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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

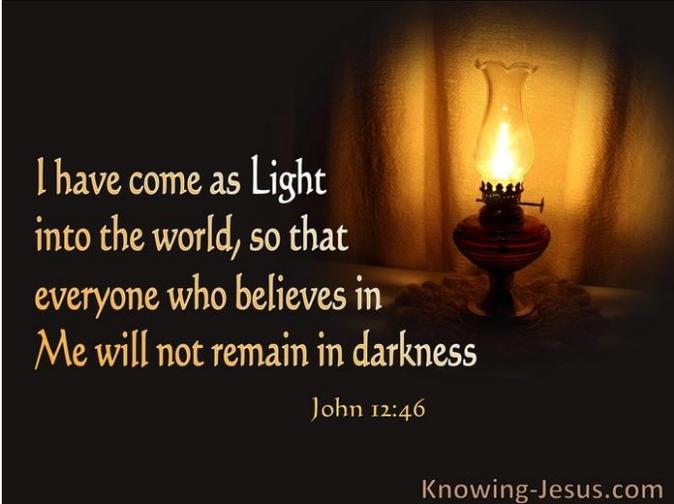
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

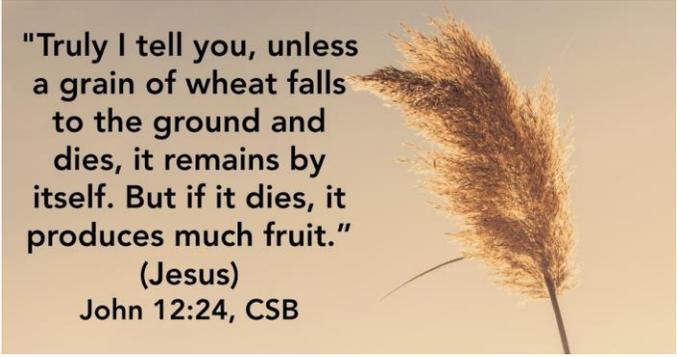


I have come as Light
into the world, so that
everyone who believes in
Me will not remain in darkness

John 12:46

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John 12 contains a couple important accounts of Jesus. First, we see Mary using a very expensive amount of oil to anoint Jesus. Jesus defends her action, even saying it is better than using it for the poor. Following this we see John's account of the triumphal entry. A large crowd of people come to cheer for Jesus as He enters the city. They call out to Him as King but probably don't understand the full meaning of what they are saying. Join us this week as we celebrate the Jesus as King and seek to understand what it means to follow Him.



"Truly I tell you, unless
a grain of wheat falls
to the ground and
dies, it remains by
itself. But if it dies, it
produces much fruit."

(Jesus)

John 12:24, CSB

Jesus' Anointing

12 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom he had raised from the dead. **2** So they prepared a dinner for Jesus there. Martha was serving, and Lazarus was among those present at the table with him. **3** Then Mary took three quarters of a pound of expensive aromatic oil from pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus. She then wiped his feet dry with her hair. (Now the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfumed oil.) **4** But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was going to betray him) said, **5** "Why wasn't this oil sold for 300 silver coins and the money given to the poor?" **6** (Now Judas said this not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief. As keeper of the money box, he used to steal what was put into it.) **7** So Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She has kept it for the day of my burial. **8** For you will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me!"

9 Now a large crowd of Judeans learned that Jesus was there, and so they came not only because of him but also to see Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead. **10** So the chief priests planned to kill Lazarus too, **11** for on account of him many of the Jewish people from Jerusalem were going away and believing in Jesus.

The Triumphal Entry

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. **13** So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him. They began to shout, "**Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!** Blessed is the king of Israel!" **14** Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, **15** "**Do not be afraid, people of Zion; look, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt!**" **16** (His disciples did not understand these things when they first happened, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him and that these things had happened to him.)

17 So the crowd who had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead were continuing to testify about it. **18** Because they had heard that Jesus had performed this miraculous sign, the crowd went out to meet him. **19** Thus the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you can do nothing. Look, the world has run off after him!"

Seekers

20 Now some Greeks were among those who had gone up to worship at the feast. **21** So these approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and requested, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." **22** Philip went and told Andrew, and they both went and told Jesus. **23** Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** I tell you the solemn truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces much grain. **25** The one who loves his life destroys it, and the one who hates his life in this world guards it for eternal life. **26** If anyone wants to serve me, he must follow me, and where I am, my servant will be too. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ "Now my soul is greatly distressed. And what should I say? 'Father, deliver me from this hour'? No, but for this very reason I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard the voice said that it had thundered. Others said that an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice has not come for my benefit but for yours. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ (Now he said this to indicate clearly what kind of death he was going to die.)

³⁴ Then the crowd responded, "We have heard from the law that *the Christ will remain forever*. How can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ Jesus replied, "The light is with you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he went away and hid himself from them.

The Outcome of Jesus' Public Ministry Foretold

³⁷ Although Jesus had performed so many miraculous signs before them, they still refused to believe in him, ³⁸ so that the word of the prophet Isaiah would be fulfilled. He said, "***Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?***" ³⁹ For this reason they could not believe, because again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰ "***He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
so that they would not see with their eyes
and understand with their heart,
and turn to me, and I would heal them.***"

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw Christ's glory, and spoke about him.

⁴² Nevertheless, even among the rulers many believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they would not confess Jesus to be the Christ, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue. ⁴³ For they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

Jesus' Final Public Words

⁴⁴ But Jesus shouted out, "The one who believes in me does not believe in me, but in the one who sent me, ⁴⁵ and the one who sees me sees the one who sent me. ⁴⁶ I have come as a light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness. ⁴⁷ If anyone hears my words and does not obey them, I do not judge him. For I have not come to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸ The one who rejects me and does not accept my words has a judge; the word I have spoken will judge him at the last day. ⁴⁹ For I have not spoken from my own authority, but the Father himself who sent me has commanded me what I should say and what I should speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is eternal life. Thus the things I say, I say just as the Father has told me."

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

1. Why do you think Jesus allowed Judas to steal from the money box?
2. Why do you think Mary used so much oil on Jesus?
3. How do you think the chief priests justified to themselves that they should kill Lazarus?
4. Why was there such a big crowd at the triumphal entry?
5. Explain the meaning of the illustration in verse 24.
6. Who refused to believe in Jesus and why?
7. According to verse 47, why did Jesus come into the world?

