

John 12:20-36 **Sir, we wish to see Jesus – The Hour has come**

Greeks want to see Jesus

20 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

The Hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified

23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

Choice to be where Jesus is in Honor

25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

Father, Glorify Your Name

27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." 29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

If I am lifted up I will draw all peoples to Myself

30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

Who is the Son of Man that must be lifted up?

34 The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

Believe in the Light that you may become sons of the Light

35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Greeks want to see Jesus

- ✠ Greeks were among the people who had come to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover.
- ✧ They had heard of the ministry of Jesus and desired to see Jesus.

The Hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified

- ✠ Jesus declared that it was a sign that the time for His death and resurrection was at hand.
- ✧ Jesus was Glorified by the resurrection from the dead.
- ✧ Jesus compared His death, burial, and resurrection to a grain of wheat planted in the field which must die and grow into a living plant to bear fruit.

- ✧ This is a reference to the fruitfulness of the Church that is founded on the truth of the death and resurrection of Jesus, which demonstrates the Deity of Christ.

Choice to be where Jesus is in Honor

- ✧ In order to be with Jesus in heavenly glory we have a choice to make, between life in this world, or life in the Kingdom of Heaven. He who loves his earthly life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. [John 12:25]
- ✧ Jesus has called for this same choice before. [Matthew 10:39, 16:25, Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24, 17:33, John 12:25]
- ✧ The promise is that, "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also." "And If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor." [John 12:26]

Father, Glorify Your Name

- ✧ "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name." [John 12:27-28]
- ✧ As in the Garden of Gethsemane, the prospect of the abuse Jesus was about to suffer leading to His death on the cross caused great trouble to His soul.
- ✧ Jesus contemplated praying for deliverance from the agony coming upon His mortal body.
- ✧ However considering the purpose of coming into the world in mortal form, Jesus said, it was "for this purpose He came in the first place.
- ✧ This is the appointed hour determined before the beginning of Creation. [Matthew 25:34, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Galatians 4:1-5]
- ✧ Father, glorify Your name." [John 12:28]
- ✧ Jesus surrendered Himself to God's purpose, knowing that in it the Name of the Father would be glorified.
- ✧ Jesus came to do the will of the Father. [John 5:30, 6:38, Hebrews 10:5-10]
- ✧ Therefore Jesus simply prayed, "Father glorify Your Name."
- ✧ Then a **voice came from heaven**, saying, "**I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.**" [John 12:28]
- ✧ God gains glory when He does something no power on earth can do.
 - ✧ Examples: Creation, confusion of languages at Tower of Babel, Flood of Noah's time, Deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage, Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
- ✧ Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." [John 12:29]

If I am lifted up I will draw all peoples to Myself

- ✧ Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. [John 12:30]
- ✧ The dialogue between Jesus and the Father in Heaven in front of the people was for the sake of the people, that they may realize that Jesus was in close touch with the Father, even as He approached His death for the sins of the world.
- ✧ The focus was on the death of Jesus on the cross which was approaching quickly.
- ✧ Connected with the death of Jesus on the cross, is the judgment of the world, and of the ruler of this world who will be cast out, speaking of the defeat of Satan and all his works. [John 12:31]
- ✧ Jesus had come to deal with sin and the father of sin, becoming the answer of God to the sin problem in mankind, providing Salvation for sinners.
- ✧ And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." [John 12:32]
- ✧ The Salvation provided in the death and resurrection of Jesus, is the hope that attracts all peoples to Jesus from all around the world.
- ✧ The statement demonstrated that Jesus knew the form of death He would experience. [John 12:33]

Who is the Son of Man that must be lifted up?

- ✚ The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ (Messiah) remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?" [\[John 12:34\]](#)
- ✧ The Jews have had trouble understanding the truth that the Messiah was to die for the sins of the world, [\[Isaiah 53:1-12\]](#) and that the same Messiah will set up His Kingdom on earth and reign forever. [\[2 Samuel 7:12-16, 1 Chronicles 17:11-14, Psalm 45:6, Isaiah 9:6-7, Daniel 2:44, 7:18, Luke 1:30-33\]](#)
- ✧ So they asked who is the Son of Man that is to be lifted up? This was a real puzzle.
- ✧ Even today many Jews are still looking for two Messiahs, Messiah Ben Joseph to suffer and die and Messiah Ben David to reign forever.
- ✧ Many then thought that Jesus would be the One to deliver them from Roman oppression and begin the Kingdom of God when He was here.
- ✧ So the thought of Him being "lifted up" was strange indeed.

Believe in the Light that you may become sons of the Light

- ✚ Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." [\[John 12:35-36\]](#)
- ✧ Jesus did not clarify the two Messiah question.
- ✧ Jesus would only be with them a short time longer.
- ✧ He only expressed the need to take advantage of the light that was with them at the time (speaking of Himself) to provide understanding and guidance.
- ✧ Believe while you have the opportunity. [\[2 Corinthians 6:2\]](#)
- ✧ By believing in the Light (Jesus) you become sons of the Light, Children of God. [\[John 1:12\]](#)

- ✧ After Jesus said these things, he departed and was hidden from them.