

honest with Him and with ourselves and keep our feet clean.”

- v17 – see Jas 1:22-27
 - **Jas 1:25b Wuest**¹⁹ This man shall be prospered spiritually in his doing.
- v19 – From now on I am telling you before *it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He.*

13:21-30 – *Jesus' betrayal foretold and begun*

- Jesus predicts and Judas commences
- see Psa 41:9; Joh 6:64, 70
- **Wiersbe**²⁰ – “However, Judas did not commit suicide in order to fulfill biblical prophecy, for that would make God the author of his sin. Judas was responsible for his own decisions, and those decisions fulfilled God's Word.”

13:31-38 – *“Now is the Son of God glorified”*

- **Stern**²¹ – “Doesn't Leviticus 19:18 already say, 'Love your neighbor as yourself'? The difference is this: Leviticus says, 'as yourself'; Yeshua [Jesus] says, '**In the same way that I loved you,**' which presupposes that God's way of loving can be ours....God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This is how we can love as God loves; God makes it possible.”
- **Wiersbe**²² – “The instant Judas was gone, the atmosphere was cleared, and Jesus began to instruct His disciples and prepare them for His crucifixion and His ultimate return to Heaven. It is after Judas' departure that He instituted the Lord's Supper, something that Judas as an unbeliever certainly could not share. Judas was out in the night, controlled by the prince of darkness, Satan; Jesus was in the light, sharing love and truth with His beloved disciples. What a contrast!”

Love in John

Wiersbe²³ – “The word love is used only twelve times in John 1-12, but in John 13-21 it is used forty-four times!”

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23 (Wiersbe 349) on John 13.

Who is Jesus? – The Gospel of John

Chapter 12 take place the week prior to the final Passover week.

2:13	Passover	Mar/Apr	7:2	Tabernacles	Sep/Oct
5:1	Unspecified feast*	Fe/Ma/Ap	10:22	Dedication	Nov/Dec
6:4	Passover	Mar/Apr	12:1	Passover	Mar/Apr

*some think Purim but more likely Passover or Tabernacles due to repeated description by John (“feast of the Jews”) for them with preference given to Passover.

Chapter 12

12:1-8 – *Mary anoints Jesus*

Jesus is anointed twice

Person	Location	Reference ¹	Timing
harlot	Simon the Pharisee's home	Luk 3:36-50	Beginning
Mary	Simon the leper's home	Mat 26:6-13; Mar 14:3-9; Joh 12:1-8	End

- **BNTC**² – Jesus probably arrived on Friday and the dinner happened on Saturday evening, after the Sabbath was over.
- Whether intentional or not, Mary was anointing Jesus prior to his death as she would not be present at the tomb. (Mat 28:1-8; Mar 16:1-8; Luk 24:1-10; Joh 20:1-8)
- **Wiersbe**³ – “When she came to the feet of Jesus, Mary took the place of a slave. When she undid her hair (something Jewish women did not do in public), she humbled herself and laid her glory at His feet (see 1 Cor 11:15). Of course, she was misunderstood and criticized; but that is what usually happens when somebody gives his or her best to the Lord.”
- **IVPBBC**⁴ – “The 'pound' (NASB) or 'pint' (NIV) may have been about twelve ounces. A flask would normally contain not more than an ounce, so Mary is tremendously extravagant here.”
- **Stern**⁵ (v8, see Deu 15:11) – “While Yeshua's [Jesus] point is to call the attention of his *talmidim* [disciple] to the importance of his brief remaining time on earth, some, noting the stress Judaism puts on charity, have regarded his remark as callous and selfish. It is not, for two reasons: (1) Miryam's [Mary] timely act of love toward the Messiah is valued by God precisely for *unselfishness*, and (2) the marginal significance of the resources here withheld from the poor is negligible compare with their need and with the opportunities available to potential givers.”

12:9-11 – *Jesus and Lazarus sought*

- **BNTC**⁶ – This probably happened at the same time as Jesus' arrival.

1 (Wiersbe 338; Robertson)

2 (Hendriksen) on John 12:1.

3 (Wiersbe 339) on John 12.

4 (Walton et al.) on John 12:3.

5 (Stern 192) on John 12. (comments with [] added for clarification)

6 (Hendriksen) on John 12:1.

- **BBC**⁷ – “Because of Lazarus, many of the Jews ... believed in Jesus. Lazarus was therefore an enemy to the Jewish “establishment”, and he must be put out of the way. Those who bring others to the Lord are always made the target for persecution and even martyrdom.”
- **Wiersbe**⁸ – “If you will not accept the evidence, you must try to get rid of it.”

Wiersbe⁹ – three examples in verses 1-11

- Martha → *work* – she served the meal
- Mary → *worship* – anointing Jesus
- Lazarus → *witness* – many believed because of him
- “We should examine our own hearts and homes to ask whether we are bringing joy to His heart by our worship, work, and witness.”

