



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: JOHN 12:9-11

TOPIC: IDENTIFYING WITH THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS

INTRODUCTION

- A. Baptism = *baptize*. Baptism has two basic meanings: _____
 - 1. To Identify with / To Immerse into (to dye or stain)
 - 2. To Wash / To Cleanse / To Purify
- B. There are people who reject and are antagonistic towards Jesus _____
- C. If you identify with Jesus, they will reject and be antagonistic towards you _____

YOUR IDENTIFICATION WITH JESUS WILL DRAW PEOPLE TO YOU

- A. People came to see Jesus _____
- B. People came not only to see Jesus, they came also to see Lazarus _____
 - 1. Because Jesus raised him from the dead
 - 2. Lazarus was a living testimony
- C. Our identification with Jesus will draw people to us _____

YOUR IDENTIFICATION WITH JESUS WILL DRIVE PEOPLE FROM YOU

- A. The chief priest had already planned to kill Jesus _____
 - 1. **John 11:47, 48** ⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation."
 - 2. **John 11:53**, ⁵³ Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.
 - 3. **John 11:57**, ⁵⁷ Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.
- B. The chief priests planned to kill Lazarus also _____
 - 1. It was not because of anything that Lazarus did
 - 2. It was because of what Jesus did through Lazarus
- C. Our identification with Jesus will drive people from us _____