

We will begin the 10th lecture on the book of John. /Today's message is from John 11:38.

/Verse 38. Let us read. /Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

/Jesus came to Lazarus's tomb. /The entrance to the tomb was blocked with a stone.
/Jesus was deeply moved.

/The reason is he is the source of life, but the people did not know this. /Jesus is the resurrection and the life. /However, the people did not know that he is the resurrection and the life.

/Verses 39-40. /Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

/Jesus said, "Take away the stone." /Martha replied, / "He has been dead for four days." / "There will be an odor." /She is saying there is no point in opening the door of the tomb.

/Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" /Faith is obedience. /Believing the word of God and obeying with the body is having complete faith. /James 2:22

/If we obey the word, we see works happen. /In our human minds, we believe that a man dead for four days will smell terrible and cannot be raised to life, /but if we believe and obey, God with his power will raise the dead man.

/If we believe and obey, the Red Sea parts. /If we believe and obey, water flows from the rock. /Therefore obedience is key to our faith. /God receives glory when we obey. /Also, through obedience, we gain experiences of faith.

/Verses 41-42. /So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."

/The people obeyed and moved the stone. /Jesus lifted his eyes and prayed to God. /The Lord prayed to God the Father. /He gave thanks to God for listening to his prayer.

/Jesus also gave thanks to God because through this account, people will come to believe in Christ. /People will come to believe that God the Father sent Jesus.

/Verse 43. /When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."

/With a loud voice, Jesus said, “Lazarus, come out.” /When he said this, the dead Lazarus stood up and walked out. /The Lord’s words are all-powerful. /Ezekiel 37:1 /When he called to Lazarus, the dead man walked out.

/The words of the Lord are all-powerful. /God created the heavens and the earth and all of creation with his words. /He has the power to bring the dead to life. /God raised Lazarus / to show the people that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

/He did this to bring people to believe in Jesus. /At this time, Lazarus walked out with linen strips wrapped around his hands and feet. /His face was wrapped with a cloth. /Jesus said to the people, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

/Lazarus returned to being a normal human being. /We have defeated death. /We have come to believe in Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life. /Whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life.

/When we die, our spirits go to heaven, and our bodies return to the dust. /Our bodies will resurrect when Jesus returns.

/Verses 45-46. /Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

/Jesus brought the dead Lazarus to life. /Because of this work, many believed in Jesus. /On the other hand, those who did not believe went to the Pharisees and told them what happened.

/The Pharisees proceeded to persecute Jesus even more. /The high priests and Pharisees gathered the council. /This council is the Sanhedrin.

/It is the highest religious court of the Jews. /The council gathered to determine whether Jesus is the Christ or not. /They didn’t gather because they wanted to believe that Jesus is the Christ. /Rather, even after seeing the Jesus’s works, they didn’t want to believe in him, but they wanted to kill him.

/Verse 48. /If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

/The high priests and the Pharisees fought to keep their religious authority. /They were worried that they would lose their authority. /Furthermore, they worried that the Roman armies would come and take away their religion.

/These people were worried that their authority would be taken away because of Jesus. /The council members had no interest in the truth or salvation. /They simply fought to preserve their authority.

/Verses 49-50. /But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.”

/Caiaphas was high priest of that year. /He played the leading role in killing Jesus. /He believed that the Romans would destroy them if they left Jesus be.

/He thought that it is better for one man to die than for the entire nation to perish.
/Caiaphas said this with the purpose of killing Jesus. /However, God used his words.

/Through these words, God makes it known that Jesus will die for his chosen people.
/Caiaphas’ words were a prophecy of Jesus Christ’s death of atonement. /He said these words with the intention of killing Jesus. /However, God uses his words to make Jesus an atonement sacrifice.

/Verse 54. /Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples.

/Jesus could no longer preach among the Jews. /He went to a quiet place in the wilderness to prepare and pray. /He also taught his disciples.

/Verse 55. /Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves.

/To offer sheep as sacrifices, the Jews went up to Jerusalem before the Passover began.
/They purified themselves.

/Verses 56-57. /They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?” Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

/The Jews observed the Passover. /They did not, however, believe in Jesus, who is the Passover Lamb. /Instead, they rejected him. /The Pharisees tried to arrest Jesus.

/The Pharisees gave orders to arrest Jesus when he arrives in Jerusalem at the time of the feast. /They gave orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know.

/We will continue with John 12.

/The title of chapter 12 is “He Goes Up to Jerusalem.” /Here are the main points. /First, Mary pours ointment. /Verses 1-11. /Second, the Lord comes riding on a donkey. /Verses 12-29. /Third, the death and glory of the Son of Man. /Verses 30-33.

/Fourth, walk in the light. /Verses 34-36. /Fifth, the Jews' unbelief. /Verses 37-41. /Sixth, the state of the authorities' faith. /Verses 42-43. /Seventh, the judgment of the word and eternal life. /Verses 44-50.

/Verses 1-2. Let us read. /Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table.

/Jesus entered the town of Bethany six days before the Passover. /Lazarus was living there. /In chapter 11, Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave.

