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# SPRING HOLY DAY SERIES

## John 12

**Forward:** This study deals with specific events as recorded by the Apostle John. This chapter records detailed events occurring during the week that preceded the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Some of these specific events that are left for us here are not recorded by the synoptic gospel writers.

John 12 unlocks Biblical understanding and prophetic fulfillment. Had God not left this for us, we could not understand the hidden mysteries of God's truth. Even more significant, the world has built entire false doctrines based upon misunderstanding of this incredible chapter.

Satan has been able to deceive the majority of modern Christianity by taking these same scriptures to twist, distort, and completely pervert. Some might think that is impossible. Read Rev. 12:9 "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world..."

God's word tells us Satan "has" deceived the entire

world. Is it not probable that since the world has been deceived, that the doctrines being taught are also false? After all, a person that is deceived, does not know he is deceived. That being the case, is it not possible that many of the doctrines you've been taught all your life may not be correct?

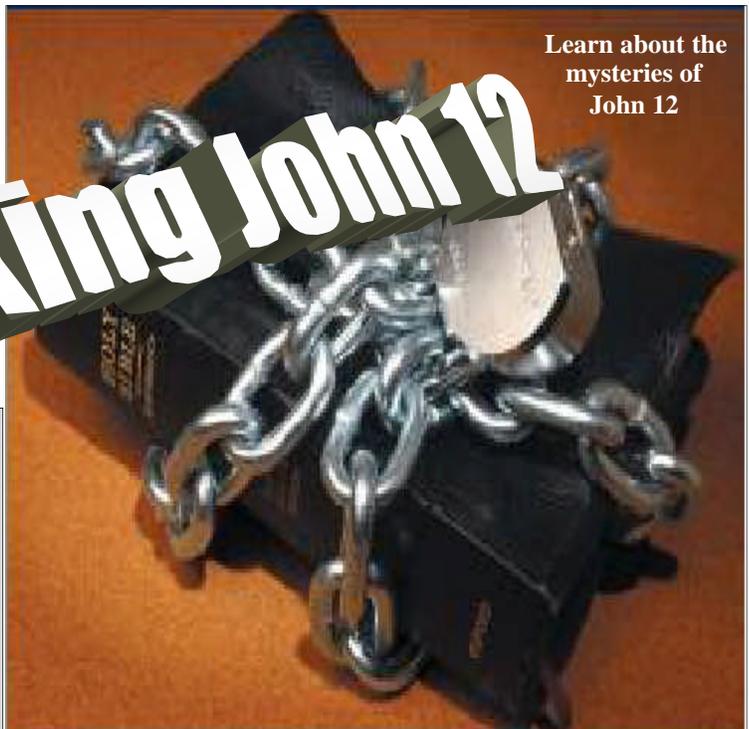
This Bible study unlocks the mysteries of John 12. It goes into specifics of how the world has rejected God's truth, and adopted a false way. The importance of the events will surprise and amaze you.

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John 12

# Unlocking John 12

### INTRODUCTION

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**F**rom the beginning of Jesus' ministry, He would run into conflicts with the religious leaders of His day. Quite often He would have to flee, or go into hiding to prevent the religious leadership of His day from stoning Him. As the appointed time approached for Jesus to be Crucified, He made a deliberate attempt to revile the religious leaders of His Day.

1. Did the religious leaders, (the Pharisees) plot in advance to kill Christ? John 11:47-53, Luke 22:1

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

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Whether you use this study personally or with a group, God's Holy Spirit will lead you into truth and understanding that will open your mind to a greater and deeper understanding. Each study you complete will enrich your life as only God can do. May God bless you as you learn more of His way and His Holy Word. Finally, as with all things, we recommend you begin your study with prayer, asking God to open your mind to understand His Way and guide your every step.

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2. How did Jesus initiate the anger of the Pharisees? Luke 23:2-12, 13-36

3. Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites eight different times in this one chapter alone. Who was He talking to when He did this? Matt. 23:1

4. The multitudes were in Jerusalem for the Holy Day Passover season. Were they there for any other reason? John 12:9

5. Did the Pharisees also want to kill Lazarus? John 12:10

6. What did Jesus say was the weightier matter of the Law? Matt. 23:23

### JOHN CHAPTER 12

In the Bible, there are many chapters or verses that give us specific insight to understanding. John 12 is one of those pivotal chapters. It gives us information that cannot be understood without the record of that chapter. It is also written in a way that obscures the truth to Christianity except to those that God is calling.

**Comment:** Most of Christianity teaches that Jesus spoke in parables to make things plain, so that everyone would understand. Would it surprise you to know that is not true? You need to know what the bible says. For more understanding on this write for the article, "Why does Jesus speak in parables?"

