

## Decisions for Christ

John 11:54-12:50 (Series: Walking with Jesus)

On September 29, 2024, by Philip Pinto @ Village Bible Church

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3.) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Mary’s service (v. 7-8)

3. Lazarus’ miraculous resurrection by Jesus

\_\_\_\_\_ the religious leaders (12:9-11)

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b. Chief priests made plans to \_\_\_\_\_ Lazarus (v. 10)

c. Many Jews were \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus (v. 11)

B. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ [as a king] into Jerusalem (12:12-19)

1. It happened just as it written (v. 12-15)

2. The disciples connected Scriptural \_\_\_\_\_ to what was happening (v. 16)

3. The crowd \_\_\_\_\_ of Lazarus’ resurrection and others came to see (v. 17-18)

4. Pharisees observe that “the world has gone after Him” (v. 19)

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1. Philip & Andrew tell Jesus about Greeks seeking Him (v. 20-22)

2. Jesus answers (v. 23-26)

a. “The hour has come...” (v. 23-24)

b. Give up your life to receive eternal life (v. 25)

c. Following Jesus means \_\_\_\_\_ Him (v. 26)

3. Despite His troubled soul, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His purpose (v. 27-36)

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1.) He knew He had come to “this hour” for this purpose (v. 27)

2.) He prayed, “Father, \_\_\_\_\_ your name” (v. 28a)

3.) God answered (v. 28b)

b. The crowd responds/Jesus explains (v. 29-36)

1.) They heard God’s voice, but didn’t understand it (v. 29)

2.) Jesus prophesies: (v. 30-32)

3.) The crowd doesn’t understand (v. 34)

4.) Jesus demands a \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 35-36)

i. “Walk while you have the light,” don’t be overcome by darkness (v. 35)

ii. “Believe in the light [to] become sons of light” (v. 36a)

D. Why the people didn’t believe (v. 36b-50)

1. Jesus hid Himself (v. 36b)

2. People \_\_\_\_\_ the signs, don’t believe in fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy (v. 37-41)

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**Pastor’s Note:** John 11:54-12:50 brings the cross very much into focus just before Jesus hides Himself with His disciples and John reveals tremendous detail about what Jesus did and said in the last hours with them before His crucifixion. It also brings to a head all the misunderstanding people had about Jesus concluding with their final “Decisions for Christ.” What will your decision be?