

# An Open Invitation

John 12: 19 – 33

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# John 12: 19 - 23

<sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him.” <sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; <sup>21</sup> these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and *began to* ask him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

# Gentiles Seek Jesus Vv. 19 – 23.

- The Pharisees charge becomes a reality.
  - Gentiles find Philip and request interview with Jesus.
  - Philip enlists Andrews help.
- Jesus is informed of the Gentile request.
  - There is no record that he met with them.
  - Jesus' reply would be great news for Gentiles.
  - Jesus' sacrifice for sin was for the whole world.
- Jesus' reply.
  - Earlier statements were that his hour was coming, but Jesus recognized that it was now the hour.

# John 12: 24 - 27

<sup>24</sup> “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. <sup>25</sup> “He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. <sup>26</sup> “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. <sup>27</sup> “Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

# How to Come to Jesus. Vv. 24 – 27.

- You can be assured of Jesus' words here.
  - Seed does not germinate unless planted.
  - Unless the seed dies in the ground it cannot produce fruit.
- Application: Die to self and serve by following Him.
  - Die to selfish desires and total focus on self.
  - There is no quality or eternity to a selfish life.
  - Serving Jesus means following Him.
  - Such service will bring great reward.

# John 12: 28 - 33

<sup>28</sup> “Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> So the crowd *of people* who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, “An angel has spoken to Him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered and said, “This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes. <sup>31</sup> “Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. <sup>32</sup> “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.” <sup>33</sup> But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

# Opportunity for all to be saved.

Vv. 28 – 33.

- Jesus in His humanity was traumatized realizing His coming death for sin.
  - He would not ask the Father to deliