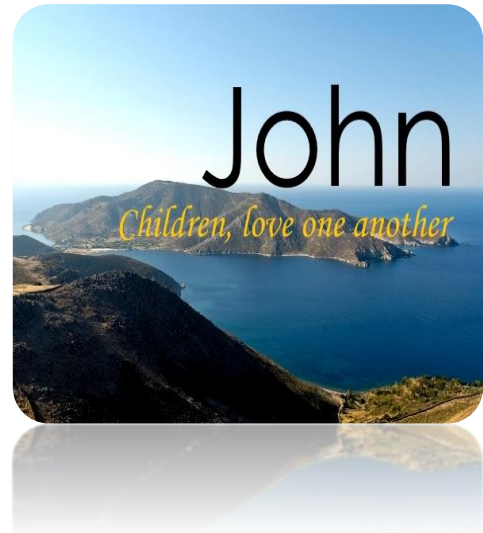


# JOHN 12 vs 1

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In this chapter, John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, one of the original followers of the Lord; **an eye-witness to Jesus Christ:** John tells us that Jesus worked no more healing miracles after raising Lazarus from the dead; and John next writes that they sat with the Bethany household, prior to the Passover that year. And as Dr. Edersheim of Oxford University said, it is not how we would tell a miraculous fable, so unembellished and matter-of-fact.



**<sup>1</sup> So Jesus, six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had been dead, whom He raised from the dead.**

**<sup>2</sup> There they made Him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him.**

**<sup>3</sup> Then Mary took a pound of costly perfume, pure spikenard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.**

**<sup>4</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, one of His disciples who would betray him, said,**

**<sup>5</sup> Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred pence (300 days wages; which is almost a year of wages), and given to the poor?**

**<sup>6</sup> This he said, **not because he cared for the poor;** but because he was a thief / Oh! I thought John was going to say because he was a congressional politician, and had the bag, and carried what was put in it.**

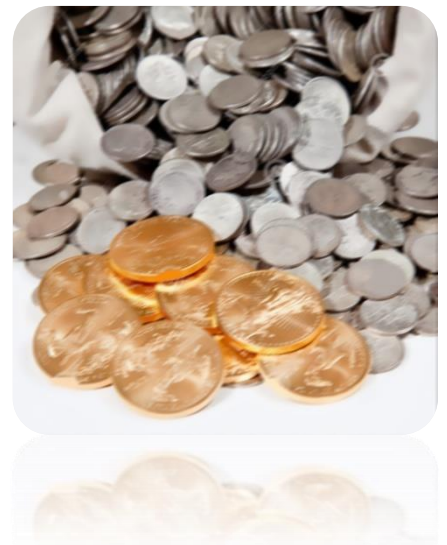
**<sup>7</sup> Then Jesus said, Let her alone: that she may keep it for the day of my burial.**

**<sup>8</sup> For the poor you will always have with you; but you will not always have Me.**

**<sup>9</sup> So when a massive crowd of Jews learned that He was there: and they came, not only because of Jesus, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.**

**<sup>10</sup> But the chief priests deliberated that they might also put Lazarus to death;**

**<sup>11</sup> because on account of him many of the Jews were going away, and believed in Jesus.**



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<sup>12</sup> On the next day the great multitude who came to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

<sup>13</sup> took branches of palm trees, and went to meet Him, and cried, **Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel who comes in the name of the Lord.**



<sup>14</sup> And Jesus, finding a young ass, sat on it; as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, **your King comes, riding on a colt of an ass** / fulfilling one of Zechariah's many prophecies.

<sup>16</sup> These things His disciples did not understand at first: but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

<sup>17</sup> And so the multitude who were with Him when He called Lazarus from His grave, and raised him from the dead, were bearing witness.

<sup>18</sup> For this cause the multitude also went and met Him, for they heard that He had done this miracle.

<sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, Do you perceive you are doing no good? / they sound like the envious hocus pocus people, don't they? behold, the world has gone after Him.

<sup>20</sup> Now there were certain Greeks among them who were going up to worship at the feast:

<sup>21</sup> so, these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, Sir, we would like to see Jesus.

<sup>22</sup> Philip came and told Andrew: Andrew and Philip came, and told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come, for the Son of Man to be glorified.

<sup>24</sup> Amen! Amen! I say to you, except a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains by itself alone: but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

<sup>25</sup> The one who loves his life will lose it; and the one who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.

<sup>26</sup> If anyone serves Me, let him join Me; that where I am, there will My servant be also: if anyone serves Me, My Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup> Now My soul has become troubled; and what will I say, **Father, save Me from this hour?** But for this purpose I came to this hour.

<sup>28</sup> **Father, glorify Your Name.** Then a voice from heaven came, saying,

**I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.**

<sup>29</sup> The multitude therefore, who stood by and heard it, were saying that it had thundered: others said, An angel spoke to Him / obviously the people heard something; but were they distracted or paying attention?

<sup>30</sup> Jesus answered and said, This Voice did not come for My sake, but for your sakes.

<sup>31</sup> Now judgment is on this world: **now the ruler of this world will be thrown out.**

<sup>32</sup> And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.

<sup>33</sup> This He said, indicating the kind of death He would die.

<sup>34</sup> The multitude answered Him, We have heard from the law that Christ remains forever: and how can You say, The Son of Man must be lifted up? who is this Son of Man?

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus said to them, Yet a little while the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you: for he who walks in darkness knows not where he goes.

<sup>36</sup> While you have light, believe in the light, that you may be children of light. These things spoke Jesus, and departed, and hid Himself from them / and was this early in the celebration?

<sup>37</sup> But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they did not believe in Him:

<sup>38</sup> that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, Lord, who has believed our report? and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>39</sup> Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again,

<sup>40</sup> He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them / and why does He do that? Well put to rest, that God sits in heaven thinking up nasty things to do to stupid people here on earth. He enjoys His creation; and has better things to do. If they will not go to the Physician of our soul, to obtain the cure; He simply lets them go their own way to do their own will (He values freedom; especially love freely given); but if He is the light of the world, then every step made that is away from Him, is always into more and more darkness; blindness and sclerosis of the heart.

<sup>41</sup> These things said Isaiah, when he saw His glory, and spoke of Him.

<sup>42</sup> Yet many among the chief rulers also believed in Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess, lest they be put out of the synagogue:

<sup>43</sup> **For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.**

And then later, as the joyous day of the Temple procession to Jerusalem had come to an end, leading to the holy week of Passover; Dr. Edersheim of Oxford University said, perhaps when the last glorious Hallel had been sung followed by a moment of silence; suddenly...

<sup>44</sup> Jesus shouted and said,

**He who believes in Me, believes not in Me, but in Him who sent Me.**

<sup>45</sup> And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

<sup>46</sup> I come as light in the world, that whoever believes on Me should not remain in darkness.

<sup>47</sup> And if anyone hears My words, and does not believe, I do not judge him: for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world / Wow! How different He is from most religious people.

<sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not welcome My words, has One who will judge him: the word I spoke, the same will judge him on the last day.

<sup>49</sup> For I did not speak on My own; but the Father who sent Me, commanded Me, what to say, and what to proclaim.

<sup>50</sup> And I know that His command is life eternal: so what I speak, is as the Father told me.

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