**Spiritual Food for Isolation - John's Gospel 12**

Thank you for joining us - may God bless our time together with Him.

**1) Aperitif:** Count your blessings: [**Click me for words/music**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2FM4VlNfh0jSk%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C61afca6823544028f2c408d7f34c7f0e%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382177304461&sdata=acRrCMdVikPBAud8Y%2Bu8knhaVg0FgMl9a%2FO%2FCQWL%2Bg8%3D&reserved=0).

**2) Prayer/Grace:**Dear heavenly Father, there is so much that worries us and makes us anxious. In these moments, help us to turn to You and thank You for all the many blessings You have given us. We thank You for life itself, the ability to see, hear, breathe, taste, smell and touch. For the sky, whether blue or grey, the warmth of the sunshine and the refreshing rain. For the grass, trees and flowers, the birds, bees, and insects too. For friends and loved ones, and for Your unfailing love. We thank You so much. Help us, Holy Spirit, not to take such things for granted, but to remember to count our blessings. As we read Scripture together, remind us again of this blessing we have in front of us, telling us of the wonderful story of Jesus. As we have been saved by trusting in His atoning sacrifice, so we cry out 'hosanna', 'Lord save' within our families and communities too - and use us as Your witnesses. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**3) Our main course;** the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Apostle John, chapter 12: [**Click me to read**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.biblegateway.com%2Fpassage%2F%3Fsearch%3DJohn%2B12%26version%3DNIVUK&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C61afca6823544028f2c408d7f34c7f0e%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382177314458&sdata=e06ke5sINntaNAhKALv98dUq1NReZMdPJ1ILoru10hA%3D&reserved=0)**-** [**Click me to listen**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.biblegateway.com%2Faudio%2Fsuchet%2Fnivuk%2FJohn.12&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C61afca6823544028f2c408d7f34c7f0e%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382177314458&sdata=d%2BVvrahA2jMc%2Bo1fT3c3RxPevhXXzNpsOr3wIN6mOKc%3D&reserved=0)

**4) Chewing it over;** after reading today's chapter, take your time to think through the following:

- v2, Observation: Lazarus evidently did not come back from the dead and then immediately die again, as here he is, some time after his resurrection, living at home and eating with family and friends (compare Jn 11:54)  
  
 - v3, do we have evidence here of a Bible contradiction?   
          \* Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus’ feet, with perfume, at a meal within her own house, shortly before His Triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and only Judas seems to object.   
          \* But Luke 7 says Jesus’ feet were anointed with perfume at the house of Simon the Pharisee, apparently much earlier in His ministry, and that the unnamed woman was crying, and a notorious sinner.   
          \* And then a third account is found in Matthew 26 and Mark 14, saying that it was 2 days before His final Passover (4 days after the account from John) that an unnamed woman came and poured perfume on His head (in contrast to His feet), at the home of Simon the leper in Bethany. Unlike the other accounts, it wasn’t just Judas who thought this was a waste of money.   
  
The question is – do you believe the Bible to be true and reliable?...  
If so, how do we reconcile the apparent inconsistencies in these accounts?...  
What does reconciling such apparent contradictions teach us about the Bible, God, us?   
  
Read this for clarification: [Anointings Contraditions?](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fanswersingenesis.org%2Fcontradictions-in-the-bible%2Fhow-many-times-was-jesus-anointed%2F&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C61afca6823544028f2c408d7f34c7f0e%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382177324442&sdata=3tmUtL2I6akIuQurQ%2BNmkGAL7MAFkbpQNWrNvjHzGeA%3D&reserved=0)  
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-v9-11 Can you imagine how Lazarus felt?...privileged to be in the firing line for Jesus?...honoured to be such a useful witness/magnet for Jesus?...scared of dying again?...or the opposite because he knows death is not the end?

- v17, If the resurrection of Lazarus was such a turning point in helping people believe, can you imagine how these same people would have readily accepted that Jesus had been resurrected too?...in other words, was the temporary resurrection of Lazarus all a part of preparing people to accept the eternal resurrection of Jesus and accepting His claim to be the resurrection and the life?  
  
 - v12-15 This is the Triumphal entry, (Palm Sunday), and an independent account is also found in Mark 11:1-11. What does ‘Hosanna’ mean? …Are you aware that Old Testament prophecy is being quoted and fulfilled about the Messiah?...Read and compare Psalm 118v22-19.  
  
 - Do we still cry ‘Hosanna’ today as we pray for our families and our communities?  
  
 - v16, Why is this verse regarding the disciples' ignorance such useful information?...How does it add credibility to the Gospel account?...How does it encourage us to keep studying Scripture?  
  
 - v28-30, can you imagine what it must have been like to hear the voice of God?  
  
 -v42-43 even many of the Jewish leaders believed - often overlooked, but this must have been a factor in the post-resurrection trust in Jesus. The question is, are there times when we are silenced in lour witness due to loving the praise/popularity of humans rather than the praise of God?...how can we be more brave?  
  
 - v45 Observation: another affirmation of the deity of Jesus Christ. He is either mad, bad, or God!

**5) Digestif:** Beckah Shae 'Hosanna': [**Click Me**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DYQcgYxhCuhU&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C61afca6823544028f2c408d7f34c7f0e%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382177334442&sdata=gojn%2Fpv0yezLOZvQfuh1Zrx%2BT8WAsWGvCSbR7tXx77M%3D&reserved=0).....or/and......Joshua Aaron - 'Hoshiana': [**Click me.**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2FXT8WdVhbd6k%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C61afca6823544028f2c408d7f34c7f0e%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382177334442&sdata=s26i5LJoeOdCxhCtkf79ijaRFN7Xc%2FshZfLPSAyIonk%3D&reserved=0)

**6) Snacks:** The Moral Argument for the existence of God  [**Click me.**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2FOxiAikEk2vU%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C61afca6823544028f2c408d7f34c7f0e%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382177344430&sdata=hs9iyN26HkGtl01wricc8X%2BbDlxsM4w7HWTAEhUMhQw%3D&reserved=0)

**7) Supper:**  Living Waters University: Students challenge God's existence[**Click me**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fembed%2FuKCux1Dur_M%3Fautoplay%3D1&data=02%7C01%7CBarbara_Dalrymple%40can.salvationarmy.org%7C61afca6823544028f2c408d7f34c7f0e%7C6d08a372d98a49f380efca826293a473%7C1%7C0%7C637245382177354427&sdata=yEXVRmOTMjlewVR5PiyoTlT1JMCwC9TYMypjM1qdaH4%3D&reserved=0)

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***But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.***

***Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give***

***the reason for the hope that you have.***

***1 Peter 3:15***

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