

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 39--John 12

Introduction: John reveals additional information on the events of Jesus' last week not found in the other gospels. In this lesson we will consider Jesus' anointing by Mary, the Greeks inquiry concerning Jesus, and Jesus' last appeal to the Jews in Jerusalem before his crucifixion.

Lesson aim: To examine Jesus' last appeal to the multitudes before His death.

Mary anoints Jesus' feet--John 12:1-11

1. What was the time and place of this episode? What unusual thing did Mary do?
2. What protest did Judas raise? Why?
3. Why did Jesus allow this "extravagant" deed to be done?
4. What other person's presence made people want to come where Jesus was?
5. What did the chief priests want to do with Lazarus? Why?

Some Greeks seek Jesus--John 12:20-25

1. Why had these Greeks come to Jerusalem? Were they possibly Jewish proselytes?
2. What did these Greeks want to do? What did the disciples do about this?
3. Of what event did the coming of these Gentile seekers remind the Lord? Does this explain His answer in v. 23-26?
4. In what way was the Lord like the wheat that He described?
5. How were his disciples to follow His example? What does it really mean to serve Christ?

Jesus' predicts his death--John 12:27-50

1. How did Jesus feel as He contemplated the possibility of crucifixion? What was His prayer? How did the Father respond?

2. Why did Jesus say the voice had come from heaven?
3. What did Jesus say was about to happen to the prince of the world? Who is this?
4. What would result from Jesus' lifting up? To what is He referring?
5. What inconsistency did the multitudes imagine between Jesus' prediction to die and His claim to be the Christ?
6. What did Jesus plead with the people to do?
7. John comments that the rejection of Jesus is the fulfillment of what O.T. prophecies?
8. Who believed in Jesus but would not confess Him? Why?

Jesus' closing appeals to the people--John 12:44-50

1. These verses seem to be the culminating revelation of Jesus to the masses. Of what chapter in John do we hear echoes?
2. Where did Jesus claim to have gotten the message He preached to the multitudes?
3. To reject this message was to reject who else? To see Jesus is to see whom? To behold Jesus is to behold whom?
4. Why had Jesus come?
5. What would be the destiny of those who received his sayings? What of those who rejected His words?