



Have A Good Week!
Series: Gospel of John, #24
John 12:20-50
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Jesus enters Jerusalem the week after the triumphal entry.

1. Jesus' teaching on the necessity of His death. (20-36)
2. John's comments on unbelief. (37-43)
3. Jesus' teaching on the seriousness of belief and unbelief. (44-50)

Principles for us for every week.

1. Keep your mission and tasks in focus. (20-35, *and following*)
2. When difficult tasks or situations trouble you, don't look for an easy way out. (27-28)
3. Always respond to the light you have. (35-41, 44-46)
4. Do not count on full support or involvement from others. (42-43)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. This week has just started. How is it going so far? Even if it has been quite different than what you expected, it probably does not compare to the change on Monday for the crowds that welcomed Jesus on Psalm Sunday. Read 12:20-50 with this in mind. What may they have thought would make a *good week* for Jesus and themselves?

Tuesday. Jesus began His last public teaching by talking about the necessity of His death (12:20-36). Why do you think He did that? Read these verses and list the truths, principles and benefits of Jesus' death that you find here.

Wednesday. In 12:37-50 we find truth about belief and unbelief. Summarize John's comments (37-47) and then Jesus' words (44-50) in a few brief points. How do these points apply to others (believers and non-believers) and yourself?

Thursday. On Sunday we noted some principles for *every week*, for each day and situation we face. Refer to the outline and look at the first two today. Why is it important to always keep your mission in focus? When was the last time you looked for an easy way out of a situation related to your mission as a believer?

Friday. Today look at the last two principles for every week (check the outline). Why is it always important to respond to the light you have? Remember that your God-given passion and project is not everyone's, even if you think it should be. How do you keep a balance of challenging others without becoming a nuisance? How can you move ahead without the support of others you want without being discouraged?

Saturday. On Sunday we plan to explore finding happiness from 13:1-20. Read and think through this section as you prepare for our time together.