

THE GOSPEL

— *according to* —

JOHN

Scripture Reading

JOHN 12

THE MAIN POINT OF JOHN 12

Jesus is the Lord Almighty who should be lavishly worshiped by all. But most Jews refused to submit to him, while non-Jews of every ethnicity would.

THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF JOHN 1–12

1. The “what-to-believe truth” of John 1–12 is laying the solid foundation for the “how-to-live applications” of John 13–21.
2. The truth of who Jesus is (which is the focus of John 1–12) addresses the heaviest reality of human existence.

“But the truth is that life works like a savings account in reverse. Zoomed out to the span of an entire life cycle, you see that no one is actually stockpiling anything. You’re spending down, not saving up. Everything you have—your healthy body, your marketable skills, your sharp mind, your treasured possessions, your loving relationships—will one day be everything you’ve lost.”

— Matthew McCullough, *Remember Death*

“If eternal life sounds otherworldly to you, then you’re the one not paying close enough attention to this world and its concerns. . . . In this world everyone loses everything. Eternal life only seems like a distraction from what you really want or need if you pretend you’re not dying.”

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