



John 1-11 focuses on the life, ministry, and miracles of Jesus. In those chapters we've seen Jesus call the disciples, Jesus feed thousands of people, and Jesus heal the blind and raise the dead, and the Jewish leaders are not happy. John 12 serves as a transitional chapter from the miracles of Jesus to the final week of Jesus' life on earth. In chapter 12, John focuses our attention on the coming King. We see Jesus anointed by Mary and praised by the crowd. It's evident that the good news of Jesus is spreading far and wide. Study these questions to see how your understanding of Jesus drives your worship of Jesus.

1. The Westminster Shorter Catechism says: "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever." When you think about worshiping God what is your go-to? In other words, what is your favorite way to worship God?
2. **Read John 12:1-3.** Our passage begins with a story of Mary anointing Jesus. Many scholars think this was in preparation for His upcoming burial. Thinking of her actions, what worldly possession would it be hard for you to give up for Jesus?
3. **Read John 12:4-6.** Take some time, as a group, to look at the difference in Mary's action and Judas' desires. Compare the way both people responded to Jesus and what they teach us about worshiping Jesus.
4. In the Gospel of John, we often find Mary at the feet of Jesus. **Read John 11:32.** Her understanding of Jesus drove her worship of Jesus. Neal taught us that the modern equivalent is reading our Bible. Where are you currently reading your Bible and how is that growing your walk with Jesus?
5. The crowd had an understanding of Jesus that surpassed their expectations; hence they chose to worship Jesus. **Read John 12:12-16.** What would it take for you to be interrupted, change your plans, and focus all your attention on worshipping Jesus?
6. **Read John 12:9-11.** We read that many of the Jews began to believe in Jesus because of the miracles that Jesus was accomplishing. Where have you seen Jesus show up and do a miracle in your life? How did that strengthen your faith?
7. **Read John 12:17-19.** The crowd continued sharing the good news of Jesus with those around them. Studies show that over half of Christians have never shared their faith. What holds you back from sharing your faith?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for a greater understanding of Jesus in your life.