

# “The Truth About Following Jesus”

**BIG IDEA:** “While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” (John 12:36)

## THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU AND ME

- **D**arkness: *The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.* (John 12:35)
- **U**nawareness: *His disciples did not understand these things at first...* (John 12:16)
- **H**edonistic: *Whoever loves his life loses it.* (John 12:25)

... IN A WORD: DUH-CIPLES!

## THE TRUTH ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS

### I. COME AND SEE!

*Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” (John 12:20-21)*

To See: ho-rä'-ō = To be enlightened, to know with my mind, to perceive

### II. COME AND FOLLOW!

*“If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.” (John 12:26)*

Servant: dē-ä'-ko-nos = A personal attendant, to “raise dust by hastening,” aware of master’s heart and bidding

### III. COME AND DIE!

*“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life... <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. (John 12:23-25, 31 -32)*

To Hate: mē-se'-ō = To detest [sin in me and self-indulgence], to pursue with hatred [to take up your cross and follow Jesus]

### IV. COME WITH ME!

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## LANDING THE BIG IDEA STRAIGHT THROUGH THE DONKEY’S MOUTH

