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Earlier key events in John 12:

- Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead.
- Many people started to believe in Him.
- Chief Priest and Pharisees became alarmed that people would start believing in Him & started thinking about killing Him.

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The key events in this passage (Jn 12:12-26):

- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem took place during the Jewish Passover.
- Jesus entered into Jerusalem on a donkey.
- The crowd that had been with him when he raised Lazarus continued to be with Him (verse 17) and greet him waving palm branches.
- In addition to the disciples, the crowd and the Jewish religious leaders who were watching him, some Greeks sought him out.
- Jesus' answer to the Greeks.

ZECHARIAH 9: 9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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23 And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 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. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 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.

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The message of Jesus to the Greeks:

- In referring to the Son of Man, Jesus was referring to Himself.
- When he spoke of being “glorified” and about the grain of wheat falling to the earth and dying, he was referring to his own impending death.
- He could also be stating the fundamental truth – that one should be prepared to lose one’s life or turn away completely from the way one lives one’s life in order to bear fruit and/or gain eternal life.
- If anyone wanted to serve him – he must follow Jesus.
- Following Jesus meant to follow His ways, to be like Him.

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The people who were interested in Jesus:

- The Crowd (who were mainly Jewish);
- The Pharisees and Jewish religious leaders;
- The disciples; and
- The Greeks (or Gentiles).

COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

We look at the following when we review of the context and background:

- **The theme of the sermon series.**
- **Colossians 3 and 4 as a whole.**
- **The Household codes as a whole.**

MATTHEW 28:19

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WHAT WE OFTEN SEE:

9 Go therefore and make ~~disciples~~ believers of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

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2 KEY LESSONS:

- Disciples are usually also believers but believers are not necessarily disciples.
- Disciples usually also spiritual people but spirituality is not discipleship.

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2 CORINTHIANS 4

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.