/In our message today, Mary pours ointment over Jesus. /This took place in the house of Simon the Leper. /Matthew 16:6 /Mark 14:3 /Martha was preparing food at this time.

/Verse 3. /Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

/Mary took an expensive ointment and poured it over Jesus's feet. /Here, this ointment of nard is from a plant in India. /It is an ointment that is imported from India. /It was the best ointment there was.

/One pound of the ointment is sold for three hundred denarii. /One denarius is one day's wage for a laborer. /The Bible says that Mary poured the ointment on Jesus's feet.

/Matthew said that she poured the ointment on Jesus's head. /Matthew 26:7 /Mark 14:3-9. /Mary did pour the ointment on Jesus's head. /The ointment flowed down from Jesus's head to his feet.

/When Mary offered this expensive ointment, she offered her faith. /She offered the expensive ointment with a heart that loved Jesus. /She freely gave her utmost and her possessions to Jesus.

/The disciples knew that Jesus would die if he went up to Jerusalem. /John 11:16, 57 /Mary also knew this. /She thought about what she could offer to Jesus.

/Soon, Jesus will die on the cross. /Mary thought, "Should I offer money? Food? Clothing?" /Then, Mary realized that ointment was the most needed for Jesus's funeral.

/This is why Mary poured ointment on Jesus. /This shows how fragrant Jesus's death of atonement will be. /Mary deeply understood her love for Jesus.

/She poured out such an expensive ointment because she loved Jesus. /She poured it on Jesus as if she was pouring it onto Jesus's dead body. /Mary used her hair to wash Jesus's feet.

/A woman's hair is her glory. /1 Corinthians 11:15. /Thus Mary used her precious and glorious hair to wash the feet of Jesus. /The fragrance of the ointment filled the entire house.

/The fragrance of Mary's faith had filled the house and spread to all the people. /This is the fragrance of faith. /This is the fragrance of love. /Mary realized how much Jesus loves us.

/Verses 4-5. /But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

/Judas Iscariot was the first to complain. /The other disciples then joined him in complaining. /Matthew 26:8 /On the surface, it seemed like Judas Iscariot was caring for the poor.

/However, he was being double-sided as he was trying to steal money. /He harbored greed in his heart. /Because he started complaining, the other disciples agreed with him.

/The disciples were angry over what Mary did. /This means they were complaining about Jesus. /This is true because Jesus complimented Mary for what she did.

/The disciples thought greatly of helping the poor. /But Mary put her focus on the work of saving souls. /Mary's faith was centered on Christ's redemption.

/That is why she poured the most expensive ointment for Jesus. /We need to be grateful for the grace of the Lord's redemption. /We need to be moved by his love to the extent of not only offering our possessions, but also our lives.

/Judas Iscariot was not thinking of the poor. /He was a thief. /He did not follow his conscience, but he followed his greed. /In the end, he sees a miserable ending.

/Verse 7. /Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial.

/The disciples complained about Mary's action. /However, Jesus complimented her for doing a noble and good thing. /Matthew 26:10 /Mary realized that Jesus would die for redemption.

/The ointment was an appropriate offering for Jesus's funeral. /It brought Jesus joy. /He said that wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the world, what Mary has done will also be told. /Matthew 26:13

/Verse 8. /For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

/Jesus said that we will always have the poor with us. /He means we will always have the opportunity to help the poor. /He also said, "But you do not always have me."

/We do not always have the opportunity to give to Jesus, to be faithful to him. /Once the opportunity passes, it will never come back. /We do not always have the chance to pour ointment on Jesus.

/We do not always have the chance to offer a donkey to Jesus. /We do not always have the chance to offer him five loaves and two fish. /Joseph of Arimathea gave Jesus his tomb. /The opportunity is not always there.

/Therefore we need to give to Jesus when we have the chance. /Many people came to Jesus. /They also came to meet Lazarus.

/Furthermore, the chief priests conspired to kill Lazarus as well. /The reason is Jesus raised the man from the dead. /Because of this event, many Jews came to believe in Jesus.

/In this way, there were people who did believe in Jesus. /There were people who rejected him. /The high priests were consumed by their honor and greed for authority.

/Their spirits were dark. /They did not follow their conscience. /Their hearts were evil. /That is why they want to arrest Jesus and kill him.

/Verses 12-13. /The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

/The Passover was at hand. /During the Passover, large crowds gather in Jerusalem to observe the feast. /Jews from all over the nation had gathered. /It came to be that Jesus entered Jerusalem.

/He went up to Jerusalem on a donkey. /People held up branches of palm trees and shouted, “Hosanna!” /They were acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah /The long awaited Messiah had come.

/They also acknowledged that Jesus is the King of kings. /Palm trees symbolize victory. / “Hosanna” means “help” or “save.” /The people laid their garments on the path where Jesus passed by. /Matthew 21:8 /They welcomed Jesus and praised him.

/Verses 14-15. /And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”

/Jesus went into Jerusalem riding on a young donkey. /He went up as King. /Jesus is Israel's spiritual King. /He is the King of kings.

