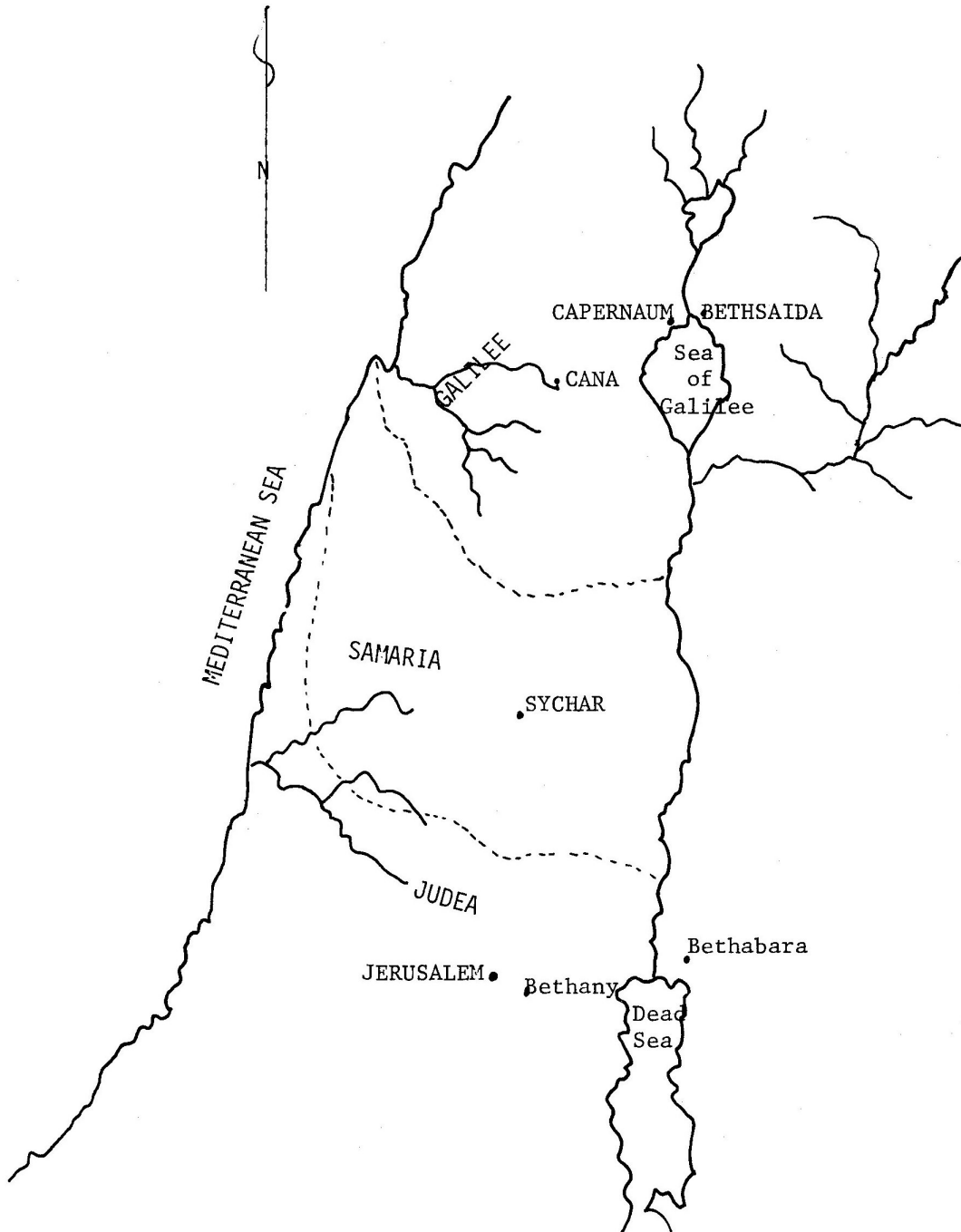


STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

LESSON 13 - JOHN CHAPTER 12

PALESTINE



ASSIGNMENT

READ John chapter 12.

