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***“Die to Live” John 12:20-33***  
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The Greek question was, "How can we know Jesus?" It is the question that everyone still asks. How can we receive the power that was demonstrated in the raising of Lazarus, the power to bring new life into our lives? How can we experience new life if we were not there with Jesus? The answer is, you can know Him from the cross. Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

### **TEACHING POINTS**

Teaching Point One: *Jesus is Lord of all.*

Teaching Point Two: *Understand which Jesus we present to people.*

Teaching Point Three: *You have nothing to lose in following Jesus.*

### **THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity (John 12:25 NLT).

### **ACTION POINT**

Early disciples of Jesus left the security of home, temple, and tradition and risked it all on Jesus (Mark 7:5). They knew that we worship a risk-taking God. When God created the universe, he took risks by creating a world endowed with freedom; God didn't make us robots. God gave us freewill, which meant He risked our rejection, and risked our refusal of righteousness. Are you willing to risk following Jesus. Are you willing to move out of the shell you're in? Are you willing to risk life? It is there on the cross. You are forgiven. Be reconciled to God. God loves you as a son or a daughter. It is there on the cross. "God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

In essence, what a caterpillar calls death and the risk of the unknown, we call a butterfly. Why not be like the disciples and give God our all?

