

JESUS' RESURRECTION LIFE

JOHN 12:20-36

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The time of this teaching by Jesus is the Tuesday before His crucifixion on Friday. What a time to teach us about the availability of His resurrected life and how valuable it is to you and me!

WILL MULTIPLY. The foundational principle for farming is that one seed when it is properly planted or buried in the soil will produce many seeds of its kind. Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection was the one Seed that became the seed of our new life. As believers we now have His resurrected life in us. His life was given for the whole world, including the Greeks in this passage. (**John 12:20-24, fn 12:20-21, fn 12:23-25, John 11:21-26, fn 11:25-26, I Corinthians 15:12-18, fn 15:13-18, Ephesians 1:13-14, fn 1:13-14**) *How is Jesus' resurrection important to you?*

WILL BE HIGHLY VALUED. "Hating one's life is a Semitic expression that has the connotation of given preference to one thing over another... In this context it refers to preferring Christ over one's family, possessions, goals, plans, desires—even one's own life." John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: John 12-21, p. 28. As a follower of Christ, I should value my new life in Him so much that there is nothing that would cause me to want to go back to my old life. (**John 12:25, 26, fn 12:25, Matthew 10:37-39, fn 10:38, fn 10:39, Luke 17:32, 33, fn 17:33, II Corinthians 5:17, fn 5:17, I Peter 1:8, 9, fn 1:8, 9**) *How would you explain to your family or close friends how much you value your new life in Christ?*

WILL BE FOR ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE. The ground at the cross is level and without exception for all those who believe. Through the word of His cross (His death, burial, and resurrection), God draws all kinds of people to Himself to give to them Christ's resurrected life. (**John 12:27-33, fn 12:31, John 6:35-41, fn 6:39, John 14:6, fn 14:6**) *Why is Jesus the only way for all mankind?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?