

## Sermon Overview CEFC February 4, 2024

**Title:** Life and Death and Jesus

**Passage:** John 12:20-36

### Introduction

**Series Purpose:** What we \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ is still a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question:** What is the \_\_\_\_\_ between life and death and Jesus?

**Main Point:** Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of life \_\_\_\_\_ death into the \_\_\_\_\_ of death \_\_\_\_\_ life.

### Embracing the New Relationship

Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ transforms the \_\_\_\_\_ from death \_\_\_\_\_ life to death \_\_\_\_\_ life.

Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ than we ever \_\_\_\_\_.

**Principle:** The \_\_\_\_\_ of everyone and everything is \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

### CROSS

### Conclusion

## Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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**Main Point:** Jesus changes the possibility of life after death into the necessity of death before life.

1. Read John 12:20 – 12:36 as a group. What stands out to you? What questions does it raise? How does it challenge you?
2. What are some ways our culture tries to answer the question of life after death? What are some things they have in common? How do they differ from the Biblical perspective?
3. It was shocking to Israelites living at the time of Jesus that gentiles would be invited into the people of God. The priests even had signs in the Temple that gentiles should go no further. In what ways might we be like them? What are some “signs” we put up that keep people out.
4. Take a look at Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12. How can this Old Testament passage give us a greater understanding of John 12:20-36?
5. What parallels do you notice between John 1:29-50 and John 12:30-36? What are some similarities and differences between the passages? What can we learn from the differences and similarities?
6. Jesus' death most fully reveals God's heart, purchased our redemption, became the means of our sanctification and glorification, and won a cosmic victory. Which is the most meaningful to you and why? Which surprised you the most.