

# Learning to Walk in the Resurrection of Jesus

# Introduction

- An amazing and full life in Christ is available to every living person on the earth through the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- However, this lifestyle of peace, purpose and power is not automatic; it is conditional.
- As we studied in Romans 6:5 and Galatians 2:20, we are required to be united with Christ in His death and resurrection.
- So we want to know what this means and what it looks like in our daily lives.

**John 12:12-33**

# 1. A Kingdom of God Perspective

- “Jesus replied, ‘**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**’” John 12:23
- Large crowds were gathering to see Jesus and Lazarus whom He had raised from the dead.
- Jerusalem (the city of the King) had just hailed Jesus as the King of Israel with shouts of joy.
- Jesus’ critics had just declared, “Look how the whole world has gone after Him!” (v.19)
- Yet Jesus did not consider these things as glorifying, He had a greater perspective.

# 1. A Kingdom of God Perspective

- Jesus found glory in obeying God to the point of death to accomplish God's plan for Him.
- He was more concerned with the glory of His Father than receiving glory for Himself. He was more interested in the accolades of God than what man thought or said about Him.
- To honor God, we must be like Jesus in this humble and obedient lifestyle. Everyone is building a kingdom. Are we laboring for His kingdom or our own? And which will matter?

## 2. Become a Productive Seed

- “I tell you the truth, 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.” John 12:24
- According to Jesus’ words in John 15, God made us to produce fruit for His kingdom. In fact, if we don’t produce fruit, He said we’ll be “**thrown into the fire.**” (John 15:5-6)
- And how do we produce fruit for God? By being willing to die and be buried with Jesus.

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- So how do we practically “die” everyday and live for God as a “living sacrifice?” (Rom 12:1)
- Say “no” to our own desires and submit to what God asks of us. “**Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your Name!**” John 12:27-28
- We also “die” everyday by being more concerned about eternity than our lives today.

## 2. Become a Productive Seed

- “The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” John 12:25
- “hate” - Greek “miseo” = to love less
- A seed can't produce until it agrees to die and be buried. If we love this life to the point that we can't let it go, we can't produce anything.
- Do we love our lives in this world more or less than our love for God and His kingdom? Whom does our life actions say that we love more?



# 3. Go Where Jesus Goes

- “Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”  
John 12:26
- This is an imperative command of Jesus. If we are “Christians” then there is no other option but to follow Him and be where He is.
- The word “follow” is translated from a Greek word that literally means, “to walk on the same road with, to accompany.” (Strong’s)
- So what does this mean for our practical lives?

# 3. Go Where Jesus Goes

- If we're going to follow Jesus and be with Him, then we have to know the road He traveled...
- He completely submitted every part of His life to the plans of God. No holding back. Will we?
- He was committed to immediate obedience without whining and complaining. Are we?
- He loved others more than Himself and put their needs before His own. Do we?
- His life was pleasing to His Father and made an eternal impact on the world. Will ours?

# An Amazing Promise!

- “My Father will honor the one who serves me.” John 12:26b
- The word “honor” is translated from a Greek word that literally means, “to prize, to value, to revere, to honor.” (Strong’s)
- Everyone wants and needs to be approved and prized by their daddy. Unfortunately, on this broken earth, that doesn’t always happen from our earthly fathers.
- But we have this amazing opportunity today!

# An Amazing Promise!

- As we walk the same road that Jesus did, and serve Him with our whole hearts and lives; He promised that our true Father will value and prize us. He will even revere and honor us!
- Whose approval and pleasure are we living for today?
- The approval and applause of this world is empty, fading, and takes us further from God.
- The approval of God brings peace, blessing, and genuine fulfillment to our daily lives.

# An Opportunity to Respond

- Have you made the decision to truly belong to Christ? Have you denied yourself, confessed your sin, and received forgiveness and life?
- Are you willing to give up the rights to yourself today? Will you submit every part of your life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?
- Will you commit to obey God and love others like Jesus did with the help of the Holy Spirit?
- Will you receive the love and approval of your Heavenly Father as you faithfully serve Jesus?