

## Gospel for March 21, 2021- lesson for 4th-6th grade

Read the below Gospel slowly listening for words or phrases that catch your attention. Read it again. Do you think you get a deeper understanding by re-reading the story multiple times? Do you find yourself focusing on different parts? What word(s) or phrase(s) stood out to you? Answer questions below.

### John 12:20-33

#### **Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus**

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

#### **Jesus Speaks about His Death**

<sup>27</sup> "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler 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 indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Keeping in mind that Jesus uses word pictures to tell what will happen to him in the final week of his life. Reread **John 12:23-26**.

- ◆ What must happen to a seed (*grain*) before it produces wheat?
- ◆ How is Jesus like a seed?
- ◆ How is Jesus not like a seed?
- ◆ What does Jesus say about those who want to serve Jesus?

Reread **John 12:27-33**

- ◆ According to verses 27-28, why has Jesus come?
- ◆ According to verses 32-33, what must happen to Jesus so he can draw everyone to himself?
- ◆ What suffering will Jesus go through in the next (*and final*) week of his life?
- ◆ Why do you think Jesus is willing to suffer?

**Activity:**

Plant a seed! Get a seed packet of some sort, soil and a small pot. Look at the seed before you plant it and note the size and shape. Following directions on the seed packet, care for your seed and watch it grow! If you plant more than one seed, after they start to grow pull one of them up and look what has become of the seed. The seed is changed/dies so the larger plant can grow and produce leaves, flowers, veggies...and more seeds 😊