



Knowing Christ

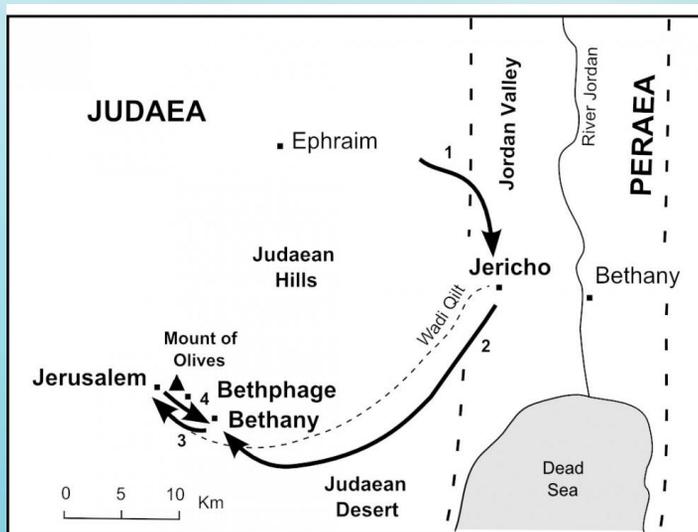
Stay the Course

The Fallout

- ^{NAS} **John 11:47** Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs. ⁴⁸ "If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."... ⁵³ So from that day on they planned together to kill Him. ⁵⁴ Jesus therefore no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there He stayed with the disciples. ⁵⁵ Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, to purify themselves. ...⁵⁷ Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

On the Way to the Cross

- ^{NAS} **John 12:1** Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.



Wheels in Motion

- ^{NAS} **John 12:9** The great multitude therefore of the Jews learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. ¹⁰ But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus to death also; ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away, and were believing in Jesus.

The Anointing

- ^{NIV} **John 12:3** Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume...⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial."
- ^{NIV} **1 Samuel 10:1** Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance?"

The Significance

- “That Jesus is anointed is significant... This anointing in John 12 is not just for Jesus’ death, though death is the heart of his work. In John, Jesus’ feet are anointed instead of the head. It was unusual to anoint the feet, especially during a meal, and it was certainly improper for a woman to anoint feet. In Old Testament times, the head was anointed for an office, be it a king or a priest. The feet were anointed at death. But herein lies Jesus’ unique kingship. He will conquer sin and death and will rule over his people through his resurrection. His cross will be his throne.”

➤ *Life in the Spirit NT Commentary*

Declared by the Resurrection

- ^{NAS} **John 2:18** The Jews therefore answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, seeing that You do these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
- ^{NAS} **Acts 13:33** that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'Thou art My Son; today I have begotten Thee.' ³⁴ "And as for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no more to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.' ³⁵ "Therefore He also says in another Psalm, 'Thou wilt not allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.'
- ^{ESV} **Romans 1:3** concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Polar Opposites

- **NAS John 12:3** Mary therefore took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
- **ASV Song of Solomon 1:12** While the king sat at his table, My spikenard sent forth its fragrance.
 - Love of the Lord
- **NAS John 12:4** But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to poor people?" ⁶ Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.
 - Love of self

Saving Faith and Genuine Love

- ^{NAS} **John 3:36** "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- ^{Lit} **John 3:36** "The **continually believing in the Son one** continuously has eternal life; but the **continually disobeying the Son one** will not see life, but the wrath of God continuously abides on him."
- ^{NAS} **John 14:15** "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."
- ^{NAS} **1 John 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome."

Applications

Examine Ourselves Regularly

- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 13:5** Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?
 - ^{NAS} **Matthew 7:21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. ²² "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' ²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'
1. Flesh → unbelief → self-love → sin
 2. Spirit → faith → love of God → obedience

Difficult Times are Here

- **NAS 2 Timothy 3:1** But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; ⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power... ⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth... ⁹ But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all ... ¹² And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³ But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

There is Hope

- **NAS 2 Timothy 3:14** You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them; ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

There is Power

- ^{NAS} **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- ^{NAS} **1 Thessalonians 2:13** And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Help Each Other

- **NAS James 5:19** My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.
- **NAS Romans 15:14** And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able also to admonish one another.
- **NAS 1 Peter 4:8** Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.
- **NAS James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Conclusions

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- ^{NAS} **Romans 15:13** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 12:12** rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

Victory in Jesus

- ^{NAS} **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- ^{Lit} **John 10:28** ... and I continually give to them life eternal, and there is absolutely no possibility they will perish unto eternity; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "My Father, who has fully given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is powerful enough to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

^{NAS} **Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.