**Death to Selfie**
John Part 6: Palm Sunday, John 12:12-28

Gospel of John.

John 12.

**John 12:12-28 NIV**,

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!”

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: 15 “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”

16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. 17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word.

18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.”

22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. 23 Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

**25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

27 “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!”

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**25**Anyone who LOVES their life *(selfie)* will LOSE it, while anyone who HATES their life *(selfie)* in this world will keep it for ETERNAL LIFE.

The word “life” is *psyche* which means soul, mind, and spirit.

The second word “life” is zoe which signifies life in its fullest, eternal, and divine.

**“Hating your life” doesn’t mean self-harm or self-hatred—it means surrendering possession of your life, no longer clinging to it as your own, and entrusting it fully to God.**

**24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.**

If we want to LIVE, we have to DIE.

**In order to live you have to die in three ways:**

* **Die to SIN.**

**Romans 3:23 NIV**, For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**1 John 1:9 NIV**,

“**9**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Repentance is a heartfelt contrition or regret for past or present wrongdoings, accompanied by a commitment to change and a turning away from sinful ways and turning back to God.

**Psalm 139 NLT**,

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **24**Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

**John Newton once said: *“I am a great sinner, but Christ is a great Savior.”***

* **Die to SELF.**

**Luke 9:23 NIV**,

"If anyone desires to come after me, let him DENY himself, and take up his CROSS daily, and FOLLOW me."

To "deny yourself" means to **restrain or forgo** your own desires, interests, or will, for a greater purpose or commitment.

* **Die to this WORLD.**

**1 John 2:15-17** states,

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the FLESH, the lust of the EYES, and the PRIDE of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

If following Jesus has never cost you anything, you might be following comfort and not Christ.

**Ecclesiastes 2:11** **NIV**, “everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.”

It’s everyone, but it's EVERYTHING!

27 Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? No. It was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!