

Grangetown Baptist Church; Gospel of John Study Guide; John 11-14
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Jerusalem, with His death on the cross only a few days away.

In those last few days before His death, the scene changes from hatred and rejection (10:39) to an unmistakable and blessed witness of the glory of Christ. All the rejection and hatred of the Jews could not dim Christ's glory as displayed through the resurrection of Lazarus. This miracle is the most dramatic sign in the Gospel and the capstone of Jesus' public ministry. As such, it evidences His glory in at least three ways:

- 1) It pointed clearly to His deity.
- 2) It strengthened the faith of His disciples.
- 3) It led directly to the cross (12:23).

Why do you think the text describes Jesus as “groaning” in His spirit, weeping and being troubled over the death of Lazarus—especially if Jesus knew that He was going to bring Lazarus back to life?

How does/how should Christ's statement that He is the “resurrection and the life” change the way a Christian views funerals?

In the latter part of chapter 12, what profound principles did Jesus teach about His death? About believers' following His example in death? About life springing forth from death?

Mary demonstrated her love and devotion in a costly, sacrificial way. How can you demonstrate your love for Christ this week?

In this chapter, Jesus called Satan “the ruler of this world” (12:31). If this is the case, why don’t believers have to be troubled by Satan’s power and authority?

In these chapters leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord, John’s record looks at Jesus devoting Himself to His own disciples. While chapters 1–12 center on the rejection of Jesus by the nation, chapters 13–17 (commonly called the “Upper Room Discourse” by scholars) center on the handful who did receive Him.

Beginning here in chapter 13, Jesus shifts completely from public ministry before the masses to private ministry before a few faithful followers. These events are a record of the farewell words and works of Christ on the same night of His betrayal and arrest. With the cross only one day away, these final acts and conversations comprise Jesus’ legacy to His followers.

Chapter 14 centers on the promise that Christ is the One who gives believers comfort, not only by virtue of His future return but also in the present via the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Following the dismissal of Judas, Jesus begins His valedictory address to the remaining 11. The world of the disciples was about to be shattered; they would be bewildered, confused, and ridden with anxiety because of the events that would soon transpire. Anticipating the disciples’ devastation, Jesus spoke to comfort them

What specific commands of Christ have you been overlooking or ignoring that you need to carefully keep (14:15) in order to show your love for Christ this week?
