

The Hour Has Come... to Save the World

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!” (John 12:13)

Read John 12:1-11 This is the beginning of Jesus’ last week. We find Him at a dinner party given in His honor to thank Him for what He has done for them. In this space of gratitude we find all 5 of the Love Languages¹ displayed. See if you can find them.

Acts of Service	
Quality Time	
Gift Giving	
Physical Touch	
Words of Affirmation	

1. In what ways do you enjoy showing your love and gratitude to God?

2. In the cultural context of the day, Mary’s letting down of her hair was considered a great indignity, yet she gave it no thought in the midst of her extravagant worship. Similarly, David was chided for setting aside his dignity in his worship to God. What was David’s response (2 Samuel 6:20-22)? In what way does this challenge you?

Read John 12:12-19 The triumphal entry is one of the few events that is recorded in all four of the gospel accounts (feeding of the 5,000 is another). This is the first time Jesus allowed a public announcement of His Messiahship. In this short passage we find 3 prophecies being fulfilled.

Prophecy	Fulfillment	What Happened?
Daniel 9:24-25	John 12:12	Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem was prophesied to the exact day - 10th of Nisan (April 6, 32 AD)
Psalms 118:26	John 12:13	
Zechariah 9:9	John 12:14	

¹ The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman 1992

Read John 12:20-26 Interestingly, at Jesus' birth we saw gentiles (the wise men) seeking Jesus. Now, here at the cusp of His death we find gentiles seeking Him yet again.

3. Note what Jesus tells them at this crucial hour. What is His challenge to them (and us)?
What does that look like in our day to day lives?

Read John 12:27-43 Here, Jesus plainly expresses His resolve to face His final hour even though His soul is troubled. Lovingly, the Father assures Jesus with a Voice from Heaven for the third time.

Verse	Event	The Voice Said...
Matthew 3:16-17	Baptism	
Luke 9:28-35	Transfiguration	
John 12:28	The Last Hour	

Read John 12:44-50 Jesus is making a final passionate public appeal to believe in Him. After He reminds them of His teachings, He leaves them with these three last considerations:

Challenge (to decide)	
Warning	
Promise	

Application:

What stood out to you in this study? Please explain how it touched you, what you learned, or how the Holy Spirit has challenged you to respond.