

## BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 23

Scripture of Lesson: John 12: 1~19

### 1. Mary's sacrifice for Jesus – our devotion for God and Christ

- a. A wonderful picture of godly worship: Christ as the honor guest, Martha serving, Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead dining with Christ and other invited guests, and Mary honoring Christ by anointing Him with precious oil, expressing her love and devotion and preparing for His burial.
- b. Mary's act demonstrated her love as [acc to Matthew Henry's commentary]
  - i. Unreserved, all-giving
  - ii. Condescending, humble
  - iii. Publically recognizing Christ as her King and Lord
- c. Misunderstanding about charity for the poor
  - i. V. 9: "For the poor you have with you always; but me you have not always."
  - ii. Does it mean that it is all right to ignore the need of helping the poor?

### 2. King of kings riding on a donkey – He comes to us in humility

- a. Though Jews and Pharisees disowned Jesus as even a prophet, common people fulfilled the OT prophecy of Him coming as King of Israel.
  - i. Zech 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."
  - ii. Compare the pomp and splendor in which Pilate, the Roman ruler, enters Jerusalem, and the lowly manner in which the Son of God as Son of man, enters the city.
- b. An opposite picture in the second coming of Christ as King of kings, Lord of all.
  - i. Matt 24: 30
  - ii. Zech 14: 4, 16
- c. While we still have time, let us honor Jesus Christ as our Lord and King.

### 3. Does Christ reign in our life and our king?

- a. During Christ's ministry on the earth, humble people with honest hearts accepted Jesus of Nazareth as their Savior and King. Do we accept Him as our own Lord and King today?
- b. What does it mean to have Christ as our Lord and King? How does this attitude affect our decision-making?