

Week 13 John Reading Plan Review Questions

On Sunday nights we have had great times walking through each week's readings from the gospel of John. The following are the questions that would have been this Sunday night (March 29) for week 12 groups.

Perhaps you would like to use these personally or as a family to go over last week's readings. if there is any one with a question about the questions please email me at jon@tannehillvalley.org.

John 11:28-37

28 Having said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

29 As soon as she heard this, she got up quickly and went to Him. **30** Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still in the place where Martha had met Him. **31** The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw that Mary got up quickly and went out. So they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to cry there.

32 When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and told Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died!"

33 When Jesus saw her crying, and the Jews who had come with her crying, He was angry in His spirit and deeply moved. **34** "Where have you put him?" He asked.

"Lord," they told Him, "come and see."

35 Jesus wept.

36 So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" **37** But some of them said, "Couldn't He who opened the blind man's eyes also have kept this man from dying?"

1. Verse 28 - Martha tells Mary privately that Jesus was outside. What wisdom did Martha exercise?
2. Verse 32 - Who else had made this statement?
3. Verse 33 - Why Jesus was angry has been discussed since the recording of this story. The word for angry suggest "violent displeasure." What are three possible reasons Jesus was angry?
4. Is there the possibility Jesus was mad at Himself, within His humanity? If so, why would He had been angry at Himself?

John 11:38-44

38 Then Jesus, angry in Himself again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. **39** "Remove the stone," Jesus said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told Him, "Lord, he's already decaying. It's been four days."

40 Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

41 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You heard Me. **42** I know that You always hear Me, but because of the crowd standing here I said this, so they may believe You sent Me." **43** After He said this, He shouted with a loud

voice, "Lazarus, come out!" **44** The dead man came out bound hand and foot with linen strips and with his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him and let him go."

1. Why does Martha tell Jesus that Lazarus was already stinking?
2. 4 days - what would this say to any skeptic?
3. Verse 41-42 - Jesus prayer is short and strategic. Jesus seems to indicate that He had already prayed about raising Lazarus. Why did He pray aloud?
4. Write down an adjective describing each person's emotions when Laz came out:
 - A. Mary -
 - B. Martha -
 - C. Friends -
 - D. Pharisees
 - E. Lazarus -
 - F. Jesus

John 11:45-57

45 Therefore, many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what He did believed in Him.

46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we going to do since this man does many signs? **48** If we let Him continue in this way, everyone will believe in Him! Then the Romans will come and remove both our place[e] and our nation."

49 One of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! **50** You're not considering that it is to your[f] advantage that one man should die for the people rather than the whole nation perish." **51** He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, **52** and not for the nation only, but also to unite the scattered children of God. **53** So from that day on they plotted to kill Him. **54** Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews but departed from there to the countryside near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim. And He stayed there with the disciples.

55 The Jewish Passover was near, and many went up to Jerusalem from the country to purify[g] themselves before the Passover. **56** They were looking for Jesus and asking one another as they stood in the temple complex: "What do you think? He won't come to the festival, will He?"

57 The chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it so they could arrest Him.

1. Why would some of these people run and tell the Pharisees?
2. Caiaphas speaks a word from the Lord. Did he have a clue what he was doing?
3. What was he wanting in this? How would the Holy Spirit use this?
4. How was the prophesy true?

John 12:1-10

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was, the one Jesus had raised from the dead. **2** So they gave a dinner for Him there; Martha was serving them, and

Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him. **3** Then Mary took a pound of fragrant oil—pure and expensive nard—anoined Jesus 'feet, and wiped His feet with her hair. So the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

4 Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot (who was about to betray Him), said, **5** “Why wasn’t this fragrant oil sold for 300 denarii and given to the poor?” **6** He didn’t say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the money-bag and would steal part of what was put in it.

7 Jesus answered, “Leave her alone; she has kept it for the day of My burial. **8** For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.”

1. The force of verse 1 is that Jesus was ‘compelled’ to go to Bethany? What is Jesus wanting to do?
2. Describe Mary’s heart in phrases that begin with her name’s letters:
M-
A-
R-
Y-
3. Did she know what Jesus says she was really doing, “Anointing Him for burial?”
4. Describe Judas’s heart.
4. This may have been the final straw for Judas. Putting the gospels together, it was after this that he began bargaining with the Sanhedrin to sell out Jesus.
5. Looking back to gospel stories. How was the poor widow’s gift and Mary’s different? How were their gifts alike?
6. How does God measure extravagant gifts?
7. Personal application: Jesus never turned down people giving to Him. What are you giving in a tangible way to Jesus?
8. Do you view giving or other’s giving as wasteful or worshipful?