



## From Dedication to Decision

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### I. FOLLOW ME

#### A. Jesus shows us 3 things in John 12

- Jesus shows us who He is
- Jesus is the King of Israel

**John 12:20-21 (TLB)** Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem to attend the Passover paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida, and said, “Sir, we want to meet Jesus.”

#### B. Jesus shows us what he is going to do

**John 12:23-24 (TLB)** Jesus replied that the time had come for him to return to his glory in heaven, and that “I must fall and die like a kernel of wheat that falls into the furrows of the earth. Unless I die I will be alone—a single seed. But my death will produce many new wheat kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.

- If I let you crown me king, I’ll be like a singular seed

**John 12:26 (TLB)** “If these Greeks want to be my disciples, tell them to come and follow me, for my servants must be where I am. And if they follow me, the Father will honor them.

- #### C. God isn’t satisfied with one, He wants many
- Jesus isn’t just king for Israel, but to the whole world

**John 3:16-17 (NLT)** “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

**Hebrews 2:11 (NIRV)** And Jesus, who makes people holy and the people he makes holy belong to the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

**Romans 8:29 (TLB)** For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers.

### II. TRUE LIFE STARTS WITH A DEATH

#### A. Jesus shows us what it will mean

**John 12:25 (TLB)** If you love your life down here—you will lose it. If you despise your life down here—you will exchange it for eternal glory.

- The most important decision you will make is, “What will I do with this life?”

**John 15:8 (NIV)** This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



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- B. You can't have a new life without a death
- There is no resurrection life without a death

**Romans 6:2-4 (TLB) Of course not! Should we keep on sinning when we don't have to? For sin's power over us was broken when we became Christians and were baptized to become a part of Jesus Christ; through his death the power of your sinful nature was shattered. 4 Your old sin-loving nature was buried with him by baptism when he died; and when God the Father, with glorious power, brought him back to life again, you were given his wonderful new life to enjoy.**