

How Am I Supposed to Live

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On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel." Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

John 12:12-15

So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."

John 12:19

And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. "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. "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.

John 12:23-25

"Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

John 12:27

Has Become Troubled - to cause inward commotion and to take away one's calmness of mind, to render anxious and distressed.

...and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? **But for this purpose I came to this hour.**

John 12:27b

"Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. **"Father, glorify Your name."**

John 12:27-28a

*“Perhaps this is moment for which I have been created.”
Esther 4:14*

*"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, **having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation**, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;
Acts 17:24-27*

How are we supposed to live?

1. We remind ourselves that true life is found in dying to ourselves and following Jesus.

"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. "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

2. Even with our “troubled souls” we choose to glorify God.

*"Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'?_But for this purpose I came to this hour. **"Father, glorify Your name."**
John 12:27-28a*

3. John 13: We make it a priority to love and serve one another.
4. John 14: We don't let our hearts be troubled because we believe in God. We believe in Jesus. We believe in heaven.
5. John 15: We abide in the Word and let the Word abide in us.

6. John 16: We surrender completely to the control of the Holy Spirit so that we can be doing the works of Jesus and receiving comfort from Him.
7. We fix our eyes on Jesus.

“fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Hebrews 12:2