MEMORIZE John 12:24,

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”

OUTLINE OF JOHN CHAPTER 12

- A. Mary honored Jesus, John 12:1-11.
- B. Common people honored Jesus, John 12:12-19.
- C. The Greeks honored Jesus, John 12:20-26.
- D. God honored Jesus, John 12:27-36.
- E. Old Testament prophets honored Jesus, John 12:37-41.
- F. The rulers did not honor Jesus, John 12:42-43.
- G. Jesus and His Father, John 12:44-50.

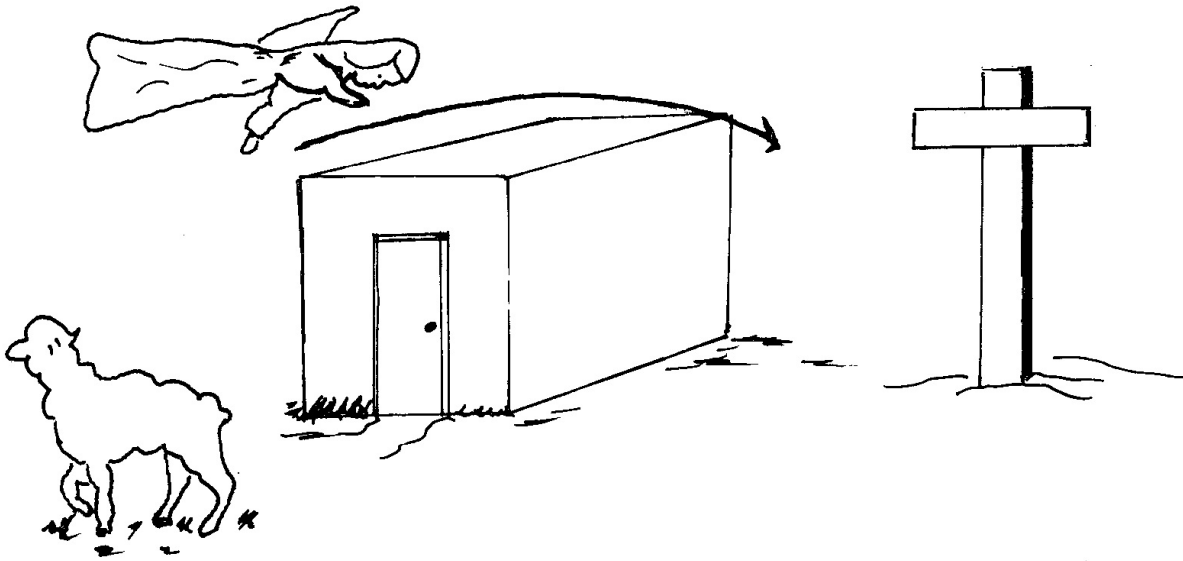
LOOKING AT JOHN CHAPTER 12

Jesus returned to Bethany. This was the spring of the year.

What feast was near? (verse 1)

The Passover was a feast of the Jews. They kept this feast every year. We talked about this feast before. The Jews remembered how the children of Israel came out of Egypt. The people of Israel killed a lamb in the evening. They put the blood on the doorposts and above the lintel. That night the death angel went through Egypt. Where there was blood on the doorpost, the death angel did not go into the house and did not go in. Where there was no blood on the doorposts, the angel went into the house and killed the oldest son.

We learn that a lamb was sacrificed instead of the oldest son.



The time for Jesus to die came at the Passover feast. Jesus is the who died for people who sinned.

Jesus _____ in the place of all people. What did John call Jesus?
 (John 1:29)

A. Mary honored Jesus, John 12:1-8.

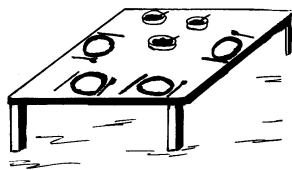
READ John 12:1-8; Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:1-9.

Jesus was asked for supper in Bethany. In whose house was Jesus?

Matthew 26:6

Who else was at supper? _____ and _____

Let us look at these people now.



1. Martha served, John 12:2.

John tells us about two special times Jesus visited Bethany. See Luke 10:38-42.

What was Martha doing at this time?

