

If It Dies . . .

(The Epic of the Cross Series – Part VII)

4/12/2009 (Easter)

1. Pastor Steve opened with an illustration related to the planting of a seed. Reconstruct that illustration, noting the significance of the parts.

2. Read John 12:20-23. What is Jesus saying to the disciples and the guests from Greece?

3. Read John 12:24-25. It sounds like a riddle, but it's not. What is Jesus trying to say?

4. What happens if we decide not to do that (not to turn our backs on earthly things)?

5. Read John 12:26-33. What effect does the voice from heaven have? What does all this mean relative to Satan (the ruler of this world)?

6. The war against death, hatred, fear, pride and other vices is not against individuals, governments, or nations. Who is the enemy and what are two aspects of his campaign against us?

7. Pastor Steve described death in a different sort of way. See if you can reconstruct his description and then point out how it is different from the normal view of death.

8. So why do we need Easter, if so much was accomplished on the cross? [Note: this message was delivered on Easter Sunday.]