

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1) 05 Mar 2023	John 12:1-19	Why Wasn't This Sold?
2) 12 Mar	John 12:20-50	If It Dies
3) 19 Mar	John 13:1-38	I Will Come Again
4) 26 Mar	John 14:1-31	Peace I Leave
5) 02 Apr	John 15:1-17	Remain in Me
6) 09 Apr	John 20:1-18	I Have Seen
7) 16 Apr	John 15:18-27; 16:1-33	When the Spirit Comes
8) 23 Apr	John 17:1-26	I Pray
9) 30 Apr	John 18:1-27	I Am He
10) 07 May	John 18:28-40	I Find No Fault
11) 14 May	John 19:1-42	If Is Finished
12) 21 May	John 20:19-31	Reach out Your Hand
13) 28 May	John 21:1-25	Do You Love Me?

**INTRODUCTION**

- The previous 11 chapters covered the entire 3-year ministry of the Lord. The next 10 chapters deal with the final week, which address Jesus instructing His disciples, leaving them with numerous promises including them doing greater works than Him, of the Holy Spirit's soon coming, of abundant life, and of abiding peace
- In the first 12 verses of this chapter, Jesus gets His feet washed; He strolls into Jerusalem seated on a donkey to fulfill Scripture; many testify of His supernatural miracles (i.e., raising of Lazarus) causing many to follow Him; yet most spiritual & political leaders are against Him

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both these women "got it" – they knew who Jesus really was</li> <li>Simon the Pharisee and Judas "missed it" – WHY?</li> </ul>					
Was Judas Saved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus even prayed all night before selecting Judas as one of the specifically chosen 12 Apostles</li> <li>Judas saw the Messiah in action</li> <li>Judas witnessed tremendous miracles by Jesus</li> <li>Judas worked healings along with the other Apostles</li> <li>He was an Apostle in good standing as he had the seat of honor sitting next to Jesus at the Last Supper and receiving the sop</li> <li>...so if anyone was saved, Judas had to be – right?</li> </ul> <p><b>Circumstantial Evidence for Judas Being Saved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus called Judas, "Friend".....<b>Mat 26:50</b></li> <li>Judas seemed remorseful..... <b>Mat 27:3-5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He threw away the 30 pieces of silver he received</li> <li>He hanged himself he was so despondent</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Evidence for Judas NOT Being Saved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yet, preaching, working miracles, knowing about Jesus, &amp; having dinner w/ Him does not save.....<b>Mat 7:23</b></li> <li>Being remorseful is not being repentant</li> <li>Judas was full of himself (not humbled)...<b>Luke 14:26-27</b></li> </ul> <p><b>...and Passages Referring to Judas' Lost Condition</b></p> <p><b>Ps 41:9.</b> Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.</p> <p><b>Ps 55:12-14.</b> ... I once enjoyed sweet fellowship with you as we walked into the House of God together.</p> <p><b>John 13:18.</b> I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture: He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'</p>				

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	<p><b>John 17:12.</b> While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those whom you gave me I have kept, and <b>none of them is lost, but the son of perdition</b>; that the scripture might be fulfilled.</p> <p><b>Acts 1:17.</b> Judas was one of our number and shared in this ministry. With the reward he got for his wickedness</p> <p><b>Conclusion of the Matter:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In all probability, Judas was not saved based on what is noted in Scripture (e.g., <b>John 17:12</b>)</li> <li><b>BUT</b> could he have been saved? Absolutely YES, if he had humbly repented &amp; accepted Christ as his Lord</li> </ul>
John 12:9-11	<p><b>Many Chose to Believe by Sight</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vv9,11. Another large crowd gathered, and many believed on Jesus after hearing about Lazarus' resurrection</li> <li>Recall <b>John 11:45</b> where many believed after witnessing Lazarus' resurrection .....also cf <b>John 7:31</b></li> <li>Do we need miracles to turn hearts toward God?</li> <li>Supernatural miracles definitely had a purpose to turn heads and hearts toward Christ – but in the end, people believe what they want to believe ..... <b>Luke 16:31</b></li> <li>Recall the Samaritans who believed in Christ after they heard Him and not after they saw something. Whose faith would be stronger? ..... <b>John 4:39-41</b></li> </ul>
12:12-19	<p><b>The Crowds Fulfill Prophecy &amp; Pay Homage to Christ</b></p> <p>v19. The Message Bible has an interesting perspective:  <i>"The Pharisees took one look and threw up their hands: "It's out of control. The world's in a stampede after him."</i>                      – How do we show homage to Christ today?</p>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- What are our true motives in accepting, serving, and honoring God?
  - To acquire earthly blessings (e.g., health, wealth, good looks)
  - To gain Christ (**Php 3:8**)
  - To gain souls (**1Cor 9:20-21**)
  - To acquire godliness with contentment (**1Tim 6:6**)
  - To be blessed with every spiritual blessing (**Eph 1:3**)
  - To gain Christ's surpassing riches in heavenly places (**Eph 2:6-7**)
  - Other motives?

**NEXT WEEK: John 12:20-50.** We are introduced to a tough paradox in Scripture – We must hate life to gain life; and we must also address how and why God prevents people from believing – Do people harden their hearts against God first, or does God harden peoples' hearts first?



"Since we came out of the closet & publicly showed our faith in Jesus, and we buried Him, what do we do now, Nicodemus?"