

THE HOUR HAS COME

As preached on Sunday, April 12th

Read: John 12:20-36

1. In vv.20-22 John informs us that some “Greeks” were asking to see Jesus. Who are “Greeks”? Why would they want to see Jesus?
2. When Philip and Andrew pass the request on to Jesus he replies with a teaching discourse that extends from v.23 to v.28. Do you think this discourse was a response to the Greeks? Why does he choose to offer this teaching at this time?
3. When Jesus says, “the hour has come” what does he mean? What hour? How does he know?
4. In vv.24-26 Jesus speaks of his own death but also of the cost of being one of his followers. How can we apply v.25 and v.26 to the way we follow Jesus today?
5. How is Jesus feeling in v.27? Why is it significant that he both feels this way and has chosen to express that feeling?
6. In vv.32-33 Jesus speaks of his crucifixion, saying that when he is lifted up he will draw all people to himself. What does this mean? What power does such a terrible sacrifice hold to draw people to God?
7. The messianic title that Jesus uses for himself is “Son of Man.” What is the significance of this title? Why do you suppose he doesn’t use the other more common titles?
8. In v.36 Jesus cautions, “Believe in the light while you have the light...” How do you think this warning might apply to us today? What kind of urgency is there for people to make a choice about how they believe?