Your name." Now He had come into the world in order to do that, which was our Lord's deepest desire, that in and through Him and all He did and said, that the name of the Father should be glorified! He said, I seek not My own honor, but the honor of Him that sent Me. That means glory! He lived entirely to the glory of God! He had come into the world in order to do that, in order to keep God's commandments; in order to please God in all ways! **How much of that am I doing?**
- **It is in the cross and the resurrection, that He glorifies the Father supremely!** Most of all, there is nowhere, where one can so see the glory of God, as in the cross on Calvary's Hill!

**Joh 12:29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."**

**Joh 12:30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.**

**Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.**

- **The time of the judgment of this world. The judgment of God for man's sin.** The time has come for that. Jesus is going to take upon Himself the sin of the world. He is going to bear our sin, die for our sin,

and going to suffer for our sin. He is going to experience that being forsaken of God for our sin. He is going to go to the cross bearing our sin, taking the judgment of God against sin for us. *"Now is the judgment of this world."* God is going to judge the sin of the world as it is laid on Jesus and He bears that judgment for us!

- **Now the ruler of this world will be cast out. The judgment of God upon sin!** God hates sin! He is a punisher of sin! The devil will no longer be able to blind the nations! The devil will be defeated!
- **Jesus has borne God's wrath for all sin, for those who believe in Him!** Before we can be released from the devil and be blessed by God, we must be released by Jesus' death, dying in our, in my place! Jesus was victorious over sin and over death! He rose again, the third day, forever more!

***Joh 12:32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."***

***Joh 12:33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.***

- We see here that profound truth regarding our salvation. The cross, Jesus being lifted up, is totally and completely essential for our salvation! He is talking about how He is going to be lifted up from the earth on the cross; *will draw all men to Myself! (1Co 1:18) For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*
- **He is just talking about how God's love was manifested in the death of Jesus Christ.** It is the love of God that draws us, that attracts us. It is in the cross that, that love was manifested!
- *(1Jn 4:10) In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (Rom 5:8) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* That is where the love of God was manifested, in the death of Jesus Christ.
- *(Joh 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* The manifestation of God's love is there at the cross where God gave His Son to take your sins, dying in your place! That is the attractive power of the Gospel, the love of God for us. He was willing to sacrifice or give His own Son in order to save us from our sins!

***Joh 12:34 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?"***

- **The people were confused because of the Old Testament scriptures, that tell of the reign of the Messiah.** How that, *(Isa 9:7a) Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end!* The eternal kingdom. In *(Psa 72:17) His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed.* The scriptures that speak of the eternal kingdom, the reign of the Messiah. How is it that you say He is going to be put to death? "Who is this Messiah, this Son of Man?"

***Joh 12:35 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.***

- Jesus said, I am going to be here for just a little while longer.

### ***The Unbelief of the People***

***Joh 12:36 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.***

- **Jesus really did not answer fully their question, "Who is this Son of Man?"** whom You are talking about that is going to be put to death. They were confused. The confusion came because He came first to suffer and die for our sins but He is coming again to establish the kingdom of God and then He will reign and rule forever and ever! The conflict of thoughts and ideas of the Messiah are resolved in the two comings of the Messiah. So I am here. While I am here, I am the light! Walk in the light! If you walk in darkness, you will stumble! ***Believe in the light, that you may become sons of light!***

### **Who Has Believed Our Report? – (vs. 37-41)**

***Joh 12:37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,***

- **Even though Jesus had done many supernatural signs in their presence, the religious leaders have rejected Him!** They are conspiring to put Him to death.

***Joh 12:38 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?"***

- **This is the beginning of Isaiah 53 in which Isaiah speaks of the suffering of the Messiah and of His death.** (*Isa 53:1,5,6*) *Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? [5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

***Joh 12:39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:***

- **God will confirm a person in his conviction!** We see here the issue of a person coming to a place where they have said “no” to the gospel of God’s grace many times. They have hardened their hearts so often that God finally just confirms that. As with the Pharaoh, who hardened his heart against the Lord, over and over. Finally, God hardened (stiffened) the heart of the Pharaoh. God just confirmed it. God then just sealed it, the hardened heart.
- **There are people that are that way where they have refused the gospel so many times, the invitation to the gospel is no longer given.** They could not believe it. Paul tells us in (*Rom 1:18,21,24-25*) *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, [21] because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. [24] Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, [25] who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*
- **Paul goes on to describe our society today as the result of God just turning them over** to their vile lusts and the things that they wanted to do. Having rejected and not wanting God, then given over to all of these things. “*Therefore they could not believe.*” It was not they would not believe any longer, *they could not believe.*

***Joh 12:40 "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."***

- **They have gone too far!** The religious leaders of Israel have taken the nation too far down. They cannot believe it. Thus, God has confirmed it! He has hardened their hearts! He has blinded their eyes and there is no healing! There is no remedy.

***Joh 12:41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him*** (Jesus).

- **Everyone, including the Jehovah Witnesses, agrees that Isaiah 6 concerns Jehovah.** But John here says Isaiah spoke of Him, the subject being Jesus, making this a good verse to use in discussions concerning the deity of Christ.

