

Last Chances

John 12:1-11

Do Not Let A Last Chance Pass You By

A. A Last Supper (12:1-2)

1. At the last week (12:1)

2. At the place of His last miracle (12:1)

3. With His last friends (12:2)

Revelation 3:20

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B. A Last Service (12:3-8)

- 1. The ointment of service (12:3)**
- 2. The offering of service (12:3) – All Mary Had
Luke 21:1-3**
- 3. The object of service (12:3) - Jesus
1 Peter 2:5**

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B. A Last Service (12:3-8) - continued

4. The objection to service (12:4-6)

a. By the one who would betray Jesus (v 4)

b. By the one who actually betrays himself (vv 5-6)

1). By his words (v 5)

Luke 6:45

2). By his works (v 7)

John 10:10

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B. A Last Service (12:3-8) - continued

5. The outlook (12:7-8)

a. The preparation of God's sacrifice (v 7)

b. The perspective for future service (v 8)

1 John 3:17

c. The permanence of this service

Mark 14:9

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C. A Last Chance (12:9-11)

- 1. The crowd (12:9)**
- 2. Their curiosity (12:9) – In Lazarus**
- 3. The considerations (12:10)**
 - a. Of the chief priests (v 10)**
 - b. Of the convinced (v 11)**

The Hour Is Come
John 12:12-36

The final days before the crucifixion.

I. The Prophetic Entry (12:12-19)

A. The particulars (12:12)

John 12:12

On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

1. The day (v 12)

I. The Prophetic Entry (12:12-19)

A. The particulars (12:12) - continued

2. The details

Luke 19:29-35

29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.

31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

I. The Prophetic Entry (12:12-19)

A. The particulars (12:12) - continued

2. The details

Luke 19:29-35 - continued

32 And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

34 And they said, The Lord hath need of him.

35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.

I. The Prophetic Entry (12:12-19)

B. The procession and proclamation (12:13)

John 12:13

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.

1. A royal picture

2. A regal praise

1. Hosanna = “Give salvation now”

2. Christ’s position acknowledged

Psalm 118:26

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

I. The Prophetic Entry (12:12-19)

C. The prophecy (12:14-15)

John 12:14-15

14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

I. The Prophetic Entry (12:12-19)

D. The Perceptions (12:16-19)

1. By the disciples (v 16)

John 12:16

These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

I. The Prophetic Entry (12:12-19)

D. The Perceptions (12:16-19) - continued

2. By the crowd (vv 17-18)

John 12:17-18

17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.

18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

I. The Prophetic Entry (12:12-19)

D. The Perceptions (12:16-19) - continued

3. By the Pharisees (12:19)

John 12:19

The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

II. To See Christ (12:20-26)

A. You must come to the right place (12:20)

John 12:20

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

B. You must commit to the effort (12:21-22)

John 12:21-22

21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

II. To See Christ (12:20-26)

C. You must consider the message of Christ (12:23-25)

1. The motive of Christ's life (vv 23-24)

John 12:23-24

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

2. The motive of your life (v 25)

John 12:25

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

II. To See Christ (12:20-26)

D. You must choose to follow Christ (12:26)

John 12:26

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

III. The Approaching Hour (12:27-36)

A. The anguish caused (12:27)

John 12:27

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.

III. The Approaching Hour (12:27-36)

B. The answers needed (12:28-33)

1. Of Christ's request (v 28)

John 12:28

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

2. Of God's response (vv 29-30)

John 12-29-30

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

III. The Approaching Hour (12:27-36)

B. The answers needed (12:28-33) - continued

3. Of God's judgment (vv 31-33)

John 12:31-33

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

III. The Approaching Hour (12:27-36)

B. The answers needed (12:28-33) - continued

3. Of God's judgment (vv 31-33)

a. Of sin (v 31)

b. Of Satan (v 31)

c. On the Savior (vv 32-33)

2 Corinthians 5:21

**For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin;
that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

III. The Approaching Hour (12:27-36)

C. The astonishment created (12:34)

John 12:34

The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

III. The Approaching Hour (12:27-36)

D. The admonition provided (12:35-36a)

John 12:35-36a

35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

E. The actions required (12:36b)

John 12:35b

These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

If You Knew Your Last Day Was This Week

What Would You Do?