

Matt 20:17-34; Lu 19:1-27; Jn 12:1-11 - Daily Study Questions

<p>4. Using Matt 20:29-34 who did Jesus encounter as He left Jericho (v29-30)? What did they ask (v31, 33) and how did Jesus respond (v32, 34)? What does this show about Him?</p>	
<p>5. Read Luke 19:1-5. Who else did Jesus encounter and what was he like (v1-3)? What did he do (v4) and how did Jesus respond (v5)?</p>	
<p>6. Looking at Luke 19:6-10 what was Zaccheus' new condition (v6, 9) and what showed this (v6, 8)? Why had this occurred (v5, 10-11)? How did the Jewish leaders react (v7)?</p>	
<p>7. From Luke 19:11-15 why did Jesus tell this story (v11)? What does it reveal about the King (v12, 15) and His subjects (v13, 14)?</p>	
<p>8. Using Luke 19:16-27 what results did the subjects have (v16, 18, 20-21) and how did Jesus respond to this (v17, 19, 22-25)? Why (v26)? How did He deal with His enemies (v27)?</p>	
<p>9. In John 12:1-8 what happened in Bethany (v1-2, 3)? How did Judas react (v4-5)? Why (v6)? How did Jesus answer him (v7-8) and how can we apply this?</p>	
<p>10. Based on John 12:9-11 who found out that Jesus was in Bethany (v9) and what were the results (v9, 10-11)? Why?</p>	
<p>11. How does address the importance of releasing personal ambition to His disciples, of rescuing abandoned people, and of reaffirming the value of worshiping Him in this study. How can you apply this to your life?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Luke 19:10 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Grace Revealed (Titus 2:11-14)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group about some unexpected and undeserved good thing that has happened to you (besides your salvation). How did that make you feel?
2. Read Titus 2:11-14. How did the “grace of God” appear to everyone? Tell your group how it appeared to you.
3. Discuss the impact that God's grace should have on our lives each day according to v12 and why. Give examples of how that is actually happening in your life.
4. Talk about the difference between the world's hope and the believer's hope. How is Jesus described in v13 and what does this have to do with the believer's hope?
5. When Jesus “gave Himself for us” what was His purpose (v14)? Why do you think this mattered to Him? What does it reveal about our condition prior to salvation?
6. How passionate are you for doing good works? If one of your neighbors were to answer this question, what would they say? How can we stir up this passion—get practical?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Tying Up Loose Ends

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Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Unattended details at the end of a project may cause everything to become unraveled, like the loose ends of ropes on a ship. In this week's study Jesus addressed some lingering issues with the disciples and the Pharisees just before His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He was about to depart so He needed to first of all remind His disciples of the importance of sacrifice, of releasing personal ambition for the sake of the kingdom. First repeating the news of His impending death and resurrection, He then heard a request from the mother of James and John. They wanted to sit on each side of Him in the kingdom; His answer revealed that He could not accommodate that, but that they would drink from His cup of suffering and death. The other disciples were indignant with

them, but Jesus explained that His genuine followers had to release personal ambition and then sacrifice their lives for Him. In the next section Jesus set an example of rescuing those who were abandoned and in need of His salvation. The first of these was Zaccheus, a tax collector who was abandoned by his own people. As Jesus moved through Jericho this small man climbed a tree to see Him. Jesus told him to come down because He "must" stay at his house that day. This divine appointment led to Zaccheus' salvation. He showed its authenticity by pledging to give back four times any sum he had collected illegally and to give half of his possessions to the poor. After this Jesus responded mercifully to the call of two blind men for healing, even though those around

Him warned them to be silent. Finally, Jesus affirmed his friend Mary for revealing pure affection for Him by her worship. At their home in Bethany she poured a pound of costly perfume on His feet and wiped them with her hair. Judas criticized the waste of this extravagance which could have been given to the poor. Jesus, however, affirmed Mary's act by telling them to leave her alone because she had actually prepared His body for burial. He was about to depart but the poor would always be there. With these loose ends tied up, Jesus was ready for the cross.

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(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read Matt 20:17-19. What did Jesus tell His disciples that was about to happen (v18-19)? Why do you think He kept telling them this (see Matt 16:21)?</p>	
<p>2. In Matt 20:20-23 who came to Jesus (v20) and what was the request (v21)? How did Jesus clarify what this would actually mean for them (v22)? Why did He not grant their request (v23)? Explain.</p>	
<p>3. From Matt 20:24-28 how did the ten respond when they heard about the request (v24)? What problem did they all have and how did Jesus correct it (v25, 26, 27)? Who exemplified His answer (v28)?</p>	

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