Notice that Martha did the same thing in John chapter 12. Yet Luke 10:38-42 and John chapter 12 were not the same visits. They were about a year apart.

Martha loved the Lord Jesus. She tried to show her love to Him by doing things for Him. Could Martha have done something better to show her love?

Luke 10:41,42

It is more important to spend time with Jesus than to work for Him. He has many things to teach us, Luke 10:39-42. When we listen to Him, He can show us how to work for Him.

2. Lazarus visited with Jesus, John 12:2.

The Bible tells us very little about Lazarus. We read about Lazarus only two times. The first time was when Jesus raised him from the dead. The second time is in this chapter. In this chapter we see him sitting at the table visiting with Jesus. It is believed that Lazarus was younger than his sisters. He must have known Jesus well. Jesus had often gone to Bethany. Jesus chose Lazarus to show His great power to raise the dead.

3. Mary honored Jesus, John 12:3.

Jesus had visited this home before. What was Mary doing?

Luke 10:39

Now Jesus visited this home again. What did Mary do this time?

John 12:3



To anoint means to pour oil or ointment on a person. After a person died, the body was anointed to keep it from rotting. Sometimes they would anoint a guest to show respect.

Why do you think Mary anointed Jesus?

Mary wanted to show how much she loved Jesus.

Also we see that Mary believed the words of Jesus. She had listened carefully to Jesus. Jesus had said that He would die. Mary believed this. Jesus told the visitors why Mary anointed Him. What did Jesus say?

Verse 7



Mary used spikenard ointment. Spikenard is a plant. It looks something like this picture. The ointment is made from the roots of the plant. It costs very much.

Does this ointment have a good smell? John 12:3

Everyone in the house knew that Jesus was anointed. They could smell the spikenard all over the house.

Jesus was pleased with what Mary did. What did Jesus say?

Mark 14:9

Jesus is pleased when we show our love to Him. It is like the spikenard. Everyone knows when a person has done something to show love for Jesus. It smells good like the spikenard. Mary gave Jesus the best she had.

Do I give Jesus the best I have?

4. Judas complained, John 12:4-8.

We have not heard much about Judas until now. Jesus did say that one of His disciples would betray Him, John 6:70. He did not say who it was.

Judas was able to keep the other disciples from knowing what he was like. The disciples believed Judas was a true follower of Jesus. Judas was with Jesus when they ate the Last Supper. Judas went outside to betray Jesus. The disciples did not know he was going to betray Jesus, John 13:29.



When Judas saw that Mary really loved Jesus, he could not hide his thoughts any longer.

What did Judas say should be done with the perfume?

John 12:5

Why did he want this done?

John 12:6



Judas was greedy. He did not care for the poor people. He just wanted the money in his bag or purse. Then he could steal it.

Many people say they are Christians. They go to church. Some even preach or teach in the church. But some of these people turn away from the church. They start to do sinful things. We ask, "Are they truly Christians?" or "Do they pretend to be Christians?" Judas pretended to be a follower of Jesus. He was not a true follower of Jesus.

What does 1 John 2:19 tell us?

Today there are many who pretend to be Christians. Sooner or later we will know those who are only pretending to be Christians. They too, will leave Christ.

5. The religious leaders planned to kill Jesus.

Why did many people come to Bethany? John 12:9

They wanted to see _____ and _____.

The religious leaders did not want the people to follow Jesus. They were jealous. What did these men plan to do with Lazarus?

John 12:10

Had Lazarus done anything wrong?

Why then did these men want to kill Lazarus?

John 12:11

These religious leaders did not honor Jesus. They were jealous. They hated Jesus. They wanted to kill Jesus. They also wanted to kill those who followed Jesus.

We have two groups of people here:

First group	Second group
Loved Jesus.	Did not love Jesus.
Honored Jesus.	Did not honor Jesus.
Spoke well of Jesus.	Became jealous of Jesus.
Did things to please Jesus.	Hated Jesus.
Loved and helped those who followed Jesus.	Wanted to kill Jesus.
	Wanted to kill those who followed Jesus.

To which group did Mary belong?

To which group did the religious leaders belong?

