

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Salvation is by Grace Through Faith in Jesus
John 12:9-19

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- I. The world praises Jesus for raising the dead (vv.9-11).**
 - a. How does John set up the scene?
 - b. Who are the main actors?
 - c. Why does the crowd gather?
 - d. What is the main point of this section?

- II. The world cries out to Jesus for salvation (vv.12-16).**
 - a. How does John set up the scene?
 - b. Who are the main actors?
 - c. Why does the crowd gather?
 - d. What is the main point of this section?
 - e. Why didn't the disciples understand what was happening?
 - f. Who does the Father send to help the disciples remember "these things"?

- III. The world can only be saved by the gift of faith (vv.17-19).**
 - a. What are the crowds proclaiming about Jesus?
 - b. Why are the pharisees mad at Lazarus?
 - c. How are the Pharisees using the word "world"?
 - d. Has the apostle John used the word "world" before? Where?
 - e. According to John's usage of the word "world," is it safe to say that the crowd here in John twelve can be categorized as the "world"?
 - f. What kind of salvation is the world/crowd wanting from Jesus?

- IV. Application**
 - a. What lesson can we pull out of the 1st century world's desires for Jesus that fits the 21st century American church?
 - b. How should we view the salvation that Jesus has provided?
 - c. Can a person be saved by their own actions?
 - d. What saves a person?