

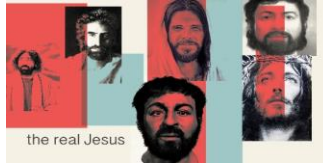
March 1, 2020

### *Prayer Life*

- Tina Tenharmes, please pray for healing and peace due to a recent medical condition.

### *Church Life*

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today! It is located right by the "Patio," look for the round rack on the outside wall.
- **Eric Lamer** is the missionary of the month. Eric works with Zeeland public middle school students to reach them with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ and then disciples them through weekly Bible studies. Please grab a prayer card to take home and pray over. These cards are in the seatback pocket in front of you. Also, new missionary postcards are available in the seatback pocket for you to write a note of appreciation and encouragement to Eric! Please take one out, write a note on the backside and place the card in the blue Mission Mailbox located in the lobby.
- **Bible Reading Plan** - This year, we are encouraging our entire church to read through the Bible in one year. One of our AMAZING business leaders came up with an idea to make this more enticing. Every weekend, we will be giving away a \$50 gift card to a person who read the readings for the prior week. So here's how this works, please visit the scooter table **BEFORE** service, write your name on a ticket (if you did the readings for the week), and drop it in the bin. Then, at the end of the service, Pastor Adam will pull out a name, and someone will go home with a gift card(both services). We want to encourage our church to be in their Bibles, happy reading!
- **Looking for a FUN way to serve?** Our local mission team is wanting some friendly people to join the Auction and/or Zeeland Community Events teams! Please fill out your connection card or email [merylheise@gmail.com](mailto:merylheise@gmail.com) OR [nancy@gracechapelzeeland.com](mailto:nancy@gracechapelzeeland.com) for more information!
- Please check the coat racks in the lower level before March! Any remaining items will be donated. Thanks!
- **Grace Kids** is looking for a few volunteers to serve in the toddler class - 1st or 2nd service **and** the lower elementary class - 2nd service. Please contact Katy McCaul or fill out a connection card to get involved.
- **Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival** will be held March 28th at 10 am, please invite all your friends and family! Volunteers are needed; please sign up downstairs at the check-in desk.



**John 12:20- 26,** <sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, 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. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, 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. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

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**Will we follow Jesus no matter where it leads us?**

**Will we serve like Jesus did, no matter the personal cost to us?**

**Will we let the truth about Jesus define our lives?**

**Becoming like Jesus is \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!**

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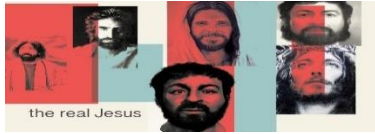
**John 12: 27-** <sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. <sup>30</sup> Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup> The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?” <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. <sup>36</sup> Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them. **Belief and Unbelief Among the Jews,** <sup>37</sup> Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. <sup>38</sup> This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” <sup>39</sup> For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: <sup>40</sup> “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.” <sup>41</sup> Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him. <sup>42</sup> Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved human praise more than praise from God. <sup>44</sup> Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. <sup>45</sup> The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. <sup>46</sup> I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. <sup>47</sup> “If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. <sup>50</sup> I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

### **Life Application**

**1. Is there something God is calling me to die to so that I might experience Him fully?**

**2. Am I striving against my nature as a Christian by trying to keep alive something God wants removed from my life?**

**Follow where God leads you and do not fear following His leading!**



**March 1, 2020**, The Real Jesus

Jesus prophesies the end of his life.

**Read: John 12:20-26**

1. Sum up what is going on in this passage.
2. How does Jesus respond? What is the truth He wanted everyone to understand?

**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**

3. These men have no idea what Jesus is talking about. Discuss the events that are about to take place, we know what is coming, they had no idea. Have you ever considered how confusing this was for them?
4. Jesus was saying, My pathway to glory is through death. His death was for the Jews, Greeks, everyone, His death would indeed bear much fruit. Our life would come through His death. **Discuss this and the blessing we have in having the entirety of God's Word available to us.**
5. In verses 25 and 26 Jesus is saying, My plan is the same for everyone who follows after me! His dying for your salvation is also his design for your imitation. If you want to see Him, be prepared to become like Him. According to these verses what is required of us?

**IMPORTANT POINTS TO DISCUSS:**

1. **Will we love our lives in this world more than we love Jesus?**
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We should honestly think about those questions over the course of this next week. Why?

IF we show Jesus to the world, daily become more like Jesus so that others may see Jesus through our life. It changes our world.

*A Quote from Pastor Adam... Becoming like Jesus is Hard and Glorious! You don't want to miss either of these. If you only focus on the hard parts of life you may give up, missing the glorious parts that are yet to come! **DON'T GIVE UP!** In the same way that if you only see the glorious parts, you will minimize the sacrifice it took to get there. Embrace both!*

**Ask yourself: What in me must die?**

1. What must die for my life to bear more fruit?
2. What must die for my ministry to bear more fruit?
3. What in our church must die for us to bear more fruit?

**READ: Galatians 2:20**

4. What do we need to ask God to help us die to? What does it really mean to Die to Self? How do you die to self?

**READ: John 12:27-49**

1. Remember these people have NO IDEA what Jesus was implying. Jesus keeps saying the same thing in different ways. Hoping that it will connect, and that they will remember what He said. Why?
2. Pastor Adam talked about what we choose: We CHOOSE to not see God. We have the Bible and we CHOOSE not to believe it. We know *of* Jesus so much more than these people did, and we CHOOSE not to believe things that he says that do not align with our preferred way of living life. How do you choose well?
3. Unbelief is nothing new? How does unbelief look in our lives today? What traps do we fall into?

**What you do with Jesus is the clearest test of what you do with God.**

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