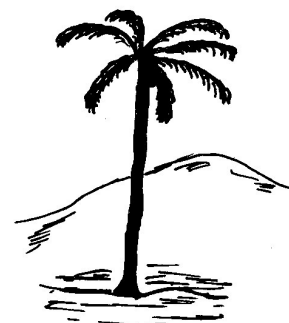
To which group do you belong?

B. Common people honored Jesus, John 12:12-19.

READ Matthew 21:1-10; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-40.

Before we talk about these verses, let us learn something about the palm tree.

The palm tree is the most important tree in Palestine. It is taller than all the other trees. It stands like a king. The leaves make a crown up on top of it. The tree always stays green. It lives a long time. Some trees have lived 200 years.



The day after the supper Jesus went to Jerusalem. Many other people went to Jerusalem.

Why did they go to Jerusalem? John 12:12

Which feast was close? John 12:1

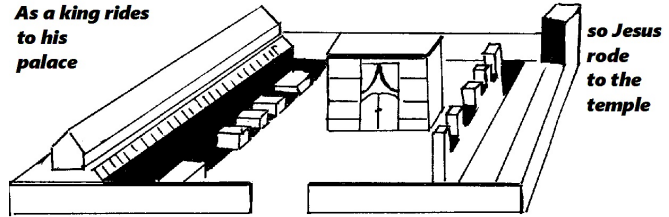
These people came from Galilee and from other countries. Many of these

people heard about the miracles Jesus had done. They wanted to see Jesus. They wanted to honor Jesus.

How did Jesus come to Jerusalem? John 12:15

He came,

This means He used a young donkey to ride on. No one had tamed the young donkey, but the donkey obeyed Jesus.



The people did two things to honor Jesus.

What did they do? John 12:13

1)

2) they shouted,

These people honored Jesus as a king. They were happy.

Where did Jesus go in Jerusalem? Mark 11:11

He went to the

Jesus rode to the temple as a king rides to his palace. What did Jesus call the temple?

Matthew 21:13 My

What did the Pharisees think when the people followed Jesus?

John 12:19

These religious leaders did not honor Jesus. They were jealous.

C. The Greeks honored Jesus, John 12:20-26.

The Greeks were Gentiles. They were not Jews. To whom did these Greeks go?

John 12:21 They went to

Greeks said,

We want to see Jesus.

Maybe they knew Philip. Maybe they went to Philip because Philip had a Greek name.

Philip talked this over with another disciple. Who was this disciple?

John 12:22

Philip and Andrew then told Jesus about the Greeks.

What did the Greeks ask? John 12:21

The way they talked showed that it would be a very special thing to see Jesus. They honored Jesus.

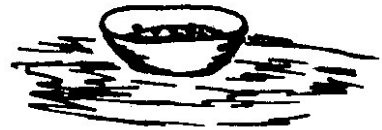
Jesus talked to all the people. He said the time had come that He should be glorified. To be glorified means to be honored. The New Life Testament says, (John 12:23)

“... The hour is near for the Son of Man to be taken to heaven to receive great honor.”

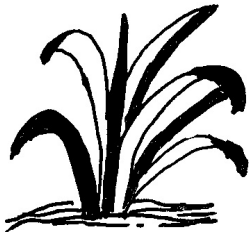
We have talked about “the hour” before. “The hour” and “my hour” speak about a definite time. It means the time Jesus would die and rise again.

What does verse 23 say about “the hour?” the hour

Jesus told them a story. He talked about a seed. If we leave a seed in the house what will happen to it?



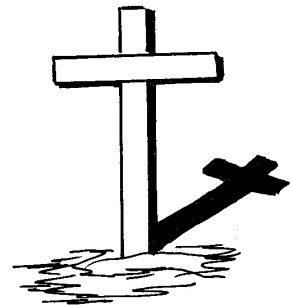
Will it grow?



Where do we put a seed to make it grow?

Roots grow from the seed. Then a little shoot comes up. The plant grows. More seeds grow on the plant.

Some plants we do not dig up in the fall. Could we use the same seed again which we had put into the ground?



It has rotted. It gave its life to make the plant grow.

