

ALL ABOUT JESUS – 3
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REVIEW:

- The Father's dream, redemption, dream come true, family home.
- Explains the reason for: Universe, earth and man.
- Theme of **HEBREWS**: Jesus is greater, superior to, better than...

CONTINUE:

We are living in the third phase of the message of the Bible – the dream becoming a reality. Paul said we are the children of God, His family. **GALATIANS 3:6-9** in **VERSE 8** Paul quotes **GENESIS 12:3**. This confirms that all nations would be blessed, not just Israel. **GALATIANS 3:23-29**. Everyone in Christ is Abraham's seed and a member of God's family. **ROMANS 2:25-29 (NLT)** Jesus said the same thing. **MATT. 12:46-50** the true family of God is comprised of those who do His will. The Apostle John concurs. (**1 JOHN 3:1-3**).

DEATH BEFORE LIFE – JOHN 12:23-27 (NLT)

The metaphor Jesus uses has a threefold application: **(1)** In nature, a seed dies before reproducing; **(2)** Jesus must die before reproducing; **(3)** One must die to self and follow Jesus.

DEATH OF JESUS

Jesus sets His face like a flint (**ISAIAH 50:7**) to go to Jerusalem to die. He was focused, firm, courageous and resolved to die. If He saved Himself from death, He abides alone and remains God's only son. If He dies and is raised, He reproduces after His own kind. **ROMANS 8:29**

DEATH TO SELF

Jesus is facing what no other being will ever have to endure. He's about to become the Lamb slain and made sin for us. He's about to suffer the full wrath of God and be made a curse for us. The people have no clue of what's about to happen. All they want is what interests them.

1. The curiosity seekers. **JOHN 12:9** They were interested in the spectacular, the miracles not His person
2. The religious leaders. **JOHN 12:10-11** They were interested in protecting their religious traditions. Sounds like the way of Cain!
3. The shallow. **JOHN 12:12-13** They were interested in instant gratification. The same cried "**CRUCIFY HIM**" that before cried "**HOSANNA.**"
4. The intellectuals. **JOHN 12:20-22** They were interested in picking His brain.

Jesus tells them the only way to get what they are looking for is to die to self and follow Him. Only in Him will they truly find the answers to their questions and solutions to their problems. If we die to self, and live for Him, we too will be exalted. **PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

CONCLUSION: IT'S WORTH IT.

REVELATION 5:9-14 John was taken to the courtroom of Heaven and is shown what God is about to do on earth. In **CHAPTER 4** he listens to the praises given to Jehovah. In **CHAPTER 5**, after the praises cease, he sees a book that can only be opened by one man – Jesus. No other being is worthy! Why? Because He died to self. This is how the Lamb that was slain, became the **WORTHY LAMB OF GOD**. By following His example, we too will be lifted up.