

Encounters with Jesus

Jesus' Relationships in the Gospel of John

Lesson #10 – Bethany and the Triumphal Entry

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Introduction

1. Review action plans from last week.
2. Background

John 12:1 – 19

- 1 Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
- 2 So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him.
- 3 Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
- 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said,
- 5 “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?”
- 6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.
- 7 Therefore Jesus said, “Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial.
- 8 “For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.”
- 9 The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.
- 10 But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also;
- 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.
- 12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
- 13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* to shout, “Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.”
- 14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written,
- 15 “FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY’S COLT.”
- 16 These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.
- 17 So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify *about Him*.
- 18 For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.
- 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him.”

Observation

1. What people are identified in this passage?

2. What places are identified in this passage?

3. What timeframes are identified in this passage?

4. Other Observations

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Laws of Structure

- 1. Comparison** Showing how things are similar
- 2. Contrast** Showing how things are dissimilar
- 3. Repetition** *Identical* terms, phrases, clauses, etc. are repeated
- 4. Continuity** *Similar* terms, phrases, clauses, etc. are repeated
- 5. Continuation** Elaboration on an idea, term, etc.
- 6. Climax** Progression from lesser to greater toward some *high point* in the direction/flow of the text
- 7. Cruciality** An important idea, point, event which *changes* the direction/flow of the text
- 8. Interchange** Alternation of ideas, terms, etc. (A, B, A, B); Often used with Comparison/Contrast
- 9. Particularization/Generalization** From specific to general/From general to specific
- 10. Causation/Substantiation** From something's cause to its result/From result to cause
- 11. Instrumentation** Purpose, what is done and why; ends/means
- 12. Explanation/Analysis** Gives an event/idea and explains it
- 13. Preparation/Introduction** Helps the reader understand what is happening by setting it up (background, setting, context, etc.)
- 14. Summarization** Here is what happened/is going to happen; an abstract
- 15. Interrogation** Question/Answer or Problem/Situation
- 16. Harmony** Consistency between related things (Promise/Fulfillment; Disease/Cure)

Interpretation

1. What questions does this passage raise?
2. What forms of worship are exemplified in this passage? How and why are they resisted?
3. John's purpose is to lead us to believe that Jesus is the Word became flesh. How does belief factor into this passage? What does this passage teach us about belief?
4. What point do you think John is making in this passage?
5. Based on this passage, put yourself in the positions of Mary. Who is she? What is she like?

