

**DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**I AM ELEVATED — JOHN 12:12–50**

**NOTES**

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study**

**For Starters:** Have you ever attempted to make a prediction about something? If so, what was it and what happened?

**The Basics:** Read John 12:12–50. What are the major themes in this passage? What stands out to you and why? Is it unusual that Jesus predicted His own death? Discuss.

**Quick-Fire Round — John 12:12–50**

- Read John 12:12–19. What was significant about palm branches? Why did the people shout, “Hosanna”? Do you think the crowd understood what they were saying and doing?
- Read John 12:20–36. Why do you think Jesus willingly gave up His life? What signaled the right hour and time? How can these verses increase our understanding about Jesus’ death?
- Read John 12:37–46. Whose eyes did God blind and why? How easy is it to love human praise more than praise from God? Is this wrong? Discuss.
- In 12:44–46, John records two major themes: belief and light. How do these concepts work together? What does Jesus’ idea of belief mean to you?
- Read John 12:47–50. What will be the standard of judgment on the last day? What is your personal reaction to this? Consider how we should treat others in light of this judgment.

**The challenge:** How is this study a potential model for ministry and engagement with others?

**Memorize John 12:36** Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.

**Prayer:** *Father, keep my eyes and heart focused on you. Thank you that you came so that I might believe, and help me live in such a way that leads others toward you. Show me someone to whom I can be an example every day. Amen.*