

John 12

Sunday, March 23, 2025 8:00 AM

THE KING ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM

And I, when I am lifted up from the Earth, will draw all people to myself." (**John 12:32**)

Here, we can see the contrasts of differing reactions of love and hate, belief and rejection of Christ, leading up to the events of Jesus's arrest, trial, and crucifixion. John notes one of the few incidents that appears in all four gospels. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Why is this important? Because Jesus presented Himself to the nation as the Messiah and Son of God. Jesus entered the city on His own time, forcing the whole thing to happen on Passover day when the lambs were being sacrificed. It was God's perfect timing at the precise time foreordained from eternity when Jesus Christ presented Himself to die. (**MacArthur**)

Mary pours out her soul in worship in love and honor, controlled by her adoration for Jesus, her Lord. She wasn't supporting a program or ministry but gave generously to Jesus Christ alone. She did it sacrificially!

How can you demonstrate your love for Christ this week? In the supper described in the first part of the chapter, how did Mary's attitude and behavior contrast with Judas?

Lord, keep me from being too rigid or flexible in my thinking and learning. Please help me to see life relationally with my mind balanced by the truth.