

JOHN 11

Note: As you read John 11 and 12, mark/highlight all the times you see “believe” and “glory” or glorify.

1. What does Jesus say about Lazarus' sickness (v. 4)?
2. Read vv. 5 and 6. What word would you expect to find instead of “so” at the beginning of verse 6? What does this suggest about our expectations of Jesus?
3. What does Jesus call death when it applies to a believer?
4. Why is Jesus glad He hadn't gone when He was called (v. 15)? What is He always working toward with His disciples?
5. What 3 things did Martha know (vv. 21-24)? What one thing didn't she know?
6. What does Jesus claim? What does He mean in verse 26?
7. What declaration does Martha make in v. 27?
8. Why do you think it might have been harder for Mary to come than it was for Martha?
9. Read vv. 33 and 38 in the HCSB or the AMP. Why would Jesus have been moved to anger? What other emotion do we see Him express (v. 35)?
10. Look carefully at vv. 4, 15, 26, 40-42, and 45. What is Jesus' purpose in the midst of this situation? What is His goal for His followers?
11. What authority does Jesus show in raising Lazarus? Why is this so important at this point in His time on earth?
12. What is the concern of the Sanhedrin (vv. 46-48)?

JOHN 12

Note the time references in vv. 1 and 12. We'll mark them on a timeline.

1. What extravagant thing does Mary do for Jesus? Have you ever done something extravagant for Him?
2. Research: Where is the word "hosanna" used in Scripture? What does it mean?
3. Look up the Old Testament references in vv. 13 and 15.
4. Vv. 16 and 23 reference a time when Jesus would be glorified. When do you think that was? Mark all the places you see "glorify" or "glorified" in vv. 23-28.
5. Note the paradox (seeming contradiction) in v. 25. What does that mean for us?
6. What will the one who serves Jesus do (v. 26)?
7. How does Jesus feel about what is coming (v. 27)?
8. Fill in the blanks: "_____ is the time for judgment on this world; _____ the prince of this world will be driven out."
9. What seems to be confusing the people in verse 34? Why would they think that?
10. Read vv. 44-46. What are two reasons Jesus says He came into the world? Go back to v. 27 and see why else He said He came.

JOHN 13

Key question: Why do I serve?

“Verse 1 introduces the second half of [John]. It locates us in the middle of the Passover celebration. . . [and] points us to the upcoming sacrifice of the Lamb of God. . . . We are marching deeper and deeper into the shadow of the cross. . . . For Jesus to stop in the middle of that journey to wash the feet of His disciples is noteworthy. We need to feel the gravity of what He’s teaching us.” – Carter, Wredberg

1. Verse 3 says, “Jesus knew that the Father had given everything into His Hands.” Cross-reference this verse with the understanding that He would be brutally executed in less than 24 hours. What thoughts do you have?
2. Carter and Wredberg say of Jesus washing His disciples’ feet: “This is the Lord of all Creation; He simply speaks and universes are created from nothing. . . . What is He doing scrubbing these guys’ toes?” Their answer: “Jesus’ love for His disciples becomes one of the driving themes for the rest of the Gospel.” In His final hours, what does He want them to understand?
3. Carter and Wredberg say that two key lessons come out of Jesus’ act. The first: **No one is above serving.** “We need to beware the excuses we make for not serving others. We need to trace them back to their source.” If I take a close look at my life, where has the “me first” or “my kids first” attitude taken hold? Also, what do I do if I don’t receive thanks for my service?
4. The second lesson: **No one is below being served.** On this night, Jesus washes Judas’ feet right before Judas betrays Him. Who might be on your list of people who don’t deserve _____ (fill in the blanks)?
5. “A trait of humble service, which simply cannot be counterfeited, is the willingness to be inconvenienced for someone else’s benefit.” (Carter and Wredburg) Where is God calling you to be inconvenienced for the sake of someone else?
6. Read verse 19. Why is Jesus telling his guys in advance what is about to happen?

“The backdrop of the events in John 13 is a battle, . . . a cosmic battle that has been raging for thousands of years. . . . [Jesus] knew ‘his hour’ had come. . . . Jesus is not surprised by the devil’s move. He’s not startled by Judas’ treachery. Jesus is sovereign over everything that has happened and will happen, including His own betrayal. If you ever doubt the sovereign power of Jesus Christ, memorize verse 3.” – Carter and Wredberg

7. Fill in the blanks from verse 31 (HCSB): “_____ the Son of Man is _____.”

*“Twenty-three times in the Gospel of John we find a form of the word **glory**. . . . God’s **glory** is the visible expression of His excellence. . . . [Jesus applies the glory of God] in a way that couldn’t be done in the Old Testament. . . . How does God appear to man in the New Testament? How is God’s excellence displayed in visible form? Through Jesus. Jesus is the glory of God.” – Carter and Wredberg*

8. For three years, Jesus has been telling His disciples, “Follow me.” Now He tells them, “*Where I am going, you cannot come.*” Where is this place (remember, he tells them in ch. 14 that He will come back to take them to Heaven)? Note Peter’s confusion in verses 36-38.
9. In this chapter, Jesus is birthing a brand new community. What is the new command He gives them? Is it a new command? If so, then how is it different from Leviticus 19:18? How does He say this new community will be recognized?

“Beginning in John 13:31 and extending through the end of chapter 17, we’re allowed to eavesdrop on Jesus’ final instructions to His disciples. We get to listen as Jesus teaches them why He’s leaving and what they’ll do after He’s gone.” – Carter and Wredberg

Songs for John 13:

“Sovereign Over Us” by Michael W. Smith

“So Will I” by Hillsong United