

Reading: John 12:1-19

### **Review:**

- Purpose of John's Gospel: That you believe (place your trust) in Jesus (John 20:30-31)
- First half of the book: signs which justify our faith in Jesus
- Second half: final teaching and passion story
- Opposition to Jesus at an all time high by chapter 12 because of Lazarus' resurrection (11:53)
- Before chapter 12 Jesus had withdrawn from public ministry near Jerusalem (11:54)

## **2 Movements of the Story**

### **1. Jesus' Anointing (1-11)**

- Verses 1-2: Jesus knowingly endangers Himself by going public
- Verse 3: Mary anoints Jesus
- Mary's faith is an example to follow ((Matthew 26:13; Mark 14:9)
- Mary's faith is an example of not only what Jesus deserves but what he will receive.
- Cite: Philippians 2:10; Revelation 7:9-10
- Verse 4: Judas masks his greed with criticism
- Judas is an example of how the world looks cynically on devotion and worship.
- Verses 9-11: a reminder that sin makes us irrational fools.
- Verses 7-8: remind us that Jesus vindicates our worship

### **2. The Triumphal Entry (12-19)**

- Verse 9-11: A crowd from Jerusalem had sought Jesus and Lazarus.
- Verse 12: This same crowd now leaves Jerusalem again to meet Jesus on his way.
- Verses 13: The crowd praises Jesus as the Messianic King
- Cite: Psalm 118:25-26
- Verses 14-15: Jesus accepts this praise and assumes this role by choosing to enter Jerusalem on a donkey
- Cite: Zechariah 9:9
- Cite Psalm 118:22-24
- Verse 16: the disciples don't understand this completely at first, but they do now.

### **Applications:**

1. Today is the day to understand (that is, believe)
2. Nothing we do for the Lord is ordinary

Cite: 1 Corinthians 10:31

3. There are many ways to serve the Lord

4. Real faith cannot stay private