

A Kernel of Grain

John 12:20-33

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The principle of _____ is an amazing realization. Life from death seems to be a _____. Unless we embrace _____ to ourselves, we will remain spiritually _____ and be a _____ to God, ourselves, and others.

A. Desire to _____ Jesus

1. The inquisitors

- _____ – not Hellenistic Jews
- Most likely _____ (accepting Jewish faith; its law, _____, and view of God,)

2. What prompted the desire?

- _____? – He was being talked about.
- Jesus' _____ and teaching?
- Disappointment with _____ religion?

3. “_____ us the Father” – John 14:8

- The _____ of the disciples
- We must _____ Him before we can _____ Him.

B. The _____ is Come.

1. It had been referred to several times.

- John 2:4 – _____ in Cana
- John 8:20 – teaching in the Temple after _____ the woman taken in the act of adultery

2. _____ of Jesus as the Messiah

- The Son of man should be _____.
- The sacrificial _____ would be offered.

C. The Figure of the _____

1. One _____ seed

- It remains _____ unless it is planted.
- When planted, it _____, but we eventually see a harvest.

2. The _____

- Jesus is the _____.
 - Passing through trouble to _____
 - Passing from death to _____
 - Passing through suffering to _____
- Disciples must _____ Him.
 - “Delivered to _____” (2 Corinthians 4:11)
 - If we hold on to our old self, we remain _____ and _____.
 - If the seed _____ to die, the life-giving power cannot act. (1 Corinthians 15:36)
 - To follow Jesus is to _____ die to self (lose our own life for Him). (Matthew 16:24)
 - Deny our _____ thoughts, will, power, and interests; and anything that would _____ God's will, power, and interests from being accomplished in us and by us.