

Different Responses to Lazarus Being Raised – John 12:1-19

The extravagant worship of Mary, (verses 1-3).

The greedy caution of Judas, (verses 4-8).

The increasing excitement of the crowds, (verses 9-18).

The rising hostility of the religious leaders (verses 11 & 19).

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from today's passage?
2. Why is Mary's act of worship so extravagant? Can you think of any modern-day equivalents to Mary's actions?
3. What does Judas' complaint reveal about his heart and motives? How does Jesus respond to Judas? What can we learn from Jesus' words to Judas?
4. Why is it important that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the crowds waved palm branches and cried out "Hosanna"?
5. In verse 11 we see that the religious leaders are not only plotting Jesus' murder but also plotting the murder of Lazarus in order to cover up the evidence of Jesus' raising him from the dead. In doing this, they were clearly opposing the omnipotent hand of God? Why is such opposition to God so ridiculous? How can this serve as a warning for us?

Memory Verse: John 12:3

Passage to Look at for Next Week: John 12:20-50