

John 12:23-26 / May 6, 2012
"Three Movements, A Grain of Wheat"

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

- *Jesus did not come to be a teacher.*

- *Jesus' purpose was not to reveal to us the Father.*

- *Jesus did not come to physically heal the sick, raise the dead, or give sight to the blind.*

- *Jesus came to establish the promised kingdom of God*

Luke 4:18 *"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH*

THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,

AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO

PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

- *Jesus referred to Isaiah 61:1, a passage that speaks about God's intended future for people. After*

Israel's sin and punishment, God would establish a relationship in a way they could not imagine.

- *This was not to be an earthly dynasty of David to Jerusalem, but of God's kingdom within the hearts of people.*

- *Jesus established God's kingdom as a present reality among humanity.*

- *Jesus taught, revealed the Father, healed the sick, raised the dead, and gave sight to the blind, as*

He established the Kingdom, by which you could be better.

- *Where people had been:*

Spiritual poor, they could now be rich.

Spiritually bound, they could now be free.

Spiritually blind, they could now see.

Spiritually burden, they could now be uplifted.

- *The only way possible for people to be liberated from their bondage to sin and to be brought into the*

Kingdom of God is by death. (Romans 6:23)

- *Jesus came to die to make life possible for all humanity.*