12:12-19 – *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

- **BNTC**¹⁰ – Sunday prior to Passover
- Psa 118:26; Zec 9:9 – see also Isa 62:11; Rev 7:9
- Witnesses of Lazarus' resurrection went ahead to Jerusalem and many people came out to meet Jesus as He approached the city
- Pharisees are upset – “if we keep delaying the whole world will follow Him” – see 11:47-53

12:20-26 – *Jesus is sought by some Greeks*

- Greek-speaking Jews or God-fearing Greeks¹¹
- came to Philip (Greek name) → went to Andrew → both went to Jesus
- Jesus announces the time has come – *turning point in the gospel*

2:4 – not yet	8:20 – not yet	13:1 – hour has come
7:30 – not yet	12:23 – hour has come	17:1 – hour has come

- **Wiersbe**¹² – “The only way to have a fruitful life is to follow Jesus Christ in death, burial, and resurrection.... *Comfortable or Conformable*: that is the question. If we are looking for comfortable lives, then we will protect our plans and desires, save our lives, and never be planted. But if we yield our lives and let God plant us, we will never be alone but will have the joy of the being fruitful to the glory of God.” see Rom 8:29

12:27-36a – *Jesus foretells His death*

- Jesus has a human reaction – “My soul has become troubled”
- Prays to His Father – **But...** “glorify Your name”
- voice from heaven – Mat 3:17, 17:5; Mar 1:11, 9:7; Luk 3:22, 9:35; 2Pe 1:17
- **TSK**¹³ – **I have**: Joh 9:3, 11:4, 11:40-44
- **TSK** – **and will**: Joh 13:31-32; Isa 49:3-7; Eph 2:7, 3:10, 3:21; Phi 1:6-11; Rev 5:9-14

7 (MacDonald and Farstad) on John 12.

8 (Wiersbe 340) on John 12.

9 (Wiersbe 339-40) on John 12.

10 (Hendriksen) on John 12:1.

11 (Stern 192; Walton et al.) on John 12:20-22.

12 (Wiersbe 341-342) on John 12.

13 (Torrey)

- **TSK** – **but** (for your sakes): Joh 5:34, 11:15, 11:42; 2Co 8:9
- **Wiersbe**¹⁴ – “The light was shining and they had better take advantage of their opportunity to be saved!...By a simple step of faith, these people could have passed out of spiritual darkness and into the light of salvation.”

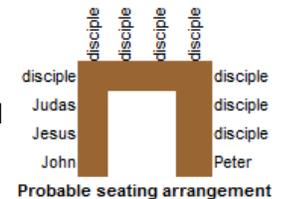
12:36b-50 – *Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled; Jesus teaches about receiving or rejecting Him and the One who sent Him*

- **Wiersbe**¹⁵ – “It is a serious thing to treat God's truth lightly, for a person could well miss his opportunity to be saved. 'Seek the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near' (Isa 55:6)....It is an awesome thought that the unbeliever will face at the judgment every bit of Scripture he has ever read or heard. The very Word that he rejects becomes his judge! Why? Because the written Word points to the Living Word, Jesus Christ (Joh 1:14)....Better to fear God and go to heaven than to fear men and go to hell!”

Chapter 13

13:1-4 – *Preparation for the Last Supper*¹⁶

- **IVPBBC**¹⁷ – “The couches would be arranged around tables containing the food, with the upper part of each person's body facing the food and their feet away from the table. Jesus would go to the outside of this circle to wash each person's feet....Yet losing sandals and personally washing someone else's feet was considered servile, most commonly the work of a servant or of very submissive wives or children (cf. also 1Sa 25:41)....By so serving, Jesus prefigures his death as the suffering servant of Isa 53:1-12 on behalf of the many. Unlike Greco-Roman society, Judaism stressed humility; but like other societies, it also upheld societal roles. Jesus overturns even positions of social status. Rabbi Judah ha-Nasi (about A.D. 220) was said to be so humble that he would do anything for others—except relinquish his superior position; seating according to rank was crucial. Jesus goes beyond even this.”



13:5-20 – *Jesus washes the disciples feet* – (see Exo 29:4; 30:18-21)

- *Bathing* → *Baptism* = sins washed away and forgiven (Act 2:38; 1Co 6:9-11; Tit 3:3-7; Rev 1:5); *washing feet* = confessing sins (Jas 1:27; 1Jo 1:8-10)
- **Wiersbe**¹⁸ – “However, as the believer walks in this world, it is easy to become defiled. He does not need to be bathed all over again; he simply needs to have the defilement cleansed away. God promises to cleanse us when we confess our sins to Him....It is a wonderful thing to deepen your fellowship with the Lord. The important thing is to be

14 (Wiersbe 343) on John 12.

15 (Wiersbe 343) on John 12.

16 (Edersheim 207-8, 490-512) & Various internet articles.

17 (Walton et al.) on John 13.

18 (Wiersbe 346) on John 13. (Stern) on John 13 also speaks of the priests as a foreshadow.