

Bible Study Questions

Worshiping the King

Focus

Jesus is the anointed King of God who is worthy of all our worship.

Read

[John 11:55-12:19](#)

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CCNYC teaching on John which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in John; the New Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

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Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. What fact about Lazarus does John repeatedly mention in this passage? Why do you think he keeps mentioning it?
2. What do we learn from this passage about who Jesus is?
3. Compare the ways the crowds and the Pharisees respond to Jesus. What's different and why?
4. How would you describe Mary's action towards Jesus?
5. Why is Jesus' statement in verses 7-8 a statement that only He could make? What does it teach us about who Jesus is and how we should respond to Him?
6. Sunday's sermon emphasized that biblical Christianity isn't just about 'bare belief in bare truth', but rather it involves the heart, will, affections, and mind, as seen in the worship that takes place in this passage. Does that describe your relationship with the Lord? How so? If no, how would you describe how you interact with the Lord?
7. How can we avoid the danger of emotionalism on the one hand and intellectualism on the other?
8. As you reflect on Mary's act of worship, does it make you uncomfortable? If so, why do you think that is?
9. What is your response to Jesus the King?

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Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
2. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
3. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?