



Part 2: Appointment for Two

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For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scripture, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. – 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

A comma is a period with the sprout of hope.

– Sarah Mielke

A Breakdown of John 12

A table for five

A parade for one

An appointment for two

Belief for some

Rejection for most

John 12:20-28

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who

loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.

Put to death therefore... (Colossians 3:5)

Therefore, do not let sin reign... (Romans 6:11-13)

What needs to die?

Sinful acts

Entrenched patterns

The sin that is born within you

Dying to yourself is most challenging when it comes to:

Your giftedness

Your need to control relationships

Your appetites

No one other than Jesus can do this in their own strength. We need God's help!

Romans 7:24-25

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

The devil's biggest mistake was that he buried Jesus in a garden (John 19:41)!

Jesus allowed himself to be buried in our sin
so that we could be buried in grace
so that, out of dying to ourselves,
we could truly live.

In truly living, we are always planted, not buried.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What's your personal history with plants? Do they tend to die or flourish under your care? It's OK, you can be honest.
- 2) Where have you seen some new spiritual growth in your life?
- 3) Which area(s) of your life (sinful acts, entrenched patterns, your sin nature) have been the most challenging to gain victory in? What have you learned about yourself in the attempt to bring these areas under the lordship of Jesus?
- 4) Looking back over your life, where were the moments where you felt buried? In hindsight, can you see that you were planted, not buried in any of those moments?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?