

The Grain of Wheat Dies, John 12:12-26

In John 12:12-26, massive Passover crowds celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. They are waving palm branches crying out 'Hossana," but Jesus is weeping for the city and cursing a fig tree. Many of them simply want His power but not His kingship. In a few days the same crowd will cry out, "Crucify Him." Our Lord Jesus Christ will tell His disciples what it means to "see Jesus," and to be His children... to die to yourself, lose your life, hate your life and follow (Jn. 12:24-25). It is not a better YOU that God is looking for... rather it is the diminishing of YOU, and the exaltation of HIM. The secret of life is: the day you die, is the day you really live.

I. The King who rides on a donkey, v12-19

II. The King who dies, v20-26

Words for kids to listen for

Donkey

King

Grain of wheat

Bears fruit

He who loves his life will lose it