

Entering into Death

John 12:12-36

The Confrontational Entry - John 12:12-19 - A public statement

The Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem - (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-46; John 12:12-19)

Jesus says, "I am the King". But first I must die; the hour has come.

The Coming Hour - John 12:20-26

(John 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 16:32; 17:1)

A Hard Challenge

Die (24)

Hate your life in this world (25)

Serve me first (26a)

A Glorious Blessing

Fruit - (24)

Keep life for eternity (25)

Honored by God (26)

"His death for our salvation is His design for our imitation"

The Confirming Words - John 12:27-36 - God's purposes dovetail into his glory. God's glory is revealed through four things:

1. God's voice - John 12:28-29
2. Satan's Defeat - John 12:30-31
3. Jesus' death - John 12:32-34
4. Light's Power - John 12:35-36

Conclusion: The day will come when we too will be glorified (Romans 8:28-30) but the journey there is described by Paul as, being "conformed to the image of his Son" (29). Jesus gives us insight into what that means in John 12:24-26; dying, hating one's life and serving Jesus with the hope of spiritual fruit, keeping life for eternity and being honored by the Father.