

Adult Bible Fellowship Sunday 13 April, 2025
“The Journey to Passover/Easter 2025” #6
“Bethany Dinner / Palm Sunday / Passion week”



John 12:1-11 “...a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor... perfume poured on Jesus’ feet... the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well...”

- What does this dinner tell us about the relationship between Mary, Martha, Lazarus & Jesus?
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- What is the significance of Mary pouring this ‘nard’ on Jesus’ feet & wiping with her hair?
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- What does Judas’ objection tell us about the ‘condition of his soul’? (Pastor Ron’s question)
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- What are the implications, for everyone at the dinner, of Jesus’ response to Judas’ objection?
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- Why would the religious leaders (chief priests) plan to kill Lazarus as well as Jesus? Why is this happening, in some places in the world, TODAY for the very same reasons?
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Matthew 21:1-11 / John 12:12-19 / Luke 19:28-44 “the Triumphal parade”

- What is the significance of Jesus sending two disciples to fetch a donkey with such clear instructions? Why a ‘donkey’? _____
 - WHO are the ‘very large crowd’ and why would they spread their clothes before the donkey and wave branches? _____
 - What is the significance of WHAT the crowd shouted? “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!” _____
 - (Luke 19:41-44) WHY did Jesus WEEP as He approached Jerusalem that day?
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Matthew 21:12-17 Jesus clears the Temple of those defiling it

- Why would Jesus turn ‘violent’ and disrupt the money-exchange & sacrificial animal sales?
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John 12:20-36 Jesus predicts His death for a fourth time // a voice of God, again?

- Why the mention of “Greeks” seeking an audience with Jesus? (John 7:35)
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- What’s the significance of Jesus talking of a kernel of wheat dying in the ground & multiplying?
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- How is the Garden of Gethsemane agony of Jesus starting several days before in John 12:27?
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- John. 12:28-33 What is happening and how does it form the framework of this ‘passion week’?
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3/09/25 Matthew 16:13-20

- Caesarea Philippi and Jesus’ question: “*Who do people say the Son of Man is?*”
- Peter’s response: “*You are the Christ (Messiah). The Son of the living God!*”
- Jesus’ declaration: “*Upon this rock (petra) I will build My Church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.*” Jesus’ declaration it is the TRUTH of His identity that forms the basis of the Gospel & the foundation of Jesus building HIS ‘Church’.

3/16/23 Matthew 16:21-28

- Jesus’ first prediction of His Jerusalem suffering at the hands of Religious & Civic leaders / His death & resurrection!
- Peter’s rebuke of Jesus & Jesus’ counter challenge of Peter
- Jesus’ explanation of what is required for someone to be HIS disciple in real life

3/23/25 Matthew 17:1-13

- The Transfiguration of Jesus! Appearance of Moses & Elijah in ‘heavenly bodies’.
- The entire experience being a partial fulfillment of Matthew 16:28.
- God’s voice from heaven confirming Jesus is the Son of God...Listen to Him!
- Jesus’ second prediction of His resurrection
- Jesus’ declaration that John the Baptist is the fulfillment of the closing prophecy of the Old Testament (Malachi 4:5,6)

3/30/25 Mark 9:14-29 (Matthew 17:14-19)

- Demonstration of the demonic spirit oppression of a young man over a long period
- Jesus’ deliverance of that young man from the dark kingdom stronghold on him
- Jesus’ prioritization of FAITH if participation with God in miracles
- Proof of Jesus’ authority & power over Satan’s dark kingdom of opposition to God

4/06/25 John 11

- Jesus’ intentional delay in love, when He heard of Lazarus illness, for God’s glory?!
- Jesus’ famous statement ‘I am the resurrection and the life...’!
- Jesus’ wept and then Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead proving His power over death
- Jewish leaders determined to eliminate Jesus, strategize a plan!
- Jesus’ departure to a remote place to make final preparations for Passover/Easter

4/13/25 John 12:1-36 / Matthew 21:1-17 // Luke 19:28-48

- Dinner in Bethany honoring Jesus; burial perfume; Judas’ hard heart evident
- Triumphal parade for Jesus on Mount of Olives
- Jesus weeps over Jerusalem’s refusal to see Him as Messiah
- Jesus clears the defilement of His ‘house of prayer’, Temple
- Greeks seek an audience with Jesus, a voice from heaven, a fourth prediction of death