

# John 12

Those that believe do not fully comprehend.  
He raised Lazarus that they might believe.

Not that those who didn't believe would believe.  
But that those that did, would more fully.

Those that didn't believe still did not.  
Those that served man and mammon rather than God would not believe, though one rose from the dead.

There were some things he wanted them to understand before he leaves.

## Verse 1-6

**John 12:1** Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.  
2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.  
3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.  
4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,  
5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?  
6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

Covetous.  
Jesus told them before that one of them was a devil.  
He heard the word, and was content to show in the branches.

## Verse 7-8

**John 12:7** Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.  
8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

He's told them he is going away.  
They can help the poor at any time, but right now a unique event is about to occur.  
As he's told them, his Father has given him some very specific works to do.

## Verse 9-11

**John 12:9** Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.  
10 But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;  
11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

Absurdity.  
Jesus can just raise him again.

The Jews “went away”.

## Verse 12-16

**John 12:12** On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,  
13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,  
15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.  
16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

Again he confirms who he is. Fulfills these scriptures of the Christ.  
But even the disciples didn't fully understand it, until later.  
“Ye shall know [after his death] the truth”

## Verse 17-19

**John 12:17** The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.  
18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.  
19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

They wanted to kill Jesus.  
But the people give him an escort.

Because they heard of the miracle he had done.  
They didn't see it, but they heard of it. And when they heard, many believed.  
This was the final great miracle that he did, that the Son might be glorified. That they might understand and believe.

## Verse 20-22

**John 12:20** And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:  
21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.  
22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

Remember, Philip is a Greek name.

## Verse 23

**John 12:23** And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

He raised Lazarus, that he might be glorified.  
But there is an ultimate work, that will result in him being glorified.

Greek proselytes wanted to come and see him, and this is his response.

## Verse 24

**John 12:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He's been telling them that he's going away.  
He's going to die, that fruit might be brought forth.  
That they might know the truth, and the truth set them free.

He's not always going to be here to be seen.

## Verse 25

**John 12:25** He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

Of those that follow him, only those that hate their life in this dark world will receive life everlasting.  
Those that continue in his word.

Those that instead love this world, That follow the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

They will lose their life. They will die.

They're already in death, in condemnation.

It is only if they are looking for something more, looking to escape the darkness, and so continue in his word, that they will be his disciples indeed.

He is going to lay down his life, that we might also escape this life, and keep it unto life eternal.  
That our life might not be of this world, but of the Word.

## Verse 26

**John 12:26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

They will no longer be the servants of sin. But of the Son.  
And they will abide with him in the house of God forever.  
Because his Father, the owner of the house, will honor them.

Not only will they be the servants of God, but he will write them into the will, so that they, with Christ, will also receive of the inheritance.

**Proverbs 29:21** He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.

God has been delicately bringing up and teaching his servants, that now at length they might become his children.

And so the Son has come to declare that, and make the way.

## Verse 27-28

**John 12:27** Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

This is the hour he has come for, that the Son might be glorified.

“Thy name”, the Father. But the Son.

“I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

He has glorified it through Lazarus, but now he will glorify it again.

He’s spoken it from heaven.

## Verse 29-30

**John 12:29** The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

Just as the Son spoke for their sake’s when he glorified it before in Lazarus.

Now the Father speaks for their sake’s that it might be glorified again.

## Verse 31

**John 12:31** Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

How, if he is going to die?

He’s going to explain that later.

## Verse 32-33

**John 12:32** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

He’s told them that he’s going to be lifted up.

And that he has other sheep not of this fold, that he must gather together into it.

## Verse 34

**John 12:34** The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

Are you speaking of yourself?  
How can you die if you are the Christ?

**Psalms 45:6** Thy throne, O God, is **for ever** and **ever**: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath **anointed** thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Didn't even he himself say that "the Son abideth ever"?

**Daniel 9:24** Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the **Messiah** the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall **Messiah** be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Yes, Christ will abide for ever.

But not in darkness.

He is cut off now, but not for himself.

That he might return for the salvation of many, who are the children of light.

**Daniel 12:3** And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

## Verse 35-36

**John 12:35** Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

He says, "look, I told you, I'm leaving. I'm the light of the world. And you are in darkness. You need to believe on me if you want to stop walking in darkness, and instead have the light of life. Because you will have a new life, you will be reborn, as children of life. And then when I leave you won't be in darkness, you'll have the light within you."

Then he hides himself from them.

Some wanted to come and see him, but he hides from them.

Because seeing him is pointless.  
What they need is to believe on him, that they might be the children of light.

## Verse 37

**John 12:37** But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

The miracles didn't convince them.

## Verse 38

**John 12:38** That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

The arm of the LORD was revealed. But it did them no good. Just like their fathers, they will not believe signs and wonders.

They will not believe the report.

Many witnesses report. The prophets in the scriptures. John the baptist. The works. Christ himself. But who hath believed their report?

They must believe the word, or they won't believe the arm.

## Verse 39-40

**John 12:39** Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,  
40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

They are in darkness. They are blind.

They must hear. They cannot see. The arm of the LORD cannot truly be revealed to them.

And so when it was revealed in the miracles, yet they could not see it.

They could not see with their eyes and understand with their heart, and be healed. Have their eyes opened.

They must hear. And if they will not hear, if they will not believe the report, then they cannot believe.

## Verse 41

**John 12:41** These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

Isaiah was in darkness.

But God showed him the light, that he might be a prophet to his people.

He saw his glory, and spake of him.

But they could not see, because God had blinded their eyes. They had to but hear his report.

And they would not.

And still they will not.

## Verse 42-43

**John 12:42** Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:  
43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Nicodemus was a chief ruler.

They loved their religion more than the kingdom of God.

Were they really believing?  
Maybe, but they were mixed up in their priorities.

## Verse 44

**John 12:44** Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

This is the last message Jesus preached before his death.

Many didn't believe, but he speaks to those that did.

Believing on him is believing on God, not believing on him, is not believing on God.  
He's said that before.  
(set to his seal that God is true)

## Verse 45

**John 12:45** And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

He is God.  
Hebrews: the express image of his person.

## Verse 46

**John 12:46** I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

He's come to be a light.  
But the light is no good to someone who is shutting their eyes. to the blind.  
It is only those who hear, and believe, and who have their eyes opened, who will cease to abide in darkness.

## Verse 47

**John 12:47** And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

Not “see my works,” but “hear my words.”  
He expects his words to be the basis of belief.

He’s said before, he came not for condemnation.  
He’s come that they might believe, and be saved, and have light.

## Verse 48

**John 12:48** He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Jesus isn’t going to pick and choose who gets saved and who does not. Arbitrarily.  
He’s not going to judge those that have heard his words.

The word is.

If they rejected, and received them not, then the word will judge them.

The word said, “Jesus is the Son of God, he came to bring you light, and free you from sin, believe on him, and you will receive it.”

And if you said no, then by the judgment of the word, you wanted darkness rather than light. Sin rather than righteousness. Death rather than life.

And so that’s what you’ll get.

## Verse 49

**John 12:49** For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

He hasn’t spoken as a man. He’s spoken as the Son of God. The Son of the Father.

He is God, speaking the word of God, the commandment of God.

To reject it is to bring upon yourself the judgement of God.

## Verse 50

**John 12:50** And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

The word of God, his commandment, is life everlasting.

In the Word was life, and the life was the light of men.

This is why such an emphasis on the word.