

John 11-12

Ch 11

Theme – As a fulfillment of Mt 26:13/ Mk 14:9, Mary is described as the one who anointed the Lord Jesus; the one whom You love is sick (v3, note: sisters do not tell Lord what to do); final end of the sickness is not death, but the glory of God (1Peter 1:7- our suffering will glorify God); because the Lord loves Lazarus, Martha, & Mary, He stays two days before leaving for Bethany; disciples are concerned about returning to Jerusalem area; when with Jesus, BE BOLD!; death of Lazarus will result in a stronger faith for the disciples; let us go with Jesus, even if it means death (go Thomas!); Lazarus dead for 4 days by the Lord's arrival (means that Lazarus died on the day He was informed); Martha accuses the Lord, but believes in Him as well (the struggle is real); I AM the Resurrection & the Life (5th I AM Statement); Martha is confident in the Lord; Martha conveys to Mary that the "Teacher is calling for you" & Mary runs to Jesus & falls at His feet (Mary is always at the feet of Jesus- Lk 10:39, Jn 11:32, Jn 12:3); Mary accuses the Lord as well (both Martha & Mary strugglingly between belief, confusion, & pain); Jesus wept; Jesus commands the stone to be rolled away; Martha struggles to understand; Lord reminds her that if she believes, she will see the glory of God; Son prays out loud to the Father for the benefit of the people listening; 7th Miracle- "Lazarus, come forth" (v43); command to remove the graveclothes (example of discipleship); response of the people (some believe, some report to the Pharisees); council of religious leaders; Caiaphas advises that killing one man will spare the nation (unknowingly prophesies- Prov 16:1- answer of the tongue belongs to God & Ps 76:10- wrath of man will praise Him); Lord withdrawals from overt public ministry until the Triumphal Entry; people going to Passover speculate as to whether the Lord will attend the Feast; religious leaders give orders to seize Jesus if He is found

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Theme – On the Friday night before Passover, supper hosted for the Lord; Mary worships the Lord & the house is filled w/ the fragrance; Judas complains (only John tells us Judas was the agitator & stole from the financial resources); Lord defends & protects Mary; so many people are drawing to the Lord because of Lazarus, that the chief priests intend to kill Lazarus too; Triumphal Entry (each Gospel mentions the colt/ young donkey of Zechariah 9:9, so very important); mentioned again that people were drawing to Jesus because of Lazarus; Pharisees frustrated that they cant stop Jesus; Greeks wish to see Jesus; Philip brings the Greeks to Andrew and Philip & Andrew bring them to Jesus; Greeks seeking the Lord in Jerusalem at the Passover seems to be a mile marker for the Lord (“the hour has come”- v23, compare to statement to Mary in Jn 2:4); must lose your life to receive eternal life; to serve Jesus is to follow Him, be w/ Him, & be honored by His Father; Golden Prayer (“Father, glorify Thy name”- v28); Father honors the Son’s heart and speaks audibly; the Father speaking audibly was for the benefit of the people; time for judgment is here; the Lord will draw ALL people to Himself by His death on the cross; people struggle to understand that the Messiah was going to die; Jesus exhorts the people to walk in the light while they have the Light (remember, He is the Light of the World- Jn 8:12); Jesus withdraws (people have to choose); despite all the signs, some people wont choose to believe in Him; even their disbelief was foretold (Isa 53:1 & 6:10); some among the rulers of the Jews believe that Jesus is the Messiah, but not publicly because they seek the approval of man more than the approval of God (Jn 5:44); to believe/ see Jesus is to believe/ see the Father (remember Jn 10:30- the Father & Son are one); Lord wants to save the world, but if you reject His words, His words will judge you because they are the words that the Father wanted Him to say
