

Life from Death (John 12:20-26)

What?

Dying like a kernel of grain obtains eternal gain

From death to gain and glory—

Vs. 23—Jesus’ glorification was not going to be because of His popularity, because it would come by way of death

Vs. 24—this metaphor explains how Jesus’ death would be glorious, **demonstrating who God is and what He has done**

Jesus was like that a kernel of wheat—dying, being buried in the ground, but **ultimately making salvation possible for all**

Vs. 25—He calls His followers to **die in a sense by giving up their life** in the world to gain eternal life

Vs. 26—Serving Jesus means following His example in two ways—**giving up this life in order to gain eternal life and resurrection, and in order to bear fruit**

This kind of death will have the same result for us, that **we also will be honoured by God**

The alternative is remaining **alone—without Jesus or fruit**

The Big Question—Why did the Greeks’ question trigger this huge response from Jesus?

The Greeks **could not “see” Jesus fully** until after His death and resurrection

After Jesus’ death and resurrection, the Greeks and all Gentiles who believed would become part of the “much fruit”

They would “see” Jesus **in the fullness of His total mission, that included them, us**

Their faith would enable them to follow Jesus by dying and gaining eternal life, resurrection, fruit, and honour from God

When the Israelites in the desert cried to Moses for mercy during a plague, God told Him to **put a snake on a pole, and whoever was bitten could “look” at it in faith and live**

John 3:14-15, ESV—As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life

The Greeks needed to truly “see” Jesus in faith to be saved

So What?

Any who have not yet believed need to “see” Jesus

Followers of Jesus need to **consider what it means to “hate” this life**

Matthew 19:23, ESV— “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven”

Luke 18:29, ESV— Luke 18:29-30, ESV— “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life

John 13:16, ESV—Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him

But what a promise goes with that—**eternal life, fruitfulness and the honour of our heavenly Father**

The final say—Paul

Acts 20:24, ESV—But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God

Now What?

Ask the Lord to show you what you may be clinging to too tightly

Ask the Lord to show you how and where He is planting you, like a kernel of grain