

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: On Account of Me

John 12:9-11 (ESV)

⁹ When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

Influence, Testimony, and God's Glory in a Changed Life

_____ are hard to hide.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20a (ESV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

There is something very _____ about a changed life.

2 Corinthians 2:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶ to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

Often people will _____ before they will Jesus.

Philippians 3:17 (ESV)

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

1 Corinthians 4:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴ I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵ For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

¹⁶ I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV)

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The new life can be _____.

Lazarus' new life presented a real _____!

To the Sadducees:

To the Pharisees:

To the father of lies:

Mark 13:13 (ESV)

¹³ And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

John 15:18-20a (ESV)

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

John 12:25 (ESV)

²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 16:1-2 (ESV)

¹ "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God."

2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV)

¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

1 Peter 4:12-13 (ESV)

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

Is Jesus worth it?

Conclusion: 2 Questions

1) Does my life ...

(See Acts 19:11-16)

2) Is anyone coming to Jesus ...