



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 12:1-11 Scripture Handout New Revised Standard 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, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

(John 12:2) There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

(John 12:3) Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

(John 12:4) But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,

(John 12:5) "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

(John 12:6) (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

(John 12:7) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.

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

(John 12:9) When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

(John 12:10) So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well,

(John 12:11) since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

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?