Except A Seed Die

John 12:20-34

I. His death was necessary. (v. 20-24)

“And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast…Phillip…Sir, we would see Jesus.” (Acts 10:1-2; John 1:10-13; 2:23-25; 10:16; Hosea 2:23; Romans 11:25; Ephesians 2:11-15)

“Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.” (Matthew 10:5; 15:24; 15:21-28; Mark 5:1-17; Luke 7:1-10; John 1:40-41, 45-47; 4:1-42; 6:5, 8-9)

“And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.” (Daniel 7:13-14)

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” (Matthew 20:17-19; John 10:17-18; Philippians 2:8-9; Hebrews 2:10; Revelation 1:5-6; 5:12)

II. His death was exemplary. (v. 25-27)

“He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.” (Matthew 10:34-39; Luke 9:23-26; Genesis 29:31; Deuteronomy 29:15-16; Romans 9:13; 12:2; Luke 14:25-33; 1 John 2:15-17; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:10; Revelation 12:10)

“If any man serve me, let him follow me” (1 John 2:6)

“and where I am, there shall also my servant be” (John 14:2-3; 2 Timothy 2:11-13)

“if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.” (1 Samuel 2:30; Romans 8:17-18; John 15:18-19)

“Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.” (Galatians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; Luke 22:41-45; Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Hebrews 5:7-8; Psalm 6:3-4; Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:5; Psalm 40:6-8; John 3:14-16)

III. His death was powerful. (v. 28-34)

“Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” (John 1:14, 18; 12:28; 17:1-5; Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 2:8-9; Matthew 3:1-17; 17:1-8; Mark 1:1-12; 9:2-8; Luke 3:1-22; 9:28-36)

“it thundered” (Exodus 19:16, 19; 2 Samuel 22:14; Job 37:2-5; 40:9; Psalm 18:13; 29:3)

“others said, An angel spake to him.” (Hebrews 2:1-3)

“This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.” (John 11:41-43)

“Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.” (Revelation 12:7-11; Colossians 2:13-15; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 5:1-14; 20:1-10; Luke 10:17-20; Hebrews 2:14-15; Romans 5:12, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 15:25-26)

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” (John 3:14-16; Daniel 7:13-14; Isaiah 9:7; Ezekiel 37:25; Psalm 72:17; 89:35-37; 110:4; 1 Corinthians 1:23; Hebrews 2:9-11)