

# “Closer Walk” Bible Study

## The Gospel Of John Chapter 12:12-50

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. What do you like *best* about parades: Bands? Food Venders? Clowns?
2. What do you like *least* about parades: Traffic? Pickpockets? Tall people?
3. Are you more likely to panic in the big crises or the little ones? Explain.
4. Are you more like the salesman who can sell an icebox to an Eskimo, or more like the Eskimo who buys one?

Getting us into Scripture

5. What previous stories stand in contrast to the unity and enthusiasm the people are expressing here?
6. How could you tie in their hope that Jesus will do at *this* Passover what God did at the *first* Passover
7. Why a lowly donkey for Jesus (see Zec 9:9)?
8. What do you think the crowds, the disciples and the Jewish leaders must be feeling now? One week later? Had you been there, what would you be feeling: Fanaticism, fickleness, faith or fear? Why?
9. What brings Gentiles to Jerusalem during a time of a Jewish feast?
10. What was so unique about their request that Philip would first filter it through Andrew?
11. Jesus said several times that “his time had not come” (2:4; 7:6, 30). What regarding this request caused him to say that now it has come?
12. In Jesus’ parable (v. 24), who is the kernel of wheat? How is this related to the Gentiles’ request?
13. What is he calling his disciples to do in verses 25-26? What promise do they receive?
14. In verses 27-32, what is about to occur “now”? How does this affect Jesus? Why did the crowd deny the reality of Jesus’ future death (vv. 32-34)?
15. What are some of the miraculous signs Jesus has done in this Gospel? How do the prophecies from Isaiah 53:1 and 6:10 account for the people’s disbelief in spite of these signs?
16. What is the author implying about Jesus in verse 41 (see 8:58)?
17. What inhibits the leaders from speaking? How does this illustrate 12:25-26?
18. What is Jesus claiming in verses 44-45? How do verses 44-46 relate to 1:1-5? How is Jesus like a light?
19. What does Jesus emphasize in verses 47-50? As a last public statement, why is this one especially appropriate? How is it that Jesus’ words can either judge a person or lead one to life?

Getting Scripture into us

20. What convinced you that Jesus is your King? What is the best thing you’ve seen about the type of King he is?
21. Is your worship life like a hero’s victory or a funeral dirge? Why?
22. In what area of your life are you in denial?
23. Where is Jesus calling you to *die* so that you might *live*? What do you tend to hold on to rather than follow Jesus?
24. Do you feel like you are walking in the dark, the light, or in some shadowland right now? Why?
25. Where do you find it most difficult to live your faith: At home or work or play? Why?
26. If you had to sacrifice social status or certain relationships to follow Jesus, what would you get in return?
27. How do you let people know where you stand with God?