THE GOSPEL OF JOHN Chapter 12

INTRODUCTION...

In Chapter Twelve the hour has come. The tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities has climaxed. No longer content with the death of Jesus only, they begin to plot against Lazarus as well...since he is so great a witness to the identity of Jesus. And even though some believe, they are afraid of losing the praise they receive from men for their religiosity...and so they lose out. As believers in Jesus we must be oh so careful not to seek the praise of men over that of Jesus. For Jesus said if we confess Him to men, He will confess us to the Father. (Matt 10:32)

Jesus, though knowing His time to suffer and die has come, is concerned with only one thing...the glory of the Father (vs. 28). In our lives we will go through many trials. The one thing they must all have in common is the intent to seek the glory of the Father in and through them all. And this we can do through what Jesus is about to accomplish!

Be sure that you read the questions carefully to make sure that you have answered the complete question. You will notice that some of the questions may have more than one part.

Remember that you will be using the Inductive Bible Study (IBS) method of study. Which means that in each study you will be required to make observations, interpretations and application of what you have observed and interpreted? (see further explanation in Study #1)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE...

John 12:25

He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

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THIS WEEKS BIBLE STUDY...CHAPTER TWELVE...

Be sure and pray before you begin your bible study, asking the Lord to reveal those things that He wants you to know from the text you are reading.

Read through the chapter, at least twice, and then answer the following questions. Be sure to write the Scripture reference to support your answer.

When did Jesus come to Bethany?
Why did Judas say what he did in vs. 5?
List 8 things we know about Judas from vs. 6?
What do you think Jesus meant by vs. 7?
What do you think Jesus was saying about giving to the poor in vs. 8?

Why did the chief priest plot to put Lazarus to death? Use your own words to explain.
To what feast was the multitude coming?
Why do you think the disciples didn't understand what was going on?
What do you think John meant by "when Jesus was glorified"?
What did the people bear witness to in vs. 17?
What were the Pharisees saying in vs. 19?

Who was from Bethsaida of Galilee?
AWhat is vs. 25 saying as it applies to us?
What happens when we serve Jesus?
Why was Jesus' soul troubled?
What did Jesus mean by "But for this purpose I came to this hour."?
What did Jesus mean by vs. 30?

Who is the ruler of this world?
What does Jesus mean by
"will be cast out"?
"lifted up from the earth"?
"draw all peoples to myself"?
What does the word "Christ" mean?
What does "the law" refer to in vs. 34?
What light was Jesus talking about in vs. 35?

What did Jesus mean by the darkness?
What does it mean to be "sons of light"?
What does vs. 37 tell us about the heart of man and why they didn't come to faith in Jesus?
What do you think Isaiah was saying in vs. 40?
What do we learn about the rulers in vs. 42-43?
AWhat personal application does this have for me?

What is Jesus saying in vs. 44-45?
What do we know about a person who is abiding in darkness? Why is this important?
Why did Jesus come?
How are people judged?
Whose authority did Jesus speak by?

Write down some of the things that the Lord spoke to your heart while studying Chapter 12?
QUESTIONS?
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