Jesus would be like the seed. He would give His life to pay for the sins of the people. Those people who put their trust in the death of Christ would be a part of the kingdom of God. In this way the kingdom of God

would grow.

Jesus would be honored because of His death and His resurrection. Many people can have a new life because of this.

When a person wants to work for Jesus, what must he do?

John 12:26 Jesus.

We must follow Jesus if we want to work for Him.

D. The Father honored Jesus, John 12:27-36.

How did Jesus pray in verse 28? New Life Testament says,

“Father honor Your name!”

How did God answer? John 12:28

What did this voice say? John 12:28

The New Life Testament says,

“I have already honored My name. I will honor it again.”

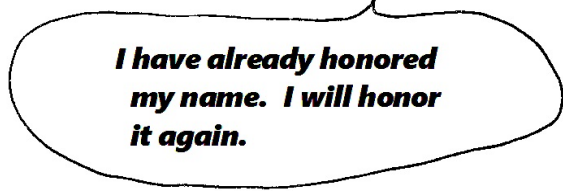
Jesus had done many miracles to honor God. Now Jesus would die and come back to life again. This would honor God more.

What did the people say about this voice? John 12:29

1)

2)

Voice from heaven



***I have already honored
my name. I will honor
it again.***

Jesus would be honored because the prince of the world would be thrown out.

READ Hebrews 2:14,15.

Whose power would Jesus destroy through His death?

Through His death Jesus would attract people to Himself.

Why do we want to come to Jesus?

What did Jesus do for us through His death?

People come to Jesus because they want their sins forgiven. They stay with Jesus because they love Him.

Verse 35 says that if we walk in the _____ we know where we are going.

We know where we are going because Jesus leads us.

Let us write down again how Jesus was honored:

- 1) God spoke in a _____ from _____.
- 2) The power of the _____ was _____ through the death of Jesus.
- 3) _____ came to Jesus.

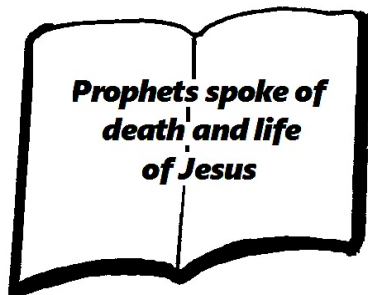
When Jesus had said all these things, He went to hide from the people. He was going to die but it had to be at the right time.

E. The Old Testament prophets honored Jesus, John 12:37-41.

Here John explains some things.

Verse 37 tells us that "*Jesus showed Who He is.*" This is shown through the wonderful works He did, but the people could not believe.

Why could the people not believe? John 12:40



From these verses we might think that God kept them from accepting Christ. But this does not mean that. It proves that God knows everything that will happen. He knows it before it happens. When we know this, we can understand these words. God knew in Isaiah's time that the Jews would reject Jesus and crucify Him. God knew each time they refused to believe in the Lord Jesus, it would be harder for them to believe.

God knows who will accept and who will reject Jesus today. Each time one of us refuses to believe in the Lord Jesus, it becomes harder to believe.

Notice that near the end of the work of Jesus, the people were saying He had a demon. They were calling the work of God the work of the devil. It is a dangerous thing

not to believe the truth when we clearly see the truth. We may never get another chance to believe it.

The prophet Isaiah said that the people would not believe the words of Jesus.

READ John 12:38 and Isaiah 53:1.

What do both of these verses say?

READ John 12:40 and Isaiah 6:9,10.

What do these verses tell us?

The prophet Isaiah knew that the people would not believe. God had told him to write these words. This brought honor to Jesus.

F. The religious leaders did not honor Jesus, John 12:42-43.

Some of the religious leaders believed in Jesus. But did they really honor Jesus?

John 12:42

They believed but did not want others to know about it. What happened if a religious leader showed that he believed in Jesus?

John 12:42

Verse 43 says they loved the

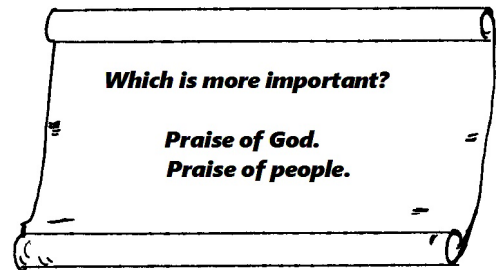
more than the

Which is more important?

