



The Light of the World (John 12)

Questions: Week Twelve

Jesus Anointed at Bethany - [John 12:1-11](#)

Topics: [Devotion](#), [Dishonesty](#), [Faith](#), [Honor](#), [Hypocrisy](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Loyalty](#),
[Money](#), [Plans](#), [Poor](#), [Possessions](#), [Preparation](#), [Value](#), [Worship](#)

Open It

1. *When have you indulged another person with an expensive gift?
2. How do you deal with the tension of helping people in need while enjoying your wealth and possessions?

Explore It

3. When did Jesus arrive in Bethany? ([12:1](#))
4. *What was done in honor of Jesus in Bethany? ([12:2](#))
5. What did Mary do to Jesus? ([12:3](#))
6. *How did Judas respond to Mary's act? ([12:4-5](#))
7. What motivated Judas's response to Mary's act? ([12:6](#))
8. *Why did Jesus say that Mary had anointed Him with perfume? ([12:7](#))
9. What did Jesus say about the poor? ([12:8](#))
10. Why did the large crowd come to Mary and Martha's home? ([12:9](#))
11. What did the chief priests plan to do? ([12:10](#))
12. What motive did the chief priests have? ([12:11](#))

Get It

13. How do you worship Jesus with your resources?
14. *What concern should we have for the poor among us?
15. In what way can we help those less fortunate than ourselves?
16. Why are there poor people?
17. *How do we selfishly use God's resources for our own pleasure?
18. When have we masked our own selfishness with the appearance of concern for others?

Apply It

19. *How can you worship and honor God with your resources today?
20. How can you help someone less fortunate than yourself this week?
21. What impure motives do you need to confess to God and ask Him to purify?

The Triumphal Entry - [John 12:12-19](#)

Topics: [Enthusiasm](#), [Evangelism](#), [Expectations](#), [Glory](#), [Good News](#), [Honor](#),
[Jesus Christ](#), [Miracles](#), [Praise](#), [Prophecy](#), [Worship](#)

Open It

1. *How do people usually react when they meet a celebrity? Why?
2. Who are today's religious celebrities?

Explore It

3. What had the crowd heard about Jesus? ([12:12](#))
4. *How did the crowd greet Jesus when He arrived in Jerusalem? ([12:13](#))
5. What title did the crowd ascribe to Jesus? ([12:13](#))
6. What prophetic event took place? ([12:14-15](#))
7. What had been written about this event? ([12:15](#))
8. When did Jesus' disciples realize the significance of these events? ([12:16](#))
9. *What did the crowd that was with Jesus do when He raised Lazarus? ([12:17](#))
10. *Why did many of the people go out to meet Jesus? ([12:18](#))
11. How did the Pharisees react to this event? ([12:19](#))

Get It

12. *What did you hear about Jesus that led you to seek Him?
13. How should Jesus be the ruler in our lives?
14. When are you reluctant to allow Jesus to take His rightful place as King in your life?
15. What area of your life is difficult for you to surrender to Christ's authority?
16. How should we honor and worship Jesus as King?
17. *How should we spread the Word about Jesus?

Apply It

18. What specific area of your life do you need to submit more consistently to the authority of Jesus?
How?
19. With whom do you need to share the good news about Jesus Christ? How can you?
20. *How will you honor and worship Jesus with your life today?

Jesus Predicts His Death - [John 12:20-36](#)

Topics: [Commitment](#), [Darkness](#), [Death](#), [Discipline](#), [Faith](#), [Follow](#), [Glory](#), [God](#), [Heaven](#), [Honor](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Judgment](#), [Life](#), [Life-style](#), [Light](#), [Satan](#), [Self-centeredness](#), [Selfishness](#)

Open It

1. *Who or what in life encourages you to be self-centered?
2. When have you set aside your own needs temporarily to meet the needs of other people?

Explore It

3. What did the group of Greeks ask Philip? ([12:20-22](#))
4. What did Jesus say had come? ([12:23](#))
5. What did Jesus say about a kernel of wheat? ([12:24](#))
6. *What did Jesus say about loving and hating life? ([12:25](#))
7. What did Jesus say about the person who wants to serve Him? ([12:26](#))
8. How did Jesus feel? ([12:27](#))
9. What was Jesus' attitude? ([12:27](#))
10. *Why didn't Jesus ask the Father to save Him? ([12:27](#))
11. What did Jesus ask the Father to do? ([12:28](#))
12. How did the crowd react to God's voice? ([12:29](#))
13. What time did Jesus say it was? ([12:31](#))
14. *What did Jesus say would happen when He was lifted up? ([12:32](#))
15. How did the crowd respond to Jesus' words? ([12:34](#))
16. In what way was Jesus' audience running out of time? ([12:35](#))
17. What did Jesus tell the crowd to do? ([12:36](#))

Get It

18. *How do we love our own lives?
19. How does Jesus want us to hate our lives?
20. When and why is it difficult for you to serve and follow Jesus?
21. *What does it mean for us to "walk in the light"?
22. What tempts you to wander in the darkness rather than walk in the light?
23. What example has Jesus set for us to follow?
24. How can a group of people all have the same experience but interpret it differently?

Apply It

25. *What is one change you can make in your life to become more attentive to the needs of others over your own?
26. To whom can you be helpful today? How?

The Jews Continue in Their Unbelief - [John 12:37-50](#)

Topics: [Acceptance](#), [Believe](#), [Complacency](#), [Darkness](#), [Eternal Life](#), [Faith](#), [Fear](#), [Follow](#), [God](#), [Hardheartedness](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Judgment](#), [Life](#), [Light](#), [Love](#), [Miracles](#), [Peer Pressure](#), [Prophecy](#), [Rejection](#), [Salvation](#), [Unbelievers](#), [Words](#)

Open It

1. *Why do people seek fame and the acceptance of others?
2. Aside from God's, whose love and acceptance have you tried to get?

Explore It

3. What effect did Jesus' miracles have on the unbelieving Jews? ([12:37](#))
4. What was significant about the response of the Jews to Jesus' ministry? ([12:38](#))
5. *Why couldn't the Jews of Jesus' day believe in Him? ([12:39-40](#))
6. What did Isaiah say about the Jews of Jesus' day? ([12:41](#))
7. *Why didn't the leaders who did believe in Jesus admit their faith? ([12:42-43](#))
8. What is true about any person who believes in Christ? ([12:44-45](#))
9. Why did Jesus come into the world? ([12:46](#))
10. What did Jesus say about the person who hears His words, but does not keep them? ([12:47](#))
11. *What did Jesus say would condemn the person who did not accept His words? ([12:48](#))
12. What kind of teaching did Jesus give us? ([12:49](#))
13. Why are Jesus' words important? ([12:50](#))

Get It

14. How can people see the work of Jesus in others' lives and still not believe in Him?
15. *What blinds us to spiritual truth?
16. When and why have you been afraid to admit your faith in Jesus?
17. *What consequences might a Christian face for publicly admitting faith in Jesus?
18. Why do we want to pursue the praise and acceptance of other people rather than the praise and acceptance of God?
19. Out of what kind of darkness has Jesus taken you?
20. How can we accept and keep the words of Jesus?

Apply It

21. *To whom do you need to admit your faith in Jesus, regardless of the consequences? When can you?
22. In what personal circumstance do you want to seek God's acceptance over the praise and acceptance of others?