

## ***“Perceptions & Reality”***

*John 12:19-26*

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### INTRODUCTION

- things are not always as they appear to be

“We see things not as they are, but as we are.”

– H.M. Tomlinson

- clarify your perceptions with the objective reality of Scripture

### *#1 Bad perception: Jesus is a celebrity*

- news concerning Jesus  
Jn. 11, 12

- the autograph-hungry Greek tourists  
Jn. 12:17-21

- Jesus didn’t come to be a celebrity, but to die  
Heb. 9:22

### *#2 Bad perception: Jesus is dead*

- indeed, Jesus died...but He didn’t stay dead  
Jn. 20:1-6

- death wasn’t the end for Jesus...nor will it be for you  
Dan. 12:2

“Death is not a period, but a comma in the story of life.”  
– author unknown

### *#3 Bad perception: I don’t need a Savior*

- my perception of me v. God’s perception of me

- we *desperately* need a Savior

### *#4 Bad perception: I get enough religion on Sundays*

- “going after” Jesus v. “following after” Jesus  
Jn. 12:19, 26

- the Bible calls us to be a disciple...not a “Christian”  
Lk. 6:46

### APPLICATION