

The Hour Has Come

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John 12:20-26

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We Wish to See Jesus

- Immediately following Triumphal Entry^{12:13} where crowds hailed Messiah
- But Jesus came as God's Messiah - humble riding a donkey
- 3 perspectives: Disciple=clueless; Crowds=political power; Pharisees=lamenting
- Ironically John reports Greeks are seeking Jesus - *the whole world has gone*^{12:19}
- Greeks were likely Gentile God-fearers - limited to outer court^{Mk12:12}
- Jesus cleansed this Court of Gentiles^{Mk12:12} - wall separated courts
- Greeks came to Philip... Andrew... then Jesus²² Unknown if they talked...

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- Jesus sees the coming of the Greeks as significant - *the hour has come...*
- Previously for Jesus: *my hour has not yet come*^{2:4;7:30;8:20}
- Jesus knew His purpose & ministry timing - the hour is no longer future!

The Mission at Hand

- Catch John's contrast: crowds 1 kind of glory; Jesus a different kind of glory
- Son of Man^{Dan7:13-14}. Must first descend^{Jn3:13} => Cross^{Mt12:40;17:12;20:28;26:2;Jn3:14;6:53}
- Jesus declares His work of atonement as supreme manifestation of His glory

The Nature of the Mission

- Jesus confirms nature of His mission²⁴ - death - the way of glory!
- Opposite of crowd's offer or Satan's^{Mt4:8-10} shortcut to glory
- Jesus refused - not the Father's way!
- How can glory be found in pain, suffering & death?
- His death²⁴ to redeem was obedience and glorified the Father
- Jesus' work illustrated by seed which dies to produce much fruit^{1Cor15:36}
- Christ's work^{Isa53:11} will be effective, atonement will save elect^{Jn6:37-39;Mt10:27-29}
- Jesus didn't just die to make salvation POSSIBLE
- Jesus said His work would BEAR much fruit - per God's plan^{Eph1:3-4}
- If you are a believer you are part of fruit - Jesus spoke when Greeks came...
- Fruit is believers from *every nation, tribe, peoples, languages*^{Rev7:9}
- God's plan from the beginning: *in you all the families of the earth*^{Gen12:3}...

Paradox of the Christian Life

- Jesus calls those who believe to follow His example²⁵⁻²⁶
- life²⁵ - *psyche*^{2x} = guarding your comfort, status, physical above obedience
- eternal life - *zoe* - letting go of earthly attachments > eternal spiritual life
- Lordship salvation - can u have Jesus as Savior w/o obedience (lordship): NO!
- Faith leads to dying like Christ to:
 1. Self-Mere act of believing Jesus, denies self-ability to save, look to God alone
 2. To Sin. Jesus died to make us holy^{Rom6:11-13}. Peter^{1P1:15-16}. Paul^{Eph4:21-24}

Jesus Call You to the Path of Glory

- We must follow Jesus: faith & obedience are marks of true followers^{26a}
- Followers: cross-bearing self-denial^{Mt16:24;Mk8:34;Lk9:23}; serving others^{Mt20:26-28;Mk10:43-45;Gal5:13}; holding fast to Word^{Jn8:31-32;14:14,23-24}. These are result^{Eph2:10}
- A glorious promise^{26b} to have Christ's presence though we stray^{Lk15:3-7;1Pt2:25}; but special blessing for those who obey^{Jn14:23;15:4-5}. So let us be faithful!
- Service brings Father's honor^{26c}. We are invited to sup with Jesus^{1Cor11:25-26}