

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B

FED BY THE WORD

Questions to pray with...



JOHN 12:20-30

Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the earth and dies

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of The Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Some questions for you to think about as you read the Gospel or look to learn more about the Gospel event:

- a) Do you know which festival Jesus and the disciples have come to Jerusalem to celebrate?**
- b) Greeks traditionally followed multiple Gods. Why would these Greeks have wanted to speak to Jesus?**
- c) Why do you think people could not hear God's voice?**
- d) Hearing Jesus' words about what it means to be His servant, how are you personally challenged to live them out?**