

JOHN 12:1-23 Study (NLT) "KING" March 21•2010 Vineyard Church • Great Falls • Montana.

• **MAIN POINT:** Jesus is the King of spiritual Israel. Now all who place their welfare in Jesus' hands and serve and sacrifice for the whole world like He has—are the new Israel and He is our king. We freely choose him as king from our hearts. He is the one we love most.

12:1-3 A different kind of king: Jesus is a king who is sin bearer and death destroyer. It has been 3 ½ years since Jesus began walking among the people proclaiming the Kingdom of God, teaching, healing and doing miracles. The time is at hand for Jesus—God the Son—to do what He came to do—to become the Passover Lamb whose sacrificial death on the altar of the cross would take away the sins of the world. Two things happen that prepare for this event: (1) His body is prepared for death by having a perfume rubbed on his feet. Spices applied to the body of those who died was a Hebrew custom. (2) He rides through Jerusalem proclaimed as actually - though unknowingly - the world's eternal king. This coming is a preview of the last day of this earth when he will appear in the sky over all the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords. These events were orchestrated by the Father.

• Jesus appears in Bethany, just two miles from Jerusalem, _____ days before the annual _____ ceremonies-- which reenacted the angel of death "passing over" the people of Israel who had the blood of a lamb smeared on their doors in the days of the Exodus and Moses. Jesus comes to be "the" Passover Lamb. His death would deal with sin forever.

• He comes to the home of his friends Mary, Martha, and _____. He had recently _____ Lazarus from the _____ by the Father's power-- which was indeed a preview of His own resurrection. After a dinner prepared in his honor _____ took a jar of an expensive _____ made from the essence of _____. She anointed Jesus' _____ with the nard and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was _____ the fragrance of the nard (and her devotion to the Master)

Passover Moses said, " *For the LORD will pass through the land and strike down the Egyptians. But when he sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, the LORD will pass over your home. He will not permit the Destroyer to enter and strike down your firstborn.*" Exodus 12:23

All the Hebrews spared later died a natural death like Lazarus did a second time. What was needed was the blood of God to save us from the Destroyer for ever." *For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins ..He took his own blood and with it secured our salvation forever.*" Hebrews 10:13,14

Mary: Mary was doing more than she realized. Jesus said she was preparing his body for His coming burial. From her point of view, she was showing gratitude and devotion. She abased herself to show love to Jesus. Washing feet was the job of the lowest servant or slave of the house. It was a dirty, smelly job in a hot country where people wore sandals and walked dusty streets and roads. A woman's hair was her glory. To use her hair as a towel was laying her glory at his feet. Perhaps she was laying down all her money. The spikenard perhaps cost as much as a common man would make in a year. She was doing for Him in a small part what He was going to do for her and all of us-- laying down her self life for Him.

"If you cling to your life you will lose it; but if you give it up for me you will find it." Matthew 10:39

12:4-8 Objection: _____ Iscariot objected to Mary wasting the priceless perfume on the Master. It blew his cover. He obviously had an ongoing problem with Jesus—which dried up his affection and loyalty for the Master. He said the nard would better be _____ and the money given to the _____. Who could argue with that? John makes an editorial comment. It was not that Judas cared about the poor but that he had charge of the disciple's _____. He was a _____ and often took some of that money for his _____ use. The Scripture says, "*If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, that person is accursed.*" I Corinthians 16:22 It seems that at this point one of the other disciples should have quickly risen to speak on behalf of the Lord. In any case, Jesus makes his own defense. " *Leave her _____ . She did it in preparation for my _____ You will always have the _____ among you, but _____ will not be here among you much longer.*"

The Poor : Jesus was not saying that we should not help the poor. He is saying that a life of service is no substitute for showing love to Him . Matthew. 7:21-23 It is also true that the only way we can avoid growing weary in well doing (on behalf of the poor, "the down and out" and "the up and out " is to be "in Christ"..(filled and empowered by His Spirit.)

12:12-16 He comes! The _____ day, the day after the Sabbath, our Sunday. Jesus enters Jerusalem. The (good) _____ of his coming swept through the city – and the crowds gathered to honor him like a conquering general. It was fresh in their minds that he had conquered Lazarus' death. They took _____ branches and went down the street to meet him shouting the prophetic scripture spoken by the prophet Zephaniah (3:15) (" Hosanna") *Praise _____!*" _____ *the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the _____ of Israel!"* Jesus found a young _____ which had never been ridden before and rides into the city center. He did this consciously to fulfill the prophecy of _____ that said, " *Don't be _____, people of Israel. Look your _____ is coming sitting on a donkey's colt.*" His _____ didn't realize what he was doing until later when he entered into his _____ -- which was the cross. When they saw the _____ of Scripture beginning in Genesis 3 come _____ before their _____ they saw the Scripture's words about the Messiah from the Father's point of view—rather than the human point of view—that He was a suffering servant who dies for his people that they may live.

Praise God - Hosanna in the original language. It means "Save Now!" Psalm 118:25,26 was originally a psalm of oppressed people calling out to God to save them from their oppressors. The people believed that he was the Christ from God come to save them from their oppressor, the Romans. The psalm did apply to Him, and He had come to save them from their oppressors, but ones greater than the Romans or any earthly power; the power of the prince of darkness, sin, and hell.

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A donkey. An oriental king on a horse was coming in violence and war. When he came on a donkey he was coming in peace. Jesus chose to ride a donkey and fulfilled the prophecy from Zechariah 9:9 that He was a King of peace. Jesus was the one who said that if your neighbor strikes you on the one cheek turn the other to him. He said that those who live by the sword will die by the sword. He came to break the unceasing cycle of violence, revenge and hatred between peoples by creating a spirit of forgiveness and peace in His followers. He was not going to fight and kill people but destroy evil by taking it into himself and dying.

12:17-22 Meet Jesus The crowds celebrated Jesus because he had done something no other king had done—he did not send young men to die in wars – he raised one named Lazarus from the _____. The pastors of Israel, the _____ said, “ We’ve

_____ *Look the whole _____ has gone after _____.*” They meant their world—of Israel—however, Jesus was attracting the non Jews –some _____. They were like the Ethiopian who talked with Philip (Acts 8) Literally Jesus has attracted to himself –the whole world - people from *every* tribe, nation, and language who come saying..We want to _____ Jesus?

What Does This Scripture Say To You?_____