

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 12:12-19

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“Recognizing Jesus”

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John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 12:12-19

Consider This With Me for a Moment:

“Assuming that There is a God and that He says about Himself, “That He is All Knowing and Knowable” – then there is immediately a task placed upon us to find out if in fact those claims are true.

This Truth Alone Demands Our Attention!

It's not an uncommon request for an employer to do a background search to gather information about a potential new hire for his firm.

Because Man Desires to Know and to be Known

...and Jesus Came to be Known!

John 5:39-40

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

What Have You, This Week - Learned from Jesus Christ?

Recognizing Jesus!

1.) *Know **What** the Scripture Says*

vv. 12-13

12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!"

a.) *It Was the Time of **Passover***

v.12a

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast

Jerusalem was in it's Glory

(Pilgrims have gathered from around the ancient world)

The Commemoration of God's Deliverance from Egypt and its Slavery was their Joy to Celebrate!!!

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Placed Upon the mezuzah (mez-oo-zaw'); from the same as 2123; a door-post (as prominent):

Exodus 12:13

'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Israel Had Gathered for Her Annual Sacrifice for Sin,
Hoping and believing that God Accepted the Offering of The Lamb.

Leviticus 16:7-10

7 "He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 8 "Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9 "And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. 10 "But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

Leviticus 16:20-22

"And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. 21 "Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. 22 "The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

Leviticus 16:30

"For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

According to Jewish Tradition

This scapegoat was driven into the wilderness with a scarlet red cord tied around its neck and the priest would follow it until it died. Once it died, the cord turned pure white.

Isaiah 1:18-19

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

Know What the Scripture Says - It Was The Time of Passover

b.) It Was the Time of His Arrival

v.12-13

, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!"

John 12:9-11

9 Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

Why Did They Take Palm Branches?

Psalm 118:19-26

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and I will praise the LORD. 20 This is the gate of the LORD, through which the righteous shall enter. 21 I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation. 22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This was the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, **I pray, send now prosperity.** 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

Knowing What the Scripture Says

c.) Participation Doesn't Guarantee Entrance

v.12-13

they heard, they took, they met Him, they cried out

But by the end of the week religious leaders will pursued the people to turn against Jesus

Recognizing Jesus!

2.) Know *Why* the Scriptures Say It vv. 14-16

14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

a.) That We Might *Know* The Truth v.14-15

Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey,
sat on it; as it is written:
**"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt."**

What Do You Think If You See a Sign That Says.

"Bridge Out Ahead"

- (1) *That would be a very serious clue that there is a bridge,*
- (2) *it's not passable*

What Does it Mean When You See a Billboard That Says
"IN AND OUT BURGER" two miles ahead?

It Means You Speed Up!!!

"As It Is Written"

Zechariah 9:9

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; he is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Luke 19:28-44

When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 And it came to pass, when He came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose him and bring him here. 31 "And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.'" 32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him." 35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying: " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

John 5:37-40

37 "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 "But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. 39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

They Failed to Recognize Him!

Joel 1:11-12

Be ashamed, you farmers, wail, you vinedressers, for the wheat and the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished. 12 The vine has dried up, and the fig tree has withered; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree-- all the trees of the field are withered; surely joy has withered away from the sons of men.

Matthew 23:37-39

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 "See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 "for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Jeremiah 8:19-21

Listen! The voice, the cry of the daughter of my people from a far country: "Is not the LORD in Zion? Is not her King in her?" "Why have they provoked Me to anger with their carved images-- with foreign idols?" 20 "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!" 21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt. I am mourning; astonishment has taken hold of me.

This Past Friday I Stood,

At the Southern Section of the Western Wall in Jerusalem, this was Uncovered on a Stone in Hebrew...

Isaiah 66:14

Now when you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants, and His indignation to His against all her foes.

Matthew 24:1-2

Then Jesus when he went out and departed from the temple area, His disciples came up to Him to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

"Here at this spot of the southern steps of the second temple period, Roman General Titus Aspagian and the Roman 7th Legion attacked Jerusalem and the Temple Mount was laid waste. These massive stones remain of what was "hurled down" in the year 70 ad." -*Israel Archeology Authority*

2.) Know *Why* the Scriptures Say It vv. 14-16

a.) That We Might *Know* The Truth

b.) That We Might *Understand* the Truth v.16

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

The Bible announces what is to come –
It's up to us to go and discover whether it's true or
not

What Do You Really Know For Sure?

Daniel 9:24-27

"Seventy weeks (490) are determined for your people and for your holy city, (1) to finish the transgression, (2) to make an end of sins, (3) to make reconciliation for iniquity, (4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, (5) to seal up vision and prophecy, and (6) to anoint the Most Holy.

That is the Prophetic Plan

25 "**Know** therefore and **understand**, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem (445 bc.) until Messiah the Prince, (Palm Sunday) there shall be seven weeks (49 years) and (plus) (434) sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. 26 "And but after **the** (434th Segment) sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, $49 + 434 = 483$ years 173,880 days) but not for Himself; for the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood (army), and till the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 Then the prince of the people shall confirm a covenant with many for (7 years) one week; but in the middle of the (7 years) week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offerings.

Luke 19:43-44

"For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 "and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

c.) That We Might Proclaim the Truth

v.16

His disciples did not understand these things at first; **but when Jesus was glorified** (resurrected from the dead) , **then they remembered that these things were written about Him** and that they had done these things to Him.

It is this route, this path, this classroom,
that leads us to a greater and more effective life for Jesus Christ!

Isaiah 53:1

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

This Was Paul's Passion in Life

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

“Wilma – I’m just a Scum Ball” – That’s Not True – You’re a Dirt Clod for God

2 Timothy 4:2-5

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Recognizing Jesus!

3.) *Live **What** the Scriptures Say*

vv. 17-19

17 Therefore the people, who were with Jesus when He had called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, **bore witness**. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

a.) *Determine In Your Heart to Be There*

v.17

17 Therefore the people, who were with Him (Jesus) when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, **bore witness**

There are at least two Prerequisites Here

- They had been with Jesus they heard what He had taught,
- They saw what Jesus could do with a dead man...

Those Very Prerequisites are Outcomes available To Us!

How do I bear witness of Jesus in my Life Jack?

Take the Bible seriously and then step out on a venture

What do I need to do to bear Witness?

Make yourself available and have your attitude ready!

When am I to bear Witness?

Whenever you sense that the opportunity is yours

But what's an Opportunity?

YOUR ENTIRE LIFE IS THE OPPORTUNITY

Divine Appointments

b.) Determine in Your Logic to Meet Christ

v.18

18 There, For this **reason** the people also met Him,
because they **heard** that He had done this sign.

They Talked About What They Had Seen, What They Had Heard, About
Jesus Christ...

This Sums Up The Life of The Christian - "They Talk"

Malachi 3:16-17

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. 17 "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."

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The cause or the purpose which has been put forth by a mold or stamp, seal, convincing proof

c.) Determine To Do What Is Reasonable

v.19

The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. **Look, the world has gone after Him!**"

Whenever God's People are United

There will Always be Confusion in the camp of the Enemy

Three Days Ago I Stood at the Southern Vomitorium of the Temple Mount

Acts 4:1-13

1 Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand. 5 And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, 6 as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 "If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 **"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."** 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Look, the world has gone after Him!"

What About You?

The End for Now