

# COURAGE

## LESSON 12 - "THE COURAGE OF THE SAVIOUR "

MARCH 22, 2026

### WORSHIP (15 MINS)

**Venue: Home gatherings**

*Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.*

**Venue: Public place** (school, café, park, etc.) or **Via Online**,

*Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"*

**Ask someone to do the opening prayer.**

### WELCOME (10 MINS)

**Welcome guests/first-time visitors.**

**Ice-breaker:** 1. When you feel stressed or overwhelmed, what helps you push through? 2. What practical advice do you give to people who need courage to face life's challenges?

### WORD(30-45 MINS)

**Main Text: John 12:9-19 NLT**

**Intro:** This moment is where Jesus' earthly ministry begins moving toward its final chapter. After raising Lazarus from the dead, the Jewish leaders - the Sanhedrin realized Jesus was becoming too influential. Crowds were starting to believe in Him, and the leaders feared losing their power and control. Because of this, they decided to deal once and for all. **Read John 11:47-48 NLT**

Below are four reasons why Jesus courageously went to Jerusalem.

#### 1. Jesus followed the Father's plan - Read John 12:15-16

The Old Testament gave many signs about who the Messiah would be, and Jesus fulfilled every one of them. As He approached the cross in Jerusalem, He stayed fully committed to the Father's plan even while people were plotting against His life. His courage came from knowing He was walking in God's will: carrying out the mission to redeem humanity and bring God's sons and daughters back home.

Even when it feels uncomfortable, God delights in every moment we choose faith over fear. And the amazing part is this: He never asks us to do it alone. His Spirit empowers us to share His love, step out of our comfort zones, and even face challenges with grace and strength.

**Q:** *How many of us are actually willing to follow God's plans for our lives when they don't seem to match with our own timeline, our comfort level?*

**Q:** *How many of us are learning how to develop the courage to stand for our faith in Jesus in a world that constantly pressures us to blend in, to stay quiet, or compromise?*

#### 2. Jesus came to glorify the Father - Read John 12:27-28 NLT

Jesus felt the full weight of the suffering ahead of Him so much that He prayed, "Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." Even overwhelmed, He chose obedience. Though fully God, He lived with real human limitations, hunger, exhaustion, loneliness, and fear. Yet in His weakness, He still surrendered to the Father's will, showing us what trust looks like to obey God our Father and glorify His name!

**Q:** *When have you felt overwhelmed by something God was asking you to do, and what helped you choose trust instead of fear?*

**Q:** *Jesus still surrendered to God's will. When was the last time you struggled with obeying His will for your life?*

#### 3. Jesus came to defeat the real enemy, the Devil - Read John 12:30-31 NLT

Jesus' crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection completely broke the power of Satan, defeating sin, shame, fear, and spiritual death once and for all. What once held humanity captive lost its grip forever. Jesus didn't win a small victory; He won the ultimate victory so that we can live in real freedom today.

**Q:** *If Jesus has already won the ultimate victory, what is one area of your life where you need to start living like you're actually free?*

#### 4. Jesus came to complete the work of saving humanity - Read John 12:32-33 NLT

Jesus finished in Calvary is the same purpose we continue and complete today – what is that? To share the gospel so that the death of Christ will not be vain. Jesus shed His blood so our sins could be forgiven, opening the way for every person to receive eternal life because His heart is that no one would be lost.

**Q:** *Jesus' mission was to bring people back to God, what do you think is your personal mission that you can carry into your everyday life at school, work or with friends?*

**Q:** *How does knowing we are forgiven from our sins and we that we have eternal life when we put our faith in Christ help us in the way we see ourselves and others around us?*

**Conclusion:** The mission Jesus finished at Calvary is the mission we now carry forward. We get to share the good news so that His sacrifice continues to change lives today.

Jesus endured real, unbearable suffering to pay for our sins, not out of obligation, but out of deep, passionate love for us. He willingly took on pain, shame, and death so we wouldn't have to face the punishment of eternity in hell. In the greatest exchange ever, He took our place so we could be redeemed, forgiven, and given life. His substitutionary sacrifice was personal, it was for you and me.

#### Reflection:

Jesus gave His life, suffered and died on the cross because He loves you and me so much. He paid the price so we can be forgiven by God.

**Q:** *What's one thing we need to do to stop feeling guilty about our past sins and claim the promise of His forgiveness?*

### WORK(15 MINS)

#### Application

1. Find a partner. Ask what you can pray for him/her then pray for each other.

2. Pray and prepare a Hit List (max. of 5-10 names of family, relatives, friends, schoolmates, workmates, neighbors, etc.) of possible people you desire to invite in the next life group gathering.

What is your take-away from this lesson? Closing Prayer