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**JOHN 12:1-2** <sup>1</sup> Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

### What is "Passover" (John 12:1)?

A F\_\_\_\_\_ that commemorates God's deliverance of His people from bondage in E\_\_\_\_\_ by pouring out His wrath on the land but 'passing over' and sparing those who were marked by the b\_\_\_\_\_ of a sacrificial lamb,

### Where is "Bethany" (John 12:1)?

Bethany is a small village about \_\_\_\_\_ miles east of Jerusalem, Bethany is still inhabited today.

### Why was resurrection of Lazarus critical to God's plan for Jesus?

Raising Lazarus from the dead p\_\_\_\_\_ the Sanhedrin to issue His death sentence.

### What is "spikenard" (John 12:3)?

Spikenard is a \_\_\_\_\_ that only grows in the Himalaya mountains of India and Nepal. Mary's fragrant oil of spikenard was a rare, imported product in Israel.

**How expensive was the spikenard Mary used to anoint Jesus' feet?**

One denarius was the wage for one day's labor, so "**three hundred denarii**" (John 12:5) would have been someone's annual salary.

**According to Jesus, why did Mary use it to anoint Jesus' feet?**

To prepare His body for "**the day of My burial.**" (John 12:7; Mk 14:3-8)

**What discrepancies seem to exist between accounts in Mark and John?**

Does that mean these are errors in the bible?

**How did the chief priests' plot to murder Jesus change?**

It expanded to include another i\_\_\_\_\_ person.

**What did the "branches of palm trees" (John 12:13) signify?**

V\_\_\_\_\_ and conquest.

**What does "Hosanna!" (John 12:13) mean & what did they call Jesus?**

Hosanna means, "S\_\_\_\_\_ us!". They called him K\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.

**What do military leaders ride into town on and what did Jesus ride?**

**Why?**

To fulfill a p\_\_\_\_\_: (Zechariah 9:9) **Why?**

Perhaps to set the example for Christians to serve God with humility

**How many days before the Passover did this take place?**

Based on John 12:1 and John 12:12, five days before the Passover.

**What did the people do five days before the first ever Passover?**

They picked the L\_\_\_\_\_ to be sacrificed: (Exodus 12:3-6). From a spiritual perspective, unbeknownst to them, they were picking Jesus to be their sacrificial lamb.

### So what signaled that "the hour has come"?

Gentiles ("**Greeks**" in John 12:20) - the outside world - asking for Jesus.

### What is Jesus saying in John 12:24-25?

To serve Christ - "**produces much grain**" - we must die to ourselves and what the world tells us to hold onto: the wealth, the status, the ambitions, the self-centered existence and pleasures - i.e., the worldly possessions, positions and passions.

### What will those who "love" such things "lose" (John 12:25)?

"**Eternal life**" (John 12:25).

### To gain eternal life, how must we treat such things?

"**Hate**" (John 12:25) them.

### Why?

They are not of God, but of Satan, who tries to have us waste our lives chasing them in disobedience to God and end up losing "**eternal life**".

### How does Jesus want us to "follow" Him in John 12:26?

"**If anyone desires to come after Me, let him d\_\_\_\_\_ himself** (Matt 16:24)

### What does it mean to "take up" the "cross"?

Taking up a cross in those days didn't mean picking up a cross, walking around town for a while, putting it down and then going home. When you saw someone carrying a cross, it meant one thing: he was going to die. Once again, Jesus is telling us to die to the desires of this world.

### What are the worldly passions, positions and possessions in our lives?

**How will God the Father "glorify" His name "again"?**

He will demonstrate His love for us again by having His Son die on the cross to pay for us the death penalty due for our sins.

**Who is the "ruler of this world" in John 12:31?**

S\_\_\_\_\_.

**How will Satan be "cast out" (John 12:31) and how will "all peoples" (John 12:32) be drawn to Jesus?**

As long as people remain guilty of their sins, Satan retains his grip on humanity. When Jesus pays on the cross the death penalty due for those sins, Satan's grip will be cast off and Christians from "**all peoples**" will be drawn to Jesus for salvation that is in and through Him.

**What two things didn't they know?**

That Jesus would return in resurrection, and the prophet Daniel's [Son of Man](#) reference to Jesus.

**What "light" is Jesus referring to in John 12:35?**

Himself and His teaching: "**In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.**" (John 1:4-5)

**Does Jesus answer their question in John 12:34?**

Yes, but indirectly. Instead of saying, "It's Me!" He tells them to "**walk**" while the light is still shining and showing them the way since that would change in five days.

**Why didn't Jesus give them a direct answer and why did He then depart, being "hidden from them"?**

Much like the crowd that chased after Jesus following His feeding miracle, this

crowd had come to make Him king to lead an uprising against the Romans. This is also why He "**departed, and was hidden from them.**" (John 12:36)

**Whose eyes and heart had God "blinded" and "hardened," and why?**

John 12:38-41 refers to a time in the Old Testament when God grew tired of Israel's continued rebellion and disobedience, and announced to prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 6:10) His decision to punish them by sending them into exile. In the meantime, He "**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.**"

**Who are the "rulers" and "Pharisees" in John 12:42?**

A "ruler" refers to anyone who was a member of the [Sanhedrin](#), which also included many [Pharisees](#).

**What had the Sanhedrin recently decided to do after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead?**

Kill Jesus (John 11:53).

**To what extent did the believing rulers love "the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:43)?**

Enough to kill God. Think about this for a second. These men "**believed**"(John 12:42) that Jesus is the Messiah. Yet they loved the praise of men and feared being [put out of the synagogue](#) so much that they gave their silent consent to His murder.

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If it means losing that power and position, not much easier.

**What words did Jesus have for such people?**

**"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? (Luke 9:25-26)**

**What does scripture teach about believing in God ?**

One cannot believe in God the Father without believing in Jesus.

**Does Jesus judge those who don't believe in Him? Whose eyes and heart had God "blinded" and "hardened," and why?**

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**So what is Jesus equating in John 12:44-45?**

Believing in Jesus equals believing in God the Father.

**What's the flipside of that?**

One cannot believe in God the Father without believing in Jesus.