



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 12:1-11 Scripture Handout New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(John 12:1) Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

(John 12:2) Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

(John 12:3) Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

(John 12:4) But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

(John 12:5) "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

(John 12:6) He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

(John 12:7) "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.

(John 12:8) You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

(John 12:9) Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

(John 12:10) So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well,

(John 12:11) for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?