



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 12:12-19

Lord Jesus, we praise, honor, and glorify You because You came into the world to suffer and die on a cross for us. We thank You for going to the Passover Festival as the Lamb of God, sent by Your Father as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Please fill us with the Holy Spirit and grant us courage to do our Father's will even as You did. Help us tell the truth of Your Word written as You lead us. Help us know when to walk away so we can teach another day, as You did. And help us know when we must testify to the truth regardless of the consequences, as You did. Help us become as willing as the first disciples to give our lives to tell others the good news about You. Please give us the courage and wisdom to always seek and do Your will. Lord Jesus, the crowds rightly called You the King of Israel, and we know now that You are the King of the universe. The crowds blessed You for coming in the name of the Lord, and we bless You for coming in the name of Your Father and our Father. Please help us live according to Your teachings and example with the help of the indwelling Holy Spirit so people will bless You and Your name for coming into the world to save believers from sin, the power of evil, and the designs of the devil. Lord Jesus, as we read the Bible and study Your teachings, we still do not understand everything and we long for a deeper, loving personal relationship with You. Please help us remember what we have learned from our study of the Bible as we face temptations, seek to share the good news with others, and draw closer to You as our Lord and Savior. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about "Praying Through the Bible" from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own "Prayer Through the Bible" using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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