

## Reconciliation

John 12:1-19

Key Verse: 12:15

### 1. JESUS ANOINTED AT BETHANY

1. What is the time and place? How is this event connected with the raising of Lazarus? How did Martha serve Jesus? What did Mary do? Why—what were her motives? What does the extravagance of her action show?

2. How is Judas identified by the author? Why did he object to what Mary had done? Why do his words sound good to many people? According to the author, what were his real motives? What interpretation did Jesus give to her action? What did he teach? Why is it necessary to love Jesus first, before trying to help the poor—or anyone else?

3. How did Mary's act of love mirror Jesus' passion? Why had a large crowd gathered? How did this affect the chief priests? Why? What kind of men were these religious leaders?

### 2. JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM AS KING

4. Read verses 12-13. Where was Jesus going the next day? (What was his destination? [Mark 11:9-11]) What did this crowd do? What sparked them to do this? (9) What did the crowd say? What does "Hosanna" mean? (Ps 118:25-26) What does it mean that they called him "King of Israel"? What does "He who comes in the name of the Lord" mean? How deep was the crowd's understanding?

5. Look at verses 14-15. What did Jesus do? What was he teaching the crowd and his disciples about himself? (Zec 9:9,10) Why did he accept, indeed welcome, both Mary's outpouring of love, and the praise and adulation of the crowd at this time?

6. Read verse 16. When did the disciples realize the meaning of these things? Why? What does it mean to us, practically, that Jesus is King? What kind of king comes riding on a donkey's colt? Read verses 17-19. How did the miraculous sign of the raising of Lazarus affect people? What kind of faith did the crowds have? What did the Pharisees say? What did they mean? In what respect were their words prophetic?