

Bible Study February 11, 2026

Friday through Palm Sunday and Monday

John 12: 1-11 Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany Jesus came to Bethany six days before the Passover, which would begin the following Friday evening at Sunset. Jesus joined the group for dinner; the main meal celebrated later in the day towards evening. They reclined with their head towards the table with feet pointing away. While there, Mary takes a pound of pure nard, most likely imported from India at great expense. Matthew and Mark record this taking place later in the week and only on his head (Read Mark 14: 3-9 and Matthew 26: 6-13). The Roman custom was to pour the nard on the head. John records Mary pouring the nard on His feet. She then takes her hair and wipes his feet. Not only was this unusual, as a Jewish woman always kept her hair covered, but this was also the task assigned to servants or slaves.

The value of the nard was 300 denarii, a year's wage. The average yearly wage for an American is approximately \$60,000. Judas questions Jesus, "Why was this not sold and given to the poor?" He was not only about to betray Jesus, but he was already a thief. Jesus replied this was for His burial and that Mary would use it for His burial. Mary would be first at the tomb.

The chief priests discovered that Jesus was at the home of Lazarus. They not only wanted to arrest and kill Jesus, but they also wanted to kill Lazarus as many believed and were following Jesus.

John 12: 20-26 These people are non-Jewish "God-fearers", Gentiles who sought the living and true God. "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Jesus replied, "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the father will honor Him."

John 12: 27-36 The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up

This is one of three instances where God speaks and attests to His glory. The other two places are Mt. 3:17 and Mt. 17: 5 "This is My beloved Son, with whom I

am well pleased,” and “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

Jesus speaks to God, “Father, glorify Your Name,” and He replies, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again”. Many are so blind they think it thundered.

Jesus told the people, “When I am lifted up, from the earth, I will draw all people to Myself.”

Read John 12: 33-36

Read John 9: 4-5