- 1) to have people say, "You are my friend"? or
- 2) to have God say, "You are My friend"?

Only a few religious leaders spoke out for Jesus.

G. Jesus and His Father, John 12:44-50.



1. Jesus is equal with God.

Again and again Jesus tried to tell the people that He and God the Father were equal. Jesus told the people that if they would trust in Him, they would also trust in

We could never say this about ourselves.

What did Jesus tell Philip in John 14:8,9?

What does Hebrews 1:3 tell us?

What does Colossians 1:15 tell us?

2. Jesus showed Who God is.

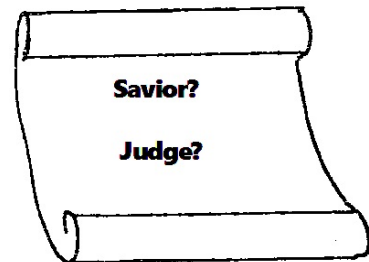
We can see the power of God in the things He has made. We can see His love in the things He has given us. But we cannot know what God is like. Sin has made a great darkness so we cannot know what God is like. God seems strange and far away. But Jesus Christ came to show us what God is really like, John 14:8,9. Jesus is living with us, Matthew 1:23. As we get to know Jesus Christ, we get to know God the Father. Jesus Christ takes the darkness away. Then we can see God.

Why did Jesus come into the world? John 12:47

Jesus said the same thing in John 3:17.

3. Jesus is Savior and Judge.

Jesus came to make a way for all people in the world to be saved from sin and hell. If the people do not accept His salvation they will have to be punished for their own sin, John 3:36. There is a time coming when Jesus will judge all those who have not accepted His way of salvation. This is called the Great White Throne Judgment, Revelation 20:11-15.



What tells a person that he is guilty of sin?

John 12:48

Who gave Jesus power?

Today the Bible is the Word that shows us what God is like.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

Who honored Jesus?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5) Old

Who did not honor Jesus?

- 1) Judas.
- 2)

In verses 1 to 8 of chapter 12 there are two groups of people. Compare them.

Those who honor Jesus	Those who did not honor Jesus
1)	1)
2)	2)
3)	3)
4)	4)
5)	5)
	6)

WORDS TO LEARN

1. anoint - to pour oil or ointment on a person.
2. betray - to give someone into the hands of an enemy.
3. complain - to say things are not good enough.
4. equal - the same as . . .
5. glorify - to honor; to lift up for others to praise.
6. greedy - to want everything for oneself.
7. guilty - to have broken the law.
8. jealous - to resent that someone else has something we do not have.
9. Passover - a time, once a year, when the Jews came together for a special reason. They thought about the time in Egypt when the oldest son in every family was saved from death. The death angel "passed over" the houses where the blood was on the doors. The death angel did not go into the house which had blood on the doors. (Exodus 12).
10. perfume - sweet smelling ointment or liquid.
11. pretend - to make believe; to try to be something we are not.

Lesson 13 - Review

Fill in the blanks.

1. At the feast of the _____ the Jews remembered how the firstborn son in the family was saved from death.
2. Jesus is the _____ Who died for people who sinned.
3. (Put the right word into the blanks.) visited with Jesus, served, honored Jesus, complained, planned to kill.
Jesus visited Bethany.
Martha _____
Mary _____
Judas _____
Lazarus _____
Religious leaders _____ Jesus.
4. Jesus rode into Jerusalem.
The people took branches from the _____ trees to wave.
The people shouted _____.

5. Jesus rode as a _____ to his palace, the _____.
6. Jesus called the temple “_____.”
7. The Greeks wanted to _____ Jesus.
8. For a seed to grow, it must be put into the _____.
Jesus gave His life to make the _____
grow.
9. What did the Voice from heaven say?

10. Name one prophet who spoke about the death of Jesus.
11. Jesus is _____ with God.
12. Write out John 12:24.

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