**Walk in the Light! Jesus Came to Save the World – (vs. 42-50)**

***Joh 12:42 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;***

***Joh 12:43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.***

- **Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him.** John is being generous with these people. We know that Nicodemus came to Jesus; also there was Joseph of Arimathea, who were a part of this council who believed in Jesus. They demonstrated their courage when He was crucified, stepping forward to take His body and bury it. All of the disciples had forsaken and fled. But these two men stepped forward in the death, to take the body for a decent burial.
- **They loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.** So, many of them, he tells us, believed among the chief rulers; but because of the Pharisees they were silent about it because this is a sad, sad thing. What a tragic verse! How true is that of me? Do I love the praise of men more than the praise of God?

**Joh 12:44** *Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.*

- **These next few verses are the last things, which Jesus spoke to the public.**
- **Now Jesus is going to talk again about this inter-relationship between Himself and the Father. "He who believes in Me!"**

**Joh 12:45** *And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.*

- **Jesus said, I have come to represent God to you. If you believe in Me, then you believe in God, the One who sent Me. If you have seen Me, you have seen God. He said that to Philip, (Joh 14:9) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"**

**Joh 12:46** *I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.*

- **When Jesus called Paul to go to the Gentiles, He said, (Act 26:18) to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.**
- **John later writes, (1Jn 1:6) If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

**Joh 12:47** *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.*

- **This He said to Nicodemus back in the beginning, (Joh 3:17) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. This was illustrated when the woman was brought, taken in the act of adultery. They said, Our law says, Stone her. What do you say? He said to the woman after they had all left, Where are your accusers? She said, I guess I have none." Neither do I condemn you. Go your way and sin no more!**
- **Jesus is saying, I did not come to judge the world. I came to save the world. So many times we picture Jesus as judging us. We are almost fearful because we think of Him in terms of judgment. No! He is there to save. He said, (Luk 19:10) for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." I have come to be a light, whosoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. If you hear My words, and believe not, I do not judge you."**

**Joh 12:48** *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.*

- **Jesus said what is going to judge you is the word. In that last day, which is the basis of the judgment, the words that He has said.**

**Joh 12:49** *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.*

- **I have not come bringing you My words, I have come to bring you the words of the Father. He is the One who has told Me what I am to say, and what I am to speak.**

**Joh 12:50** *And I know that —. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."*

- **Jesus is saying, I am here as God's representative. I am here to teach you the truth about God. I am here to show you God's love and God's mercy and God's grace! I am here to show you God's forgiveness. I am not here to judge you; I am here to save you! I am saying the things that the Father gave Me to say. I am not speaking of My own self. These are God's words to you and they are life everlasting! So the words of Jesus at this time of crisis.**

**SUMMARY:**



- **Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany!** – [7] *But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial."*
- **The Triumphal Entry!** - [13] *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!"* [15] *"FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SITTING ON A DONKEY'S COLT."* What a prophecy! And what a fulfillment of this 483-year-old prophecy – to the very day!
- **The Hour has come. The Son of Man should be glorified!** [23] *But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified."*
- **The Fruitful Grain of Wheat!** [24] *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. [25] He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. [26] 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 on the Cross!** [27] *"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. The cross is one of the most important, if not the most important thing that has happened or will happen in the whole history of the world and of all mankind!*
- **Father Glorify Your Name!** [28] *Father, glorify Your name."* Then a voice came from heaven, saying, *"I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."* [29] *Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."* [30] *Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.*
- **If I am Lifted up!** [32] *And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."* [33] *This He said, signifying by what death He would die. **Do you see? The cross, the death upon the cross is absolutely essential to the salvation of men and women out of all nations!** Then He says the second thing about it. It is the cross and the cross alone that reveals the glory of the way of salvation, the glory of it all!*
- **Have you seen that the cross is an absolute necessity?** I want to ask you a further question. Do you glory in the cross? He says it is not only essential. He says that it is here, that the glory of the way of salvation is truly, and only revealed.

#### APPLICATION:

- **Walk in the Light! Glory in the Cross!** [25] *He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. [26] 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!***
- **Do you glory in the Cross of Christ? This is your way of getting proof of it.** That you hate your life in this world. That you hate the life of this world, which is vile, leading to final perdition. That you turn your back on worldliness; Follow Christ; Take up His cross; Follow Him; Serve Him! You know that the world will not honor Him, but you know that God will!
- **He that serves Me, My Father will honor him!** Don't you want to be honored of God? To know God? To love God? To serve God? To glorify God, and eventually, when I have to leave this world, to look into the face of God, spending eternity in His glorious presence!
- **Therefore, do you, do I, glory in the cross of Christ?**

#### CLOSING SONG:

**BENEATH THE CROSS** Elizabeth Clephane (1872)/Frederick Maker - Maranatha (3:05/3:08)

*I Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noonday heat and the burden of the day.*

*2 Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me: and from my broken heart with tears two wonders I confess, the wonder of His glorious love and my own worthlessness.*

*3 I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place: I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no shame for loss; my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

## **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**Read and study *John Chapter 13!***

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