



The Hour Has Come

John 12:20-50

MYSTERY OF DIVINE TIMING

- My hour/time has not yet come (John 2:4; 7:6,8,30,33; 8:20)
- The hour/time has come (John 12:23,23)

TRIGGER EVENT – REQUEST OF THE GREEKS (John 12:20-23)

PRINCIPLE #1: Jesus Christ is _____.

PRINCIPLE #2: We have to help people _____.

GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN – MAKING SALVATION AVAILABLE TO ALL PEOPLES

- Genesis 12:3; Isaiah 49:6; John 4:42; John 10:16

DYING TO LIVE (John 4:24-26)

- The drastic spiritual condition of Gentiles before God (Ephesians 2:11-13)

THE HIGH COST OF GIVING LIFE TO OTHERS (John 12:27-36)

- *When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.* (v.32)

PRINCIPLE #3: If you want to know God, follow the _____
He gives you. (Romans 1:18-20)

RESPONSES TOWARD CHRIST (John 12:37-43)

- Stubborn unbelief
- Cautious “semi-belief”

FINAL CALL OF CHRIST (John 12:44-50)

- Flee the darkness & condemnation of unbelief
- Follow the light of Christ to eternal life

THE GREAT NEW TESTAMENT MYSTERY (μυστήριον)

- Israel temporarily rejects their Messiah; the Gentiles turn to the Savior (Romans 11:11-26; Ephesians 3:4-5; Colossians 1:25-27)
- Israel's future (national) turning to the Savior (Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:26)
- God will heal all previous fractures & create one, big, happy, heavenly family

WORD ABOUT CURRENT ANTI-SEMITISM (Genesis 12:1-3)



Prayer

Begin your time by praying with one another, asking the Holy Spirit to draw you closer to Himself and each other.

My Story

When you enter someone's home for the first time, what are some things the host can do to make you feel more comfortable and welcomed?

Digging Deep

1. Reflecting on this John 12 passage and Sunday's message, what idea, lesson or insight stood out to you?
2. **Read John 12:20-27.** Jesus is speaking about Himself being glorified. How does the analogy of the kernel of wheat relate to Jesus' earthly mission? How does it relate to a Christ-follower?
3. Jesus promises that the Father will honor those who serve and follow Him. Why is this statement so important within the context of Jesus' upcoming crucifixion and resurrection?
4. **Read John 12:28-36.** Jesus mentions light five times in this section alone! How can we be confident that we are children of the light? List ways our lives look different than those who are not children of the light. (Also see Romans 1:18-20)

Digging Deeper

5. **Read John 12:37-43 and Isaiah 6:9-10.** Throughout Jesus' ministry, we continue to see people react either strongly in faith or strongly in denial about who He is. In light of the fact that Jesus perfectly fulfilled all Old Testament Messianic prophecy, discuss why you think the general (national) conclusion of Israel was to reject Jesus as their long-awaited Messiah.
6. **Read John 12:44-50.** Jesus ends His final public message by directly proclaiming His relationship and role with the Father. What are the main points that Jesus is wanting to make here?

Taking It Home

7. How does this passage help us understand why it is so important to FULLY commit our lives to following Jesus rather than responding to Him in cautious "semi-belief"?
8. **EXTRA CREDIT (Warning: These are deep theological waters!)** Read **Romans 11:25-26, Ephesians 3:4-6 and Colossians 1:25-27.** These verses speak to the "mystery of the gospel" ... of God using the nation of Israel to be a doorway of salvation to all nations and peoples on earth. As modern Christians, how can we honor the role God has for the nation of Israel, while also leaning into God's global gospel mission for us? (Hint: Genesis 12:3; Matthew 28:18-20)

Praying Together

As you close in prayer, thank God that His heart always had room for you to be in His faith family. Rejoice in the universal saving message of Jesus and ask for the Lord's help to share His good news with others.