

**The Perfume, The Palm Branches, and The Prophecy of  
Death  
John 12:1-36**

**Intro:** Eight of the twenty-one chapters in the Gospel of John are devoted to the final days of Jesus leading up to the cross, beginning with John chapter twelve.

- I. **The Perfume – John 12:1-11 – Six days before Passover**
  - a. The extravagant anointing – a year’s wages!
  - b. Not the first time Jesus defends Mary (cf. Lk. 10:42)
  - c. A look at Mary’s heart
  - d. Jesus’ mysterious words about His burial
  
- II. **The Palm Branches – John 12:12-19 – Five days before Passover**
  - a. The two-mile walk from Bethany to Jerusalem
  - b. The disciples’ confusion
  - c. The fulfillment of Psalm 118
  - d. The fulfillment of Zechariah’s prophecies
  
- III. **The Prophecy of Death – John 12:20-33 – The ultimate Passover**
  - a. “The hour has come”
  - b. The two-fold death of the seed
  - c. Jesus’ lifted-up death

**Close:** As the Gospels slow down and zoom in on Jesus’ final days, so we should slow down and spend time this week with Jesus. Walk with Him in the light. Hide in Him from the darkness. Spend time at Jesus’ feet: listening, learning, grieving, and worshipping.