1. When is the Passover to be kept? Ex. 12:1-6

2. The Old Testament explains what day of the week Jesus would be crucified. What day is that? Dan. 9:27

3. When did Jesus enter into Bethany, before or after the Passover? John 12:1

## FINDING THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS

Each question is designed to let the Bible answer the question for you. Be sure to read each scripture and let the Bible give you the answers to interpret itself.

**Comment:** Take a few moments and begin to track the days of the week, and the time frame given us on the calendar in the question sheet. As you go through this study, you will find how intricate the Bible is in recording the events of this last Passover season. You will also see how the majority of Christianity misunderstands the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

4. What special event took place at this supper? John 12:3

5. What significance did this anointing have in scriptural fulfillment? Ex. 12:3

**Comment:** The Passover Lamb that would be sacrificed for the people would have to be chosen by the Father. As humans, we cannot see inside to determine whether a person has sin or not. Mary (Magdalene) anointed Christ as inspired by God. John 11:2 Other than Christ none of them understood what was taking place at that time.

This is only part of the covenant relationship we enter into with Jesus Christ. He was chosen by the Father. He was the willing offering. As we shall see later, the people also had to choose to recognize Christ as their King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

6. When did the people choose the Lamb that would be set aside on the tenth day of the month? John 12:12

When you put the days of the week on the calendar, you find that six days puts you on

the Friday before Passover. That night they have supper. John 12:2 Jesus is anointed, and on the next day He enters into Jerusalem; that day falls on a Saturday, which is the tenth day of the month, fulfilling the commands of the law of Ex. 12:3.

### Passover and Unleavened Bread Become Synonymous

The Passover consist of one day, or actual event; it preceded the seven days of Unleavened Bread.

Over the centuries, Israel kept these Holy days as a single Holy Day event. When Jesus was on the earth the entire season was lumped into one. The names of both became interchangeable.

For proof of this: notice Luke 22:1 “Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover.” Verse seven of the same chapter reiterates this point. Luke 22:7 “Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed.”

**Note:** When God commanded the children of Israel to come out of Egypt, the Passover and Unleavened Bread were each given specific times and meanings of importance. The Passover Lamb was required to be slain before Unleavened Bread. Yet we read from verses 1, and 7, the names and events are interchanged.

1. When was Passover required to be kept? Ex. 12:6

2. When were they required to begin Unleavened Bread? Ex. 12:14-17

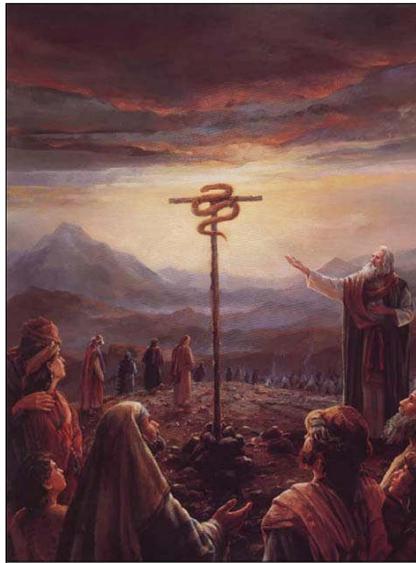
**Comment:** For more information on God’s Holy Days go to Lev. 23. This chapter gives us all of God’s Holy Day’s. In this chapter God tells us they are His Holy Days. People today believe they are the Jew’s Holy Days. Not so, God says they are HIS! The church has many more articles, sermons and studies on this subject. For more information please write or visit us on the web.

### Did Jesus Actually Eat The Passover?

Every year people ask the question, did Jesus actually eat the Passover meal? It has sparked controversy for centuries. What does the Bible tells us?

1. Did Jesus say, “He was going to eat the Passover?” Luke 22:7-11 (Note: you will also find this in Matt. 26:17-19; Mk. 14:12-14. These are additional supporting scriptures not covered in the video study due to time restraints.)

2. When were they required to kill the Passover? Ex. 12:6; At what time of the day were they required to kill it? Same verse Ex. 12:6



Artist drawing of Moses and the Serpent. Num. 21:5-9

3. Does the Bible gives us further clarification as to the time they were required to kill the lamb? Deut. 6:6

**Comment:** By the time of Jesus the religious leaders had established the time of the ninth hour, or three o’clock as we determine time; as the time would slay the Lamb. It was as close as they could get to fulfill the Torah. The Sun begins its decent at about 3:00. This afforded them the most time available before sunset to prepare the Lamb to eat that night. No one was allowed to kill the Passover lamb for the individual homes, until after the High Priest killed the lamb for himself, and for Israel.

Since Jesus would be on the stake at the time the High Priest slew the Lamb, there is no way He could have eaten the Passover meal as they understood it. Yet the Bible says He said He was going to eat the Passover. The Bible cannot lie or contradict itself. What is the answer?

