# The Focussed Jesus: Jesus’ ministry in the last week of His mortal life: John 12:1-19:42

# John

## 1:1-18 Tells us what John believed about Jesus

## The rest gives us the evidence of why John believed it

## 12:1-19:42 covers the last few days of Jesus’ natural life

### These chapters contain Jesus’ most pressing actions and teachings

# God uses ‘moments’

## Significant points in your history when He speaks

### They have made you what you are so far

## The turning point of the gospel

### Until this time Jesus’ time had not yet come

#### Now it had arrived

### Within the week He would be dead (12:1 & 12) AND raised to life

# Truth that matters

## Is Jesus worth following?

## What’s it like living the Kingdom of God?

### Jesus tells it like it is

# God’s kingdom begins

## With death

### The death of Christ

#### This is the glory of God

#### It doesn’t depend on your works but on His

## With a fundamental choice

### The death of your way

#### The kingdom is for those who say “Not my way, but yours, O God”

# God’s kingdom ensures you end up in heaven

# God’s kingdom can be enjoyed

### The fruit of the kingdom is having the Holy Spirit in your life and the hope of eternal glory when you die

## Jesus teaches that 2 things are essential to enjoying the fruit of the kingdom

### Serving and Following

#### The temptation will be to become either a servant or a follower

##### But the task you are called to is to be both

###### It is a spiritual task requiring spiritual strength

### The focussed Jesus nails this down

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# The death of Jesus

## Many believe that the death of Jesus was tragic but Jesus teaches that it is necessary (12:23,24)

### In what ways can a Christian be ashamed of the cross?

### In what ways can a Christian be proud of it?

# Glorifying God

## Jesus says ‘Father glorify your name’, to which the Father says ‘I have and I will’

### In what ways had the Father already glorified His mane?

### In what ways would He, at that time, glorify it?

### How was the Father glorifying His own name at the time?

### How does the Father glorify His name today?

# The evidence of miraculous signs (12:37)

## Which miraculous signs is John talking about?

## In what way was Jesus ‘light’ – what could people see because of Him?

# Jesus’ mission

## If Jesus mission is in 12:47 in what ways can we, as His disciples, condemn unchristian behaviour?

### Explain your reasoning

### How will this affect the way you treat people?

# Enjoying the kingdom

## Reflect on the best examples you have of Christians

### How do they both serve and follow Christ?

### How do you balance serving and following Christ?

### Which is easier? Serving or following?

# Discretion in truth

## In the prediction of His betrayal and denial (13:18ff) how does Jesus publish the truth?

### What does this tell us about how we should handle truths?