



The Gospel According to John

Lesson 24: [John 12:12-50](#)

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1. Preparation: Read [Matthew 21:1-9](#), [Mark 11:1-10](#) and [Luke 19:29-38](#). Pray. Write out and memorize [John 12:46](#).
2. Study: [John 12:12-50](#). Read [Köstenberger, Encountering John](#), Chapter 11, pages 120-125.
 - a. **Observation:** What do the Scripture passages say?
 - (1) **Where** was Jesus the prior evening and **why**? ([John 12:1-11](#))
 - (2) **Why** was the “great multitude” in Jerusalem at this time?
 - (3) **How** did the “great multitude” greet Jesus as he entered Jerusalem?
 - (4) **What** did “Hosanna” mean?
 - (5) **How** did the “great multitude” hear about Jesus and his arrival in Jerusalem?
 - (6) The Pharisees had been trying to discredit Jesus and turn the people away from Him. **What** was their conclusion about the effectiveness of their “smear campaign” against Jesus?
 - (7) **Why** were there some Greeks in Jerusalem at this time?
 - (8) Did Jesus meet with the Greeks? **Why** or **why not**?
 - (9) **How** did Jesus’ comment about time (“hour”) differ from his previous references to time? ([John 2:4, 7:6, 7:8, 7:30, 8:20](#)) What did Jesus mean by this and His analogy about the grain of wheat?
 - (10) **Why** couldn’t the people hear the voice of God (the Father) when spoke to Jesus (God the Son)? ([John 10:26-27](#))
 - (11) **What** do you have to do if you want to serve Jesus? **What** does this mean?
 - (12) **Why** was Jesus’ soul troubled? **What** was His ultimate purpose? ([Mark 8:31](#))

(13) Some Jews came to believe in Jesus. **Why** didn't they confess their faith publically?

b. **Interpretation:** What does the Scripture passage mean?

(1) **Why** did Jesus choose to ride into Jerusalem this time instead of walking like he usually did and **why** did He choose to ride on a donkey instead of some other animal? (**Zechariah 9:9**)

(2) **What** did Jesus mean by **John 12:25**? (**Mark 8:35**)

(3) Does God "follow and support" our ministry efforts or is it the other way around? **What** are the implications for how you serve God?

(4) **What** did Jesus mean with His statement in **John 12:32**? (**Romans 5:18**) Does this mean that everyone goes to heaven automatically?

(5) Jesus spoke frequently and clearly about who He is and performed many miraculous signs to substantiate His claims. **Why** didn't most of the people believe Him? (**Isaiah 6:8-10**, **Matthew 13:10-17**)

(6) **What** are the implications of Jesus' statements in **John 12:35-36**?

(7) **What** are the implications of Jesus' statements in **John 12:44-46, 49-50**?

(8) **What** are the implications of Jesus' statements in **John 12:47-48**?

c. **Application:** How will you apply this Scripture passage in your life?

(1) **How** have you tried to apply **John 12:25** in your life in the past?

(2) **How** will you apply **John 12:25** in your life in the future?

(3) **How** will you apply **John 12:26** in your life in the future?

(4) Will **John 12:39-40** change your approach to sharing the Gospel with others? If so, **how**?

3. Write out **John 12:46** from memory.

4. Read **Matthew 16:24-27**. Conclude your study time with prayer.