



## **SECTION 7. JOHN 12- KNOW HIM... THE SIGN OF THE FATHER'S VOICE-**

### **INTRODUCTION**

When you read the Gospel of John, Jesus focuses our attention to God as Father, and help people to know Him who is invisible. In fact the Gospel of John has close to 100 such references. Jesus truly is the “Living Expression” of God as the Passion Translation portrays Him. (John 1:1)

Jesus has tried not to overly focus attention on His own Identity and calling... but it's becoming increasingly unavoidable, especially when miracles such as the Resurrection of Lazarus are taking place. The crowds are divided in their opinion about Him as a Messiah figure..,some want him as King, but the ruling council of the Jews are united in their commitment to the death of Jesus, as the only desirable outcome for such a disturbing prophetic voice

The ministry of Jesus must inevitably end in Jerusalem and He is soon to endure the most horrific of betrayals, arrests, imprisonments, beatings, torture and violent death on the Cross as though He is some kind of evil revolutionary. So He draws close to friends ...

### **1. BACK AT BETHANY AMONG FRIENDS**

A. Lazarus reclines, Martha serves, Mary worships -

**JOHN 12:1-2 NASB.**

Read and discuss

### **KEYPOINT**

Lazarus reclines...after all what in the world did he have left to worry about...This is ultimate freedom - to know that not even Death can separate him from the love of His friend and Saviour.

B. Jesus is anointed for burial... read and discuss- **JOHN 12:3-8 NASB.**

C. Don't forget The Power of a Testimony. Read and discuss - **JOHN 12:9-11 ; NASB**

D. Let's kill Lazarus...again...

**JOHN 12:9-11 NASB**

Read and discuss

But before the Passion comes Palm Sunday and :

2. Jesus' Triumphal Entry into the city of God.

**JOHN 12:12-16 NASB**

Read and discuss

### **KEYPOINT**

It's no coincidence that Mary has anointed Jesus for burial before He has such a huge crowd of fans applauding His return to Jerusalem. She does what virtually no one has done...she worships Him in advance of His resurrection and understands His grief and burial comes first. The phrase "Hosanna" literally means "Save Now! And it highlights the degree of Expectation that the whole nation was beginning to have about this Messiah. But their expectations of political change didn't align with Jesus calling as the Suffering servant that was also promised.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord...

### **3. ALL THE SIGNS POINT TO HIM**

**JOHN 12:17-19 NASB**

Read and discuss

Each sign that John records shows something different about Who Jesus really is. The sign of the Resurrection of Lazarus polarises an entire nation, and reminds people of the Promises of God. Every sign Jesus performs helps people to believe again.

### **4. THE SIGN OF THE VOICE FROM HEAVEN:**

**JOHN 12:12-33 NASB**

Read and discuss

This final public sign THE VOICE FROM HEAVEN before the public betrayal, trial and execution of Jesus was important because it conveys the human need that Jesus had for confirmation in advance of His suffering, and communication for the crowd around Him as to His true Identity.

In this scripture Jesus in three statements goes through an important process.

- He acknowledges His pain ( my soul is troubled ) He wonders if His Father might intervene
- Then he affirms His own calling and destiny "But for this purpose I came to this hour."
- His final statement to God is one of faith and surrender ...."Father glorify your name."
- It is then that the sign of the Voice from heaven is heard and Jesus fin