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PART 2

THE TRUE VINE . . .  
ONE WITH HIM  
(CHAPTERS 12–21)

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## LESSON ONE

### Chapter Twelve

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:  
Observation Worksheet of John 12  
“John at a Glance”  
“Israel in the Time of Christ”  
“The Feasts of Israel”  
Cross-references

**This portion of the Gospel of John, especially chapters 13 through 17, contains some of the most enlightening teaching to be found in the Word of God on the relationship between the child of God and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you want to know what Jesus meant when He said that He came “that [we] may have life, and have *it* abundantly,” it is here in this segment of John that you will find it.**

**The hour had come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**

**Do your homework well, Beloved. Do not do it in one sitting. Spread your homework out over the week. Try to allow time to meditate on the truths of this marvelous Gospel. Inscribe these truths on your heart through prayer; secure them in your mind through meditation so that they will produce fruit in your life.**

DAY  
ONE  
AND  
DAY  
TWO

If you give adequate time and diligence to observation, you personally will gain insights into the Scriptures that will absolutely amaze you. Your time spent on accurate interpretation and correct application will be greatly shortened. You will have new confidence in understanding the truths you’ve studied.

As you read and reread the Scriptures observing the text, maintain an attitude of prayer and dependency on the Spirit of God; it is His work to reveal to you the things that belong to God. The key is not human wisdom, education, or cleverness, but rather taking the time to listen to the Holy Spirit’s teaching.





2. Now it's time to begin studying the rest of John.
  - a. Look at the back cover of this workbook and cut out the Key Word Bookmark. On the blank side, write the following key words and mark them each in a distinctive way. Some have a suggested marking on the other side. These are indicated with \*.
    - 1) time references\*
    - 2) *Passover*
    - 3) geographical locations\*
    - 4) *raised*
    - 5) *dead*\*
    - 6) *Judas*
    - 7) *believe*\*
    - 8) titles for *Jesus*\*
    - 9) *glorified*
    - 10) *signs*\*

If you see other repeated words you'd like to mark, do so.

- b. Take out your Observation Worksheet of John 12. Observation Worksheets are Scripture texts double-spaced with wide margins so you have plenty of room to mark and make notes.

Mark the key words listed on your bookmark. When you come to locations in the text, find them on the map, "Israel in the Time of Christ" in the Appendix.
3. Summarize each paragraph either in the margin of your Observation Worksheet or below.
    - a. 1-8
    - b. 9-11
    - c. 12-19

- d. 20-26
  
- e. 27-36a
  
- f. 36b-43 (Sometimes a new paragraph is shown with indentation and a bold first letter in a text.)
  
- g. 44-50

4. Summarize the events of John 12 using a words from the text and record that theme on your At a Glance chart. This chart will be helpful to you later when you want to find in which chapter an event in John took place.

*This is quite a chapter, isn't it, Beloved? We pray that you will never let your Precept studies become just a means of gaining knowledge but that God's Word will become so at home in you that people will recognize you as "having been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13), know that you're His disciple . . . by the way you live.*

## DAY THREE

Now that you've observed John 12, we're going to dig deeper into this chapter so that we can understand it better. But before we do, ask the Father to reveal truth to you and show you how to apply it to your life.

1. Read John 12:1-11 and answer the questions below.
  - a. When do the events in verses 1-11 take place?
  
  - b. Where was Jesus? (You might look at your map again.)

2. Let's see who else was there in verses 1-8. List what these verses say about:
  - a. Lazarus
  - b. Martha
  - c. Mary
  - d. Judas
3. Now read John 11:1-6, 14-15, 43-45 for some background on Lazarus, Martha, and Mary.

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4. Did you notice the contrast between Mary and Judas when you observed John 12:1-8? If so, record what it is.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  5. Judas is an important character in John 12–18, so let’s gather the information about him that John has told us so far.
    - a. You’ve already listed what John 12:4-6 says about Judas, but we suggest you review your list from 2.d.
    - b. Now read John 6:60-71 and list what this says about him.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  6. Who shows up in John 12:9? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  7. Who are verses 10-11 about? Read the following references from John and then compare them with John 12:10-11.
    - a. 5:1-9, 16, 18
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - b. 7:2, 11-13, 30, 43-44

c. 8:39-44, 59

d. 10:22-33

e. 11:45-57

8. John 12:12 begins with “on the next day.” What happened and where according to verses 12-19?
9. Let’s focus for a few minutes on Jesus’ title in verses 13-15.
- a. What is it?
  - b. Compare this with the title in John 1:49.

c. This title will become more important as we study the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. But for now, see what happened in Matthew 2:1-12, 16.

