



ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

March 16-18, 2024 – **Fifth Weekend in Lent**

John 12:20-33

My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Verse 20-22: “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” What a request! When could you use this request as a prayer?

When was another time in Jesus’ life where Gentiles from far away came to seek him?

Verses 23: Jesus used to always say, “My hour has not yet come.” What “hour” is Jesus talking about?

What does this reveal about Jesus knowing all that would happen to him?

Verse 24: Jesus, the master teacher, uses an illustration from nature. Who is the “seed” he is talking about and who are the “many seeds”?

How would the seed “fall to the ground and die?”

Verse 25: How are you someone who “hates their life?”

How are we tempted to “love our life?”

Verse 26: What does it mean for you to follow Jesus?

Jesus gives a gospel-filled invitation and gift to follow him. What benefit we as his servants receive. What is the greatest gift Jesus promises us?

How will the Father honor us for following Jesus and his Word and not our hearts and desires?

Verse 27: What is your least favorite medicine to take?

What was Jesus willing to take for your rescue?

Verse 28: Jesus’s main goal in his life was to glorify God the Father in heaven, and that meant following his plan which meant suffering and death all for our salvation. Knowing Jesus did all that to glorify his Father, what does that make us realize about our service to God and following his will even when it is difficult?

What is our motivation?

Verse 29-30: Jesus knew and was ready for all these things. He spoke what he did for the benefit of the people, for your benefit and mine. What does this show about the importance of being in the Word of God, the Bible?

How will you make/keep God’s Word a part of your everyday life?

Verse 31: The end of our tormentors (sin, death, and the devil) was coming. Jesus was going to achieve that as well for us. What comfort does that bring you in your day to day battle to follow Jesus?

Verse 32: What “lifting up” was Jesus talking about?

How would he draw all people to himself?

Verse 33: What kind of death did Jesus willingly die for you so that you are forgiven and have eternal life?

What will you give to say thank you to him?