



**YOU HAVE TO DIE TO LIVE**  
John 12:20-36  
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### The Seed

**The Call to Die: The illustration of a Seed**

*“unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds” (12:24)*

**The seed must die to experience its full potential (glory)**

### The Cross

**The Example of Dying: The illustration of the Cross**

*“But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself” (12:32)*

**The Son of Man died to experience His full glory**

### The Light

**The Commitment to Die: The illustration of the Light**

*“put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you can become sons of the light” (12:36)*

**Sinners must die to religion and self-reliance to become sons of the light (glory)**

**Next Sunday: John 12:37-50 “What do you love more?”**



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### 1 Introduction Illustration

Review: Palm Sunday, 3 million people in Jeruslaem

#### **John 12:20-23**

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Sir, we wish to see Jesus. (kept asking)

These were God fearing Greeks who worshipped.

Jesus did not answer them. Instead of discussing a time to interview Him. He declared the way for them, as Gentiles, to really know Him.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Son of Man (Daniel 7:1-14) Jesus’ favorite phrase of Himself.

After he rode into Jerusalem, and heard the crowds shouting Hosanna (Hurrah, or save now). He thought about the coming Kingdom, and no doubt that as the Son of Man He would be given authority, glory and power; all peoples, nations, and men of every language would worship Him. He would have a dominion that would be an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is the one that will never pass away. But he knew that before He could experience that glory that He had with the Father before He created the world, He must die. Now, after riding into Jerusalem, only a week separates the joyful shouts of the people saying “Hosanna” and the angry call of the crowds, saying “Crucify Him.” So, He wanted to explain to His disciples and the crowd that was nearby, that we must die in order to really live.

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