Rather than riding a horse, Jesus rode a donkey. /This is a display of his humility.
/Matthew 21:5 /The donkey is a symbol of humility. /It is also a symbol of peace.
/However, the horse is a symbol of war.

/Jesus rode a donkey to show the people that he is the King of peace. /This was fulfilled
as the Bible was written. /Zechariah 9:9 /Matthew 21:5

/We need to humbly wear the yoke the Lord has put on us and follow him.

/In verse 16, we see that the disciples did not understand the meaning of Jesus entering
Jerusalem on a donkey. /After Jesus is glorified and resurrected from the dead, then do
the disciples realize it.

/Verses 17-18. /The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the
tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd
went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

/Jesus saved Lazarus. /Many saw this and believed. /They bore witness about Jesus.
/They said that Jesus is the Christ. /By seeing, people can believe and bear witness.

/Verse 19. /So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing.
Look, the world has gone after him.”

/The Pharisees could not stop Jesus’s movement of salvation. /People from all over the
world were following Jesus. /No one can stop the work of God. /Anyone who tries to
disturb the work of God is beating his head against the wall.

/Verse 20. /Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.

/The feast is the Passover. /The Greeks had gone up to Jerusalem to worship on this
Jewish feast. /They were those who had converted to Judaism.

/Verses 21-22. /So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked
him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went
and told Jesus.

/The Greeks asked Philip if they could meet Jesus. /Philip told this to Andrew. /They both
went and told Jesus about this.

/Why did the Greeks want to meet Jesus? /They had come to Jerusalem before. /At the
time, the leaders of Judaism tried to kill Jesus.

/With a heart of adoring Jesus, the Greeks wanted to find asylum for Jesus. /They loved
him, so they recommended that he take refuge somewhere else. /How did Jesus reply to
them?

/Verse 23. /And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

/Jesus knew why the Greeks wanted to meet him. He also knew that they were trying to give him asylum. /He knew they were seeking to find him refuge. /However, Jesus did not try to run away.

/He did not try to avoid death. /Rather, he said that the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. /He is saying the time for him to die on the cross has come. /7:30 /8:20 /12:16

/Jesus dying on the cross is glory to God. /Why does his death bring glory to God? /God’s plan for salvation included Jesus’s death.

/Through Jesus, many will be saved. /Jesus obeyed to his death. /Many came to believe in him. /Many were saved.

/God receives glory because of Jesus’s death. /Jesus glorified God. /God the Father also glorified Jesus. /13:32

/Jesus died on the cross for the glory of the resurrection. /He did not run away from death. /We too must not run away when the cross comes to us. /We must look to the resurrection and glory that follow.

/Verse 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.

/This is a precious message. /It means Jesus’s sacrifice in death will bring life to many. /If Jesus hadn’t died on the cross, we would not have salvation.

/Because one person, who is Jesus, died, many have been given salvation. /How many people believe in Jesus today? /Because of Jesus’s sacrifice, we have been brought to life. /The same principle applies to us.

/Through our sacrifice and work, many are saved. /Some people are martyred preaching the gospel. /Because of their sacrifice, people in certain regions come to believe in Jesus.

/We must sacrifice. /We need to preach the gospel as we sacrifice. /Then, through us, many lives will receive salvation.

/Verse 25. /Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

/Whoever loves the life of his flesh will lose spiritual life. /Jesus says, “Whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” /Whoever lays down his life on earth

will keep his spiritual life. /We need to value the life of our spirits more than we value the life of our flesh. /We need to follow the truth.

/Verse 26. /If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

/God values those who serve Jesus and follow him.

/Verse 27. /“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

/Jesus’s soul was troubled before the cross. /He came to carry the cross. /However, because the pain was immense, he was troubled.

/Jesus wanted to be victorious over suffering. /He said, “Father, save me from this hour.” /He is not praying to have the cross lifted from him.

/Jesus came to carry the cross. /He is asking God to appease his suffering. /To lower the intensity of his suffering. /However, if God desires it, Jesus is willing to take all of the suffering.

/Verse 28. /Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

/Jesus earnestly wished to glorify the name of the Father through him. /Jesus obeyed the Father’s will. /He had already glorified God.

/Also, he will glorify God in the future. /This happens when Jesus completes the work of redemption by dying on the cross.

/In verse 29, some people said that it had thundered. /Some people said that an angel had spoken. /In verse 30, Jesus says, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.”

/Verse 31. /Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

/Jesus is saying he will die on the cross. /His death will begin the judgment of the sinful world. /Here, the “ruler of this world” is the devil. /Through Jesus, the devil is cast out. /Jesus judges the world and the devil. /He judges sin.

/Verses 32-33. /And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

/By saying he will be lifted up, Jesus is saying he will be nailed to a cross. /Here, “all people” refers to the chosen people. /Now Jesus dies on the cross. /His chosen people believe in him, are saved, and receive eternal life.

/This concludes our 10th lecture on the book of John. /Thank you.