

Gospel of John Weekly Resource Guide

Helping You Become a Better Apprentice of Jesus

For the Week of June 26, 2022

OVERVIEW

It's almost time for the Passover festival in Jerusalem and Jesus decides to stay in Bethany with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. The family decides to host a dinner in honor of Jesus. During the meal, Mary takes expensive perfume and pours it on Jesus' feet. Unlike his disciples who see this as an extravagant waste of money, Jesus receives it as a humble gift. The next day is known historically as the "Triumphant Entry" of Jesus, the time when he rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. The previous night is a family dinner marked by an act of humility; the entry into Jerusalem is filled with crowds and shouts of "Hosanna!" When it comes to Jesus, both expressions of honor are appropriate.

BIBLE READING

John 12:1-19

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." ... 12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" ... 16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. 17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. 18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Main Point: Jesus is honored by our humility as well as our praise.

REFLECTION

The following questions are based off material found in the Serendipity New Testament for Groups. Use these questions to further reflect on this week's reading.

- How do the disciples and Jesus interpret Mary's actions differently? Why?
- What does John tell us about Judas?

- Why does Jesus ride into town on a donkey?
- What does the word “Hosanna” mean?
- What convinced you that Jesus is your King?

PRAY 52

Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in 52 days. 40, the Biblical number for trial and purification + 12, the Biblical number for faith, divine rule and establishing = 52, a time of “accelerated and miraculous achievement.” There are 7, God’s number of completion, 52’s in a year. For 2022, we will be focusing on 7 areas of need for a 52-day season. See what “accelerated and miraculous achievement” God will do in and through us.

Healing

- Heal cancer and chronic illnesses.
- Support each person during surgery and recovery.
- Guide and give us the gift to care for each other and our community.
- Deliver those in bondage to addictions.
- Relieve us from anger, anxiety and depression.
- Give us a spirit of love and a sound mind.
- Increase our faith so we can respect God’s will.

“O God, quicken to life every power within me, that I may lay hold of eternal things. Open my eyes that I may see; give me acute spiritual perception; enable me to taste Thee and know that Thou art good. Make heaven more real to me than any earthly thing has ever been. Amen.” – A.W. Tozer from The Pursuit of God.

NEXT STEP

Take a few moments and write below a modern-day version of how the crowd greeted Jesus.