

April 5, 2023 -Wednesday of Holy Week

## Growing the Seed

[John 12:20-36](#)

*<sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.*

Jesus has just ridden triumphantly into the city of Jerusalem, and it is nearly his last chance to witness to and teach about the Son of Man being glorified. He takes this chance to let them know that his time is short, and they must listen and remember his words.

Even now, more than 2000 years later, these words speak directly to us.

We can listen to and read his words, but if we are not willing to let them become our way of living, becoming the embodiment of Jesus for others, then the seeds of his words die alone.

We must allow ourselves to be the garden, sharing the harvest of our lives to those around us. Serving others glorifies Jesus and gives his sacrifice true meaning.

Jesus died for each of us and that means to truly walk in his way, we will show his love through the way we care for and love ALL of God's children.

This Lenten season, allow the example of Jesus' life to be lived out in our witness.

Be the love of Jesus to every person you encounter and don't let the seed fall on dry ground.

***Prayer:*** *Father, in this season of Lent, allow the words of Jesus to become the example that we all strive to live by. Let us see with our hearts as well as our eyes those around us who need to feel your love and grace. Keep us always aware that Jesus' sacrifice was indeed for ALL mankind. Amen.*

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