

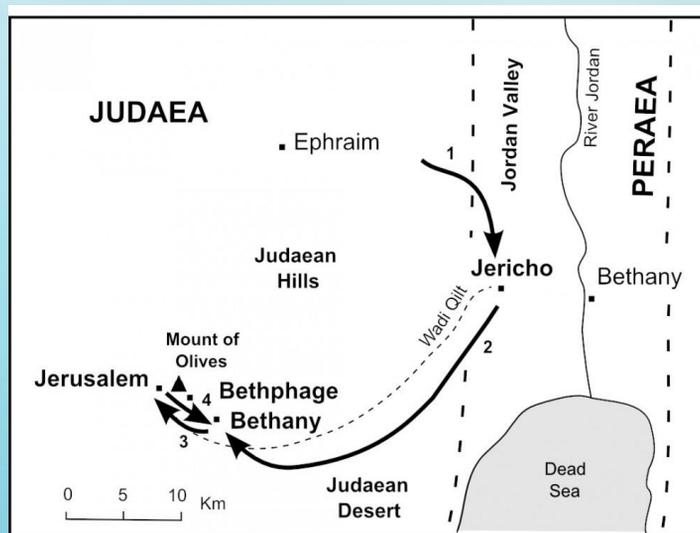


Knowing Christ

Alive Together

On the Way to the Cross

- ^{NAS} **John 12:1** Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.



Of First Importance

- **NAS John 20:30** Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.
- **NAS 1 Corinthians 15:1** Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Declared by the Resurrection

- ^{NAS} **John 2:18** The Jews therefore answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, seeing that You do these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
- ^{NAS} **Acts 13:33** that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'Thou art My Son; today I have begotten Thee.' ³⁴ "And as for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no more to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.' ³⁵ "Therefore He also says in another Psalm, 'Thou wilt not allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.'
- ^{ESV} **Romans 1:3** concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Overview of John 12:20-36

The Question

- ^{NAS} **John 12:20** Now there were certain Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; ²¹ these therefore came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came, and they told Jesus.
- ^{NAS} **John 7:1** And after these things Jesus was walking in Galilee; for He was unwilling to walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.

The Answer

- ^{NAS} **John 12:23** And Jesus answered them, saying, "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 by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
 - "Christ's obscure response indicates two things: (1) the answer these Greeks are seeking will not be found in words, but in the Cross; and (2) the Cross will be the event that opens all manner of grace to the Gentiles".
 - *Orthodox Study Bible*

The Appointed Time

- ^{NAS} **John 2:4** And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what do I have to do with you? My hour has not yet come."
- ^{NAS} **John 4:21** Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father.
- ^{NAS} **John 7:30** They were seeking therefore to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- ^{NAS} **John 8:20** These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- ^{NAS} **John 12:23** And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

All Part of the Plan

- ^{NAS} **Acts 2:23** this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.
- ^{NAS} **John 10:17** "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸ "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

The Cost of Discipleship

- **NAS John 12:25** "He who loves his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal. ²⁶ "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall My servant also be; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.
 - **ESV Genesis 29:30** So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years. ³¹ When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.
- **NAS Mark 8:34** And He summoned the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it.

Answered Prayer

- ^{ESV} **John 12:27** "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

➤ "Christ is in effect saying, "Father, lead Me to the Cross." This is the Lord's divine response to the human prompting to avoid the Cross (v. 27). The Father's response refers to the signs already performed by Christ and to the death and Resurrection to come."

- *Orthodox Study Bible*

Misunderstanding

- **NAS John 12:29** The multitude therefore, who stood by and heard it, were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him."
- **NAS John 12:16** These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.
- **NIV Luke 24:8** Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.
- **NIV 1 Corinthians 2:14** The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Breaking the Curse

- ^{NAS} **John 12:31** "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out. ³² "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." ³³ But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.
- ^{NAS} **Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:14** Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Applications

Alive in Christ

- ^{NAS} **Galatians 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 2:4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus,
- ^{NAS} **Colossians 1:27** to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Delivered from Satan's Power

- **NAS Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹ "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death.
- **ESV 2 Corinthians 4:4** In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Live in Christ

- **NAS 1 Corinthians 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.
- **ESV Romans 13:14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
- **NAS Galatians 5:24** Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- **NAS Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Conclusions

Alive Together

- ^{NAS} **Colossians 3:1** If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. ⁵ Therefore mortify the members of your earthly body; immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry... ⁸ But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, ¹⁰ and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him