

John 12:12–36 & Philippians 2:1–11

Seeing Jesus: The Pain, The Glory,

and The Thanksgiving Harvest

A collision of expectations.

Everyone projects their desires onto Jesus.

The Foolish Rich - Rembrandt



**Thanksgiving is the time to examine and remember
what we truly are thankful for!**

John 12:12–36 CSB

The Inner Circle

MARY

Complete Worship

Uncalculated devotion.

MARTHA

Faithful Service

Behind-the-scenes
devotion.

JUDAS

Calculated Greed

Valuing coin over Christ.

DISCIPLES

Loyal Confusion

Blind to the cross.

The Public & The Elite

JERUSALEM CROWD

Sensation Seekers

Demanding a political conqueror.

THE PHARISEES

Despairing Elite

Clinging to religious power.

THE GREEKS

Global Harvest

Triggering the cross.

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

— John 12:24

Gratitude Vs. Entitlement

Gratitude

Looks at the Cross and appreciate the cost

Feast on what Christ has done for us

Submits to what God has for us

Entitlement

Demands Harvest without Dirt

Praises Only when things are going well

Focuses on Temporal needs and desires

The Cost of Preservation

PSYCHĒ

Loving your life.

☐ Clinging to autonomy.

☐ Protecting personal comfort.

☐ Safe, but sterile.

ZŌĒ AIŌNIOS

Surrendering your life.

● Yielding earthly control.

● Receiving divine life.

● Broken, but fruitful.

THE AGONY OF THE CROSS

“Now my soul is troubled.”

Surrender is not stoic. It is emotionally heavy.

The Shift in Prayer

HUMAN DEFAULT

“Father, save me from this hour.”

DISCIPLESHIP CALLING

“Father, glorify your name.”

The Glory of God in the Church

The Call to the Church – From Consumers to Seeds

The Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:1–11)

The Glory of God in the Church

We express our deepest gratitude for Christ's sacrifice not merely by saying "thank you," but by willingly falling into the dirt for others.

Let go and let
Jesus!





**The harvest on the other side is worth
the breaking.**