4. What analogy did Jesus use that offended the multitude? John 6:53-55

5. Were the multitudes offended? John 6:60, 66

6. What did the Passover Lamb Represent? I Cor. 5:7

The Passover Lamb was a representative of the Savior and Redeemer that would come and offer Himself as our Passover. Once this event took place, there would not be any need to continue the physical sacrifice. The book of Hebrews details much on this subject. If you would like to know more please call, write, or visit us on the web.

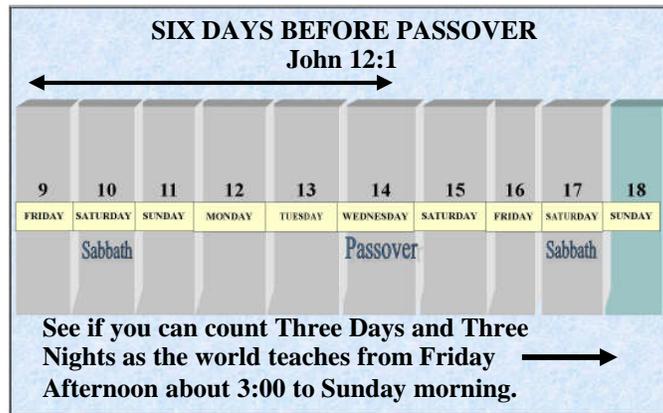
7. Jesus, would be on the stake at the time the High Priest would slay the Lamb. How is it Jesus said he would eat the Passover with His disciples? What does the Bible say? Luke 22:14-20

**Note:** you will also find these events recorded in; Matt. 26:26-29, Mk. 14:22-25, I Cor. 11:23-26

We are still commanded to observe the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread. Since Jesus is our Passover, and the actual physical sacrifice has been fulfilled, it is no longer required to offer sacrifices. Yet, we are still to observe the Passover. How is this possible?

8. Did Jesus change the symbols of the Passover? Luke 22:14-20

When we understand that Jesus is our Passover; when we partake of the New Covenant Symbols, instituted at that Passover Dinner, we see that we do eat the Passover, by the intake of the bread and the wine, which represents of His body and His blood, just as you and I do today. (John 6:53-55).



Pause the DVD and take a few moments to read the entire eighth chapter of Ezekiel to get the context of what God is saying here. God's scripture says that the people turning their backs on Him at a sunrise service is the most abominable of all of Israel's sins.

To answer the question, did Jesus eat the Passover? You would have to say yes and no. No, He did not eat it as they understood it in the sacrifice of the slain lamb. Yes He did eat it under the New Testament Covenant with the Bread and Wine, just as you and I do today.

### Satan's Great Deception

The world teaches that Christ was Crucified on a Friday and Resurrected on Sunday morning. This goes against scripture, particularly the only proof that Jesus gave that He was the Messiah. See Matt. 12:38-40.

If you count back six days, as John 12:1 states, and follow the traditional teaching of a Friday Crucifixion, you find yourself on Saturday. Then following through to John 12:12, on the next day, puts you on a Sunday.

### Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

Have you ever wondered where the world gets Palm Sunday? It is here in John 12, through a misunderstanding of the scriptures. This misunderstanding is a deliberate deception by Satan. The deception holds great significance for several reasons.

First: The world uses this day to claim that this is the beginning of Jesus changing the Sabbath to Sunday. Second: The following week the world claims Jesus was resurrected on a Sunday, establishing Sunday worship.

This hides the very meanings ordained by God for these two events; the setting aside of the rightful heir, the Lamb of God, and the Crowning of Jesus as He returned to the Father on the day of the wave sheaf.

1. The Easter sunrise service is the most important of all the services of nominal Christianity. Does God have anything to say on this subject? Ezk. 8:16-17

2. What event took place in the Bible on the day the world claims as Easter? Lev. 23:9-11
3. What did this represent? Lev. 23:12

The importance here is the understanding that the Lamb had to be without blemish. The Bible shows us there is only one person ever to have lived that was without spot or blemish. See: Heb 9:14, I Pet. 1:19

### Jesus Being Lifted Up

There is another significant event mentioned in John 12:31-33 Jesus said He would be lifted up and all men (mankind) would be drawn to Him.

1. When Jesus said this, what was He referring to? John 3:14-15
  2. What event is Jesus referring to by Moses? Num. 21:5-9
- Jesus' statement in John 12:31, shows us that in order for all people to be saved and redeemed from their sins, they would have to look to Him for salvation.

### Conclusion

The events recorded in John 12, show us how easy it can be to be deceived. This chapter is the pivotal chapter this world uses to hide the true significance of God's plan pertaining to the resurrection and the crowning of Jesus Christ sitting on the right hand of His Father in Heaven.

Satan wants to deceive the world into worshipping him, by focusing all of its attention to different times and events that were originally ordained by God, claiming that God moved them. When, in fact, the world has adopted the origination of a counterfeit religion.

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