

Easter is coming near.

When Easter is coming near, what do you think about?

We are over halfway through Lent right now. In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus knows that Easter is coming closer. Read John 12:20-33.

Jesus has multiple conversations about his impending death.

I am sure you all understand how seeds work, and his followers also had plenty of knowledge of how seeds would work. The idea of the wheat falling to the ground is something his followers would have been familiar with.

Jesus follows up his analogy of the wheat with words about losing life and keeping life. What is your reaction to his statement in verse 25?

He then speaks more directly. Up until this point, it doesn't seem like the crowd understand what Jesus has been talking about. In verses 27-33 he makes it a little more plain. There is even a heavenly voice that speaks to make sure they understand.

But what Jesus says is revolutionary.

What do you think the people in power thought about what Jesus was saying?

If you were in the position of power and heard Jesus saying this stuff, what would you do?