



Title: Christ The Divine: Dying to Live!

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Scripture: John 12:20-36

Bible Version: NIV

BOTTOM LINE: Giving away your life is the only way to find it. Jesus can shine more brightly in us when we begin to die to our self.

Vs. 20-22

“We would like to see Jesus.”

While the Jewish leaders are out plotting His death, some Greeks come and want to see Jesus.

Gentiles traveled from the East to see Jesus at his birth and now at his death Gentiles have traveled from the West. Both at his time of birth and his time of death people want to see Jesus.

Vs.23

The hour has come- Jesus previously said that his time was not ready, he took the seeking Gentiles and the rejection of the Jewish leaders, as a signal that his time was now.

Vs. 24

But if it dies, it produces many seeds-out of death comes life.

You don't see the possibility and fruit of a seed until it is buried.

Jesus had to be buried to be transformed, we to need to die to our self to truly live.

Vs. 25

The man who hates his life in this world will keep it- Simply put Jesus first

Hate - "in comparison to"- Our love for Christ must be such that all other loves are, by comparison, hatred.

"The measure of your longing for life is the amount of comfort you are willing to give up to get it."- John Piper

Vs. 26

Whoever serves me must follow me- The path is not always easy but God honors a servant heart.

Vs. 27-28

My heart is troubled-Jesus knew his time had come even though it may have troubled him.

Jesus, in this time of prayer, is reminded of His purpose. How often it is, in a time of prayer, we too are reminded of our purpose.

Vs. 28-30

Then a voice came from heaven - This is the third time in scripture we hear the audible Voice of God the Father, about the status of Jesus as the Son of God.

Vs. 31

Time for judgement on this world- Victory in the cross brings defeat to sin and Satan.

Vs.32-33

When I am lifted up - His death on the cross draws ALL to him.

Vs. 34-36

Put your trust in the light- stay close to me and follow my light.

As believers, we should let our light shine through us.



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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



DISCUSS.

1. How do you greet those in your life who are curious about Jesus?
2. Why does Jesus explain that true life must come from death?
3. In what ways is the Lord asking you to die to self and live for Him? Is there anything that is holding you back?
4. What do you think Jesus means when he says "whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life?" Which parts of your life would change most radically if you "hated your life in this world?" What parts have you already changed?
5. "If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him." How can you be a servant of Christ who will one day be honored?

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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?