

# Believe in the light!

## TODAY'S READING: JOHN 12:1-50

Today, people all over the world are gripped by anxiety and fear. Fear of being infected by the coronavirus, fear of losing a loved one, fear of losing their job and the resulting financial suffering. Daily news updates paint a bleak picture of increasing infections and deaths, and hope for a vaccine seems far away.

In this passage, Jesus was facing the darkest moment of his life. He entered Jerusalem knowing that these would be his last days on earth. Darkness was closing in as religious leaders plotted to kill him and his disciples still did not understand what was about to happen (verse 16), yet Jesus fully and unshakingly trusted in God. He was the light that the darkness could not overcome.

In the midst of the darkness of the pandemic today, we are called to be a light bringing hope, comfort and peace to the lives of many.



### Happening Now:

Churches and individual believers all around the world are stepping up to support those in need through prayer and in very practical ways, like shopping for their neighbors, distributing medicines to the elderly, offering a hotline where people can call if they want to talk to someone, or providing practical tips and tools for the many families confined to their homes.

### Have You Thought About...

- Is there an opportunity for you to reach out to someone and share the hope you have in Christ?
- How could you respond to your neighbor, friend or colleague who may be in fear right now?
- Jesus says we can be a light by doing good deeds for others (Matthew 5:14-16).  
What can you do today to let your light shine?