

“The Follow Jesus Project”

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John 12:1-8

Thoughts to consider:

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Tuesday, Sept. 22

Scripture to read: Matthew 26:6, Mark 14:3, Mark 1:40-45

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Wednesday, Sept. 23

Scripture to read: Matthew 26:7, Mark 14:3, John 12:3

Thoughts to consider:

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Scriptures to read: Matthew 26:7, Mark 14:3, Exodus 29:7
2 Kings 9:6, 1 Samuel 10:1

Thoughts to consider:

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Friday, Sept. 25

Scriptures to read: Matthew 26:8, Mark 14:4-5, John 12:4-6

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