John Lesson 33

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INTRODUCTION

- There are people who are religious who claim to love God, but when their doctrines are challenged, in fact, when they are opposed even by the truth, they get mad and they get angry.
- If in fact you're shown to be in error, would you be willing to say I was wrong and I'm willing to change, I'm willing to accept what is truth?
- They didn't deny that he worked a miracle. But they would not accept Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. It did not matter how many miracles he worked.

1 Mary Anoints Jesus: She Hath Done What She Could

John 12:1–8; Mark 14:8

- This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and had the bag.
- For the poor always ye have with you, but me ye have not always.
- It's true, you cannot buy your way into heaven, my beloved, but you can be so stingy that it'll prevent you from going to heaven.
- In Mark 14, verse 8, Jesus said, She hath done what she could.
- There should be that attitude with all who love the Lord, truly love him, that we would do what we could. There is no expense too great for the Lord.
- Yet she did it freely and generously. Because there was sincere devotion on the part of Mary.

2 Why Religious People Would Put Lazarus to Death

John 12:9–11; 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12; 1 Corinthians 1:10–13

- But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death. Because that by reason of him, many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus.
- The reason they wanted to put Lazarus to death was for that same reason that religious divisions exist today.
- The fact is that the Bible can be understood.
- These chief priests were not ready to accept the changes that would be brought about in their thought and in their practice.
- There should be no divisions religiously. We can have unity religiously.
- The man who keeps his mind open and his Bible open and will search the word of truth. And when he finds truth, no matter what changes it may make in his life, he'll make those changes.

3 The Triumphal Entry: Behold, Thy King Cometh

John 12:12–19; Zechariah 9:9

- Took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna, Blessed is the king of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.
- The main significant thing of all of these is that Jesus Christ was not afraid of the religious leaders.
- And also that he did so in fulfillment of prophecy. Jesus Christ fulfilled the scripture. Not a one was broken.
- Their words are Hosanna, which literally means save, we pray.
- Rather than believing themselves, they become jealous.

4 The Hour Is Come: Father, Glorify Thy Name

John 12:20–28; Philippians 2:5–11; Hebrews 5:8–9

- And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified.
- Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour. But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name.
- Jesus knew what was about to occur. He knew the agony that he was about to endure. Yet he willingly died.
- The reason Christ came was to do the will of the Father.
- But that wouldn't have saved you nor me, and it wouldn't have glorified the Father.
- He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What do you value most? Your life here and now? The things of the flesh, the things of this earth, or do you value most the things that are spiritual and that are eternal in their nature?**

MY NOTES