
THE MURDER WE WROTE

Understanding the Passion of the Christ

John 12:12-53

¹²The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. John 12:12 (RSV)

FACES IN THE CROWD

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¹⁷Those in the crowd who had seen Jesus call Lazarus back to life were telling others all about it. John 12:17 (NLT)

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³⁴“Die?” asked the crowd. “We understood from Scripture that the Messiah would live forever. Why are you saying the Son of Man will die? Who is this Son of Man you are talking about?” John 12:34 (NLT)

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³⁷But despite all the miraculous signs he had done, most of the people did not believe in him. John 12:37 (NLT)

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⁴²Many people, including some of the Jewish leaders, believed in him. But they wouldn’t admit it to anyone because of their fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. ⁴³For they loved human praise more than the praise of God. John 12:42-43 (NLT)

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Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, “Teacher, get your disciples under control!” But he said, “If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise.” Luke 19:39 (TMNT)

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⁴⁴Jesus shouted to the crowds, “If you trust me, you are really trusting God who sent me. ⁴⁵For when you see me, you are seeing the one who sent me. ⁴⁶I 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 darkness. John 12:44-46 (NLT)

⁴⁷If anyone hears me and doesn’t obey me, I am not his judge—for I have come to save the world and not to judge it. John 12:47 (NLT)

²⁸But Jesus said, “No, happy are those who hear the teaching of God and obey it.” Luke 11:28 (NCV)

⁴⁸But all who reject me and my message will be judged at the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken. ⁴⁹I don’t speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me gave me his own instructions as to what I should say. ⁵⁰And I know his instructions lead to eternal life; so I say whatever the Father tells me to say!” John 12:48-50 (NLT)