

KNOWING REAL LOVE**Walk While You Have the Light John 11:47—12:36**

“Look how the whole world has gone after him!” John 12:19

1. Read John 11:47—12:36 keeping in mind that Jesus’ mission on earth is coming to an end. List all the clues in this section that point to how his mission will end.
2. Read John 11:47–57. What problem was Caiphas trying to solve? (vs. 48) What was his solution? What deeper meaning did his solution have? (vss. 51–52)
3. Read John 12:1–11. In this section we meet Lazarus, Martha, and Mary again, an ordinary family that Jesus loved. How has Jesus’ love changed them and their lives? (Use this section and John 11)
4. What did Mary give up to express her love for Jesus? (12:3–5) What does Jesus give her in return? (12:7) How has this happened in your life?
5. Read John 12:12–19. What feast is all of Jerusalem preparing for? (Look back at 12:1.)
6. Describe Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem. (12:13–15) Write down what the people said as Jesus entered into the city. What did the way he arrived and the people’s response reveal about Jesus?
7. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem? (12:19) How did they inadvertently (and accurately) predict the future? (John 3:16–17)

8. Read John 12:20–36. Who came to see Jesus? (12:20–22) Why do you think John tells this story right after verse 19?

9. What has to happen before “the whole world” (vs. 19) can know God? (vss. 23–24) What has to happen before we can know God? (vss. 25–26) Describe one way that has been difficult for you.

10. How was Jesus feeling as he talked about his death? (vs. 27) Why did he still go forward? (vss. 28–29)

11. What questions did the people ask Jesus in verse 34? What two things does he tell them to do? (vss. 35–36) Are you doing these two things? Describe how this looks in your life.