

# John 12 The New Living Translation

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## Monday

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**12**<sup>20</sup> Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration<sup>21</sup> paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, “Sir, we want to meet Jesus.”<sup>22</sup> Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. <sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. <sup>26</sup> Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

## Tuesday

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<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But this is the very reason I came! <sup>28</sup> Father, bring glory to your name.”

Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, “I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again.”<sup>29</sup> When the crowd heard the voice, some thought it was thunder, while others declared an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Then Jesus told them, “The voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”<sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

## Wednesday

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<sup>34</sup> The crowd responded, “We understood from Scripture that the Messiah would live forever. How can you say the Son of Man will die? Just who is this Son of Man, anyway?”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus replied, “My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. <sup>36</sup> Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light.”

After saying these things, Jesus went away and was hidden from them.

## Thursday

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<sup>37</sup> But despite all the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in him. <sup>38</sup> This is exactly what Isaiah the prophet had predicted:

“LORD, who has believed our message?

To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm?”

<sup>39</sup> But the people couldn’t believe, for as Isaiah also said,

<sup>40</sup> “The Lord has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts—so that their eyes cannot see, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and have me heal them.”

## Friday

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<sup>41</sup> Isaiah was referring to Jesus when he said this, because he saw the future and spoke of the Messiah’s glory. <sup>42</sup> Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn’t admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. <sup>43</sup> For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.

<sup>44</sup> Jesus shouted to the crowds, “If you trust me, you are trusting not only me, but also God who sent me. <sup>45</sup> For when you see me, you are seeing the one who sent me. <sup>46</sup> I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark. <sup>47</sup> I will not judge those who hear me but don’t obey me, for I have come to save the world and not to judge it. <sup>48</sup> But all who reject me and my message will be judged on the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken. <sup>49</sup> I don’t speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it. <sup>50</sup> And I know his commands lead to eternal life; so I say whatever the Father tells me to say.”

# John 13 The New Living Translation

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## Saturday

<sup>13</sup> Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. <sup>2</sup> It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. <sup>4</sup> So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, <sup>5</sup> and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

<sup>6</sup> When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."

<sup>8</sup> "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."

<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

## Sunday

<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?" <sup>13</sup> You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. <sup>14</sup> And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

## Weekly Scripture Readings

**Week 11**

**March 7-13**

**Sanctifying grace draws us toward the gift of Christian perfection, which Wesley described as a heart habitually filled with the love of God and neighbor, and as having the mind of Christ and walking as he walked.**

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