

**Read Chapter 12**

**“THE KING IS COMING”!** Vs 12-19: Jesus, aware of right timing, again enacts a little drama before great crowds of people. Jerusalem was again crowded for the Passover. Knowing the heart of man, Jesus was courageous in this act of open declaration – no hiding now. V 14: The donkey’s colt. A king, in time of war, usually rode on a horse, but this was an act of peace and also would be recognised as a status symbol. See Psalm 118:26&27. V 19: Dilemma of authorities – what to do now? Vs 20-26: The enquiring Greeks are reminders of the breadth of the Gospel and the appeal of Jesus to men of all races. They were “strangers” among the festival crowds. But only through Jesus’ death V 24-26, can life come. Vs 27-30: A realisation of what was ahead of Him calls forth God’s reassurance. But “the Voice” was for the people too. V 31: Judgement has come! Yet, v35, they still have a little time. V48: They, and we, are self-condemned through not believing God’s Word.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 12:46 & 47**

**QUESTIONS**

10. What was the purpose of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the donkey’s colt?

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11. What warning did Jesus give about those who did not believe?

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12. What are the conditions for true discipleship? See vs 25 & 26

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**ADVANCED LESSON 3**

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**Read Chapter 9**

**A MAN RECEIVES TRUE SIGHT** Vs 1-12: At that time many people believed that all physical sickness was the result of sin. Jesus pointed out that this is not always so. Jesus sees opportunity for the glory of God to be shown ... another “sign”. Jesus sets to work to heal the man without arguing. Vs 13-16: Once more there were disputes & hostility from the Pharisees, because Jesus had “worked” on the Sabbath. They showed a pitiful interest in details of the law, rather than people’s needs. Vs 18-22: The parents were afraid, lest acknowledgment of the “Messiah” should cause them to be cut off from society and from worship. V 25: The man himself, however, showed courage! “One thing I do know...” Vs 22-41: Real Christian experience, finally, must be personal. Nobody, parents or friends, can assume responsibility for another’s salvation in the sight of God, even though we are called upon to bear one another’s “burdens”. Romans 14:10-12.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 9:11 & 25(b)**

**QUESTIONS**

1. Do you think the wonder of God’s grace can be lost sight of when an attempt is made to “explain” spiritual things from a natural point of view? Compare the attitude of the Pharisees

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2. The blind man showed faith by acting on Jesus’ command. In this day, how can we know God’s Will and act upon His commandments?

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3. How did the man’s simple confession confuse the arguments? V25

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**Read Chapter 10**

**THE LIFE THROUGH THE TRUE SHEPHERD** Vs 1-3: The eastern sheepfold was often a circle of rocks or thorn bushes into which the shepherd would count his sheep, then lie down in the gap to protect them, anyone wanting to harm the sheep would not get past him. This is a lovely picture of the Lord as the Good Shepherd of souls V 11, who was to give His life for the sheep vs 17-18. Vs 3-5: Paid helpers sometimes cared for the flock, but did not have a personal interest in each sheep as the owner did. Sheep were with their shepherd, they knew him and he them. "He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out". V16: He wants to bring in other scattered "sheep" ... not only those of His own day, area or race. Vs 18-38: People who reject Christ still resist His claim to be God, but those who know Him follow. Compare Isaiah 53:5-6, where the metaphor of sheep is used again. Often in the O.T. false prophets were also referred to as unfaithful shepherds ... see Ezekiel 34:2,8 & 10; Zechariah 10:2-3 in contrast. Also Hebrews 13:20-21.

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 10:10, 27 & 28**

**QUESTIONS**

4. How does this chapter teach us that Christ's death on the Cross was a voluntary giving of Himself ... & that He was not a victim of circumstances or of hatred etc?

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5. In what sense were those who "came before" Jesus classed as "thieves and robbers"? V8

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6. How can we discern "thieves and robbers" and those who are true "shepherds" of the flock of God, in the present age? (See 1John Ch 4:1-35)

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**PONDER:** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm \*\*\* the psalm written by a shepherd about his Shepherd.\*\*\*

**Footnote:** Verses 40-42. Jesus returned to the place where He had been baptised by John and where God had confirmed His pleasure in His Son.

**Read Chapters 11 and 12 verses 1-11**

**A NEW LIFE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD** Vs 1-5: The village home at Bethany, about 3km from Jerusalem was always open to the Lord and his disciples. True friendship & affection were shown V 5. V6: Jesus responds to the news of Lazarus' illness by delaying 2 days. Why? Would His delay be the means of a greater miracle? A test of faith? He was never rushed into anything but always chose the right time. Vs 9-10: warn that for us there is a "right time" ... act while it is day. Compare Hebrews 3:7-15 and 2 Corinthians 6:2. V 19: The house was full of sympathisers, who were unable to help. Vs 20-40: Note the different attitudes of the two sisters and their way of showing their trust in Christ. Vs 41-44: The power of Jesus over death, in bringing Lazarus back. Vs 41-42: The people needed to know that God was in action here. Rather a shock awaited Lazarus, maybe, but through him many were to believe in Christ. See Ch 12:9. V44: Lazarus was to be freed from signs of "death" ... a parable for us who are called to "walk in newness of life". See Romans 6:8, 11 and Colossians 3:1-2.

**THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE** Vs 24-27: Assurance for all believers, who never die, but through physical death pass on into the continuation of the eternal life which they already experience here and now through faith. Compare 10:28. Vs 54-57: Jesus pursues His program away from men's schemes, until God's time should come.

**CHAPTER 12** Vs 1-8: At Bethany Jesus graciously commends Mary for her insight into His coming death, but condemns greed Vs 4-7. True love is never sparing in its devotion. Vs 9-11: Lazarus, now drawing many to faith becomes an embarrassment to the leaders, so they seek to get rid of the evidence. The Sadducees did not believe in any resurrection!

**Key verses to memorise: JOHN Chapter 11:25-27**

**QUESTIONS**

7. What does Jesus teach about the "day" which God has given us? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Did Martha & Mary BOTH believe in a coming resurrection as some earlier Jews had done? See Psalm 16:9-11, Psalm 73:23-24, Job 19:25-27.

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9. What should be our attitude if God seems to delay in answering our prayers?

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**POINT TO PONDER:** Is the new life, which I have in Christ, so apparent that others marvel when they see it? John 12:9-11