10. When you observed John 12, you probably noticed John's references to the Old Testament. Why do you think he included them? Look at John 1:45; 2:13-22; 5:39.

11. Finally, Beloved, what lessons have you learned today from studying John 12:1-19?

DAY  
FOUR  
AND  
DAY  
FIVE

1. After beginning the day with prayer, read John 12:20-26.

Greeks going to the feast? How could that happen? Read Exodus 12:48-49. Acts 2:10; 6:5 and 13:43 use the word "proselytes" referring to Gentiles who had converted to Judaism.

2. Before going further in our study of John 12, let's review the feast mentioned in verses 1 and 20. Look at the chart in the Appendix, "The Feasts of Israel" and read about Passover. You might also read Exodus 12:12-17.

3. If you don't remember who Philip and Andrew were, go back to John 1 and read verses 35-45. Note what John 1 says about them.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Now let's look more closely at what Jesus said in John 12:23-26 when the Greeks wanted to see Him.
  - a. First, the time reference.
    - 1) What is it? And what is it about?
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - 2) Compare this with John 2:1-11; 7:1-8, 30; 8:20.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. One of the key words in this chapter is *glorified*.
    - 1) What do you think it refers to in verses 16 and 23?
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - 2) Now read John 7:37-39.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Look at John 1:14; 2:11; 11:4. When does it seem that the glorifying in *these* verses took place?

5. Continuing with what Jesus said to Philip and Andrew, look again at John 12:24-26.
  - a. Why did He talk about the grain of wheat? What did He mean?
  - b. What application can you make from verses 25-26?
    - 1) Do you want only to see Jesus like those in verse 21, or do you truly want to follow Him? Be His disciple?
    - 2) What does following Him require?
    - 3) How does John 8:31-32 relate?
6. Now, carefully read John 12:27-33 again. What happened? How does this relate to verses 1-26? What was Jesus preparing people for in this chapter?



7. Jesus referred to the ruler of this world in John 12:31. Who is the ruler of this world? Read the following and record what you learn about him.
- a. 1 John 5:19
  
  - b. Ephesians 2:1-3
  
  - c. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
  
  - d. Luke 4:1-6
  
  - e. John 8:44
8. If you haven't read Isaiah 6 lately, you might want to compare it with John 12:39-41.



JOHN 12  
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

- JESUS, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
- 2 So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him.
- 3 Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
- 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said,
- 5 “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?”
- 6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.
- 7 Therefore Jesus said, “Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial.
- 8 “For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.”
- 9 The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.
- 10 But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also;
- 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.
- 12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

- 13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, “Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.”
- 14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written,
- 15 “FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY’S COLT.”
- 16 These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.
- 17 So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify *about Him*.
- 18 For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.
- 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him.”
- 20** Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast;
- 21 these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”
- 22 Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus.
- 23 And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
- 24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- 25 “He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.
- 26 “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.
- 27** “Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.
- 28 “Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

- 29 So the crowd *of people* who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, “An angel has spoken to Him.”
- 30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.
- 31 “Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.
- 32 “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”
- 33 But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.
- 34 The crowd then answered Him, “We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”
- 35 So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.
- 36 “While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.”
- These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.
- 37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, *yet* they were not believing in Him.
- 38 *This was* to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: “LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?”
- 39 For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again,
- 40 “HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM.”
- 41 These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him.

- 42 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of  
the Pharisees they were not confessing *Him*, for fear that they would  
be put out of the synagogue;
- 43 for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.
- 44 And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, does not  
believe in Me but in Him who sent Me.
- 45 “He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.
- 46 “I have come *as* Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in  
Me will not remain in darkness.
- 47 “If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge  
him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.
- 48 “He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who  
judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.
- 49 “For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who  
sent Me has given Me a commandment *as to* what to say and what to  
speak.
- 50 “I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I  
speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

JOHN AT A GLANCE

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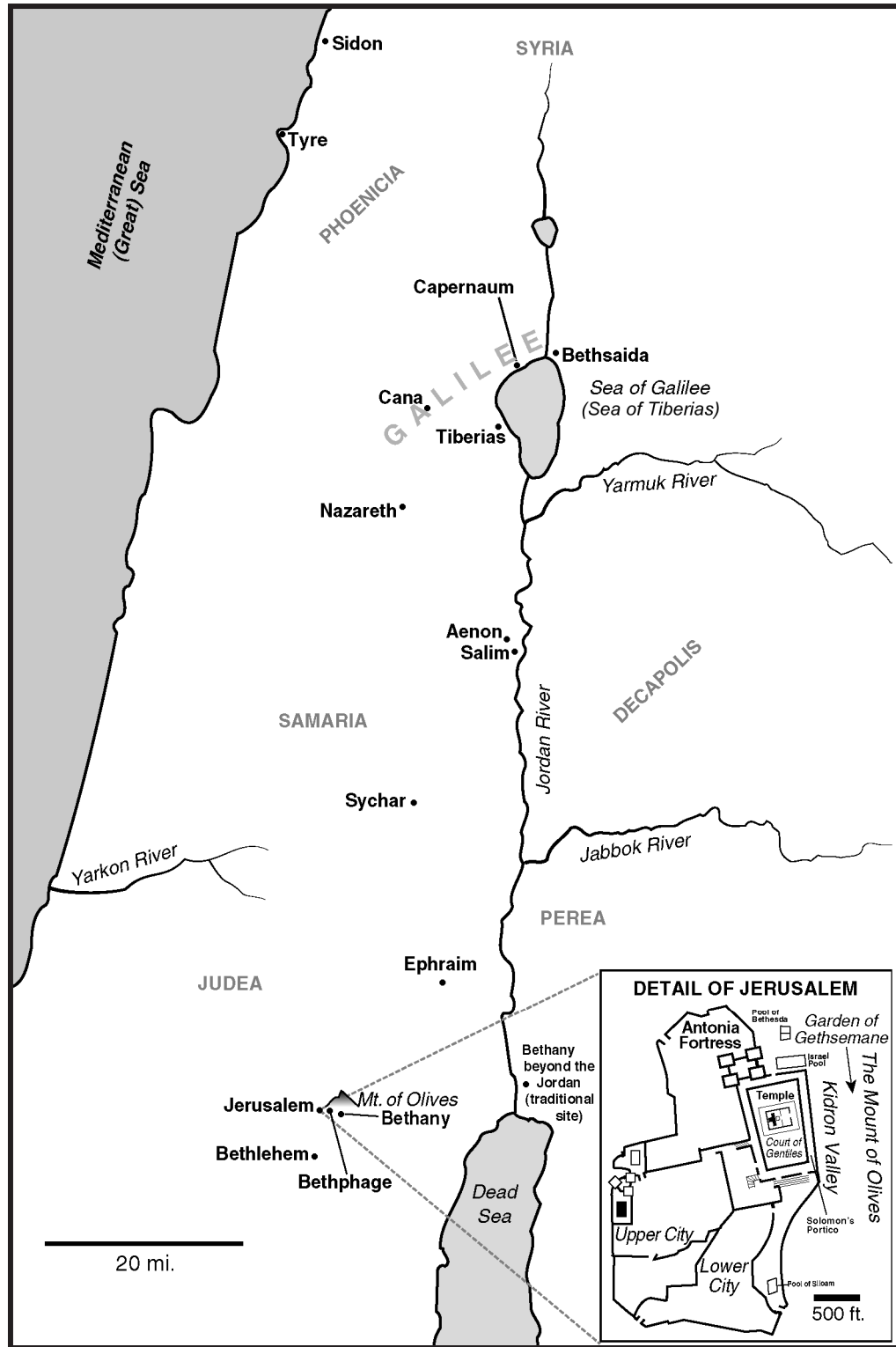
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<b>Author</b>	<b>Chapter Themes</b>			
	<b>1:1-18</b> The Word became flesh			
<b>When written</b>	<b>1:19-51</b> John the Baptist’s testimony— Lamb of God; Jesus’ disciples			
	<b>2</b> 1st sign—water to wine; Money changers driven from temple	Water to wine		
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>3</b> Born again; Son of Man lifted up; Light			
	<b>4</b> Woman at well; Royal official’s son healed	Healed official’s son		
<b>Key Words</b>	<b>5</b> Healed on Sabbath—persecution; Father & Son; Testimonies	Healed lame man		<b>Israel</b>
	<b>6</b> Fed 5000; I am the bread of life	Fed 5000 Walked on sea	Bread of Life	
	<b>7</b> Feast of Booths—seek to seize, kill but His hour not yet come			
	<b>8</b> I am—believe or die in sins, your father the devil		Light of the World	
	<b>9</b> I am the light of the world, blind man healed	Healed blind man		
	<b>10</b> I am the good shepherd One with Father—Jews wanted to stone him		Door Good Shepherd	
	<b>11</b> I am the resurrection and the life— Lazarus raised	Raised Lazarus	Resurrection and Life	



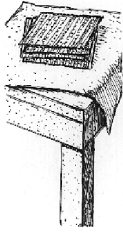






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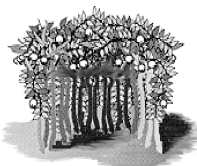


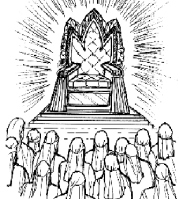
John Part 2

Israel in the Time of Christ



<b>THE FEASTS OF ISRAEL</b>					
	1st Month (Nisan) Festival of Passover ( <i>Pesach</i> )			3rd Month (Sivan) Festival of Pentecost ( <i>Shavuot</i> )	
Slaves in Egypt  	Passover  	Unleavened Bread  	First fruits  	Pentecost or Feast of Weeks  	
Everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin	<b>Kill lamb &amp; put blood on doorpost</b> Exodus 12:6, 7	<b>Purging of all leaven</b> (symbol of sin)	<b>Wave offering of sheaf</b> (promise of harvest to come)	<b>Wave offering of two loaves of leavened bread</b>	
	1st month, 14th day Leviticus 23:5	1st month, 15th day for 7 days Leviticus 23:6-8	Day after Sabbath that occurs during the week of Unleavened Bread Leviticus 23:9-14	50 days after first fruits Leviticus 23:15-21	
	Christ our Passover has been sacrificed  	Clean out old leaven... just as you are in fact unleavened	Christ has been raised...the first fruits  	Going away so Helper can come   Mount of Olives	Promise of the Spirit, mystery of church: Jews-Gentiles in one body  
John 8:34	1 Corinthians 5:7	1 Corinthians 5:7, 8	1 Corinthians 15:20-23	John 16:7 Acts 1:9-12	Acts 2:1-47 1 Corinthians 12:13 Ephesians 2:11-22

Months: Nisan—March, April • Sivan—May, June • Tishri—September, October

7th Month (Tishri) Festival of Tabernacles ( <i>Succhoth</i> )			
Interlude Between Festivals	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Feast of Booths or Tabernacles
			
	<i>Trumpet blown — a holy convocation</i>	<i>Atonement shall be made to cleans you</i> Leviticus 16:30	<i>Harvest celebration memorial of booths in the wilderness</i>
	7th month, 1st day Leviticus 23:23-25	7th month, 10th day Leviticus 23:26-32	7th month, 15th day, for 7 days; 8th day, Holy Convocation Leviticus 23:33-44
Regathering of Israel in preparation for final day of atonement Jeremiah 32:37-41	Israel will repent and look to Messiah in one day Zechariah 3:9,10; 12:10, 13:1; 14:9	Families of the earth will come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Booths Zechariah 14:16-19	New heaven and new earth  God dwells with men Revelation 21:1-3
			
Ezekiel 36:24	Ezekiel 36:25-27 Hebrews 9, 10 Romans 11:25-29	Ezekiel 36:28	

*Israel had two harvests each year—spring and autumn*

