

Jesus Is...

A Grain of Wheat

Read the following verses: John 12:20-50

Examining the Text:

1. From John 12:20-36 identify the statements and metaphors used to describe Jesus' death and resurrection, and its effects.
2. After reading John 12:37-43, would you say that Jesus' mission to the Jews was a success or a failure? What indicators of success or failure can you identify?
3. How does John 12:25 relate to Jesus' experience?

Digging Deeper:

1. John's Gospel does not have a record of Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-46). How do John 12:27-28 capture the essence of Jesus' experience in the Garden?

The Heart of the Matter:

1. What is your experience of John 12:25? Is 'hating' here talking about self-loathing, asceticism, etc.?
2. How is the Lord moving in your heart to follow Him or serve Him (Jn. 12:26)?