



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 12:20-26 (NAS)

"Sir, We Wish To See Jesus"

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- 20 Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast;
- 21 these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."
- 22 Philip *came and *told Andrew; Andrew and Philip *came and *told Jesus.
- 23 And Jesus *answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
- 24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- 25 "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.
- 26 "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

I. THE EXAMPLE OF ANDREW

- A. Brought His Brother To Jesus
- B. Brought A Little Boy To Jesus *John 6*
- C. Brought Those Greeks To Jesus
- D. We Need People Today To Bring Others To Jesus
 - 1. Friends
 - 2. Neighbors
 - 3. Fellow Students
 - 4. Family
 - 5. Co-workers

II. JESUS' ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. The Hour Has Come
 - 1. Previously acknowledged it was not yet time
 - 2. The time for his death had arrived

B. Reference To Himself As Son Of Man

- 1. Prophesied by Daniel *Daniel 7:13-14*
- 2. He was declaring Himself to be the Messiah King

C. Christ Glorified At The Cross *Philippians 2:8-11*

- 1. Different from human expectations of glorification
- 2. Declaration of God's love and compassion for His people
Romans 8:5-11; John 13:31

D. A Major Distinction Between The Believer And The Unbeliever Is Their Perception Of The Cross *Colossians 1:23-24*

III. JESUS' HORTICULTURAL ILLUSTRATION

- A. The Seed Must First Die
- B. Then It Produces Much Fruit

IV. FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST MUST:

- A. First Trust Him As Savior
- B. Then Learn To Deny Self, Die To Their Will, Surrender Themselves to Jesus
Romans 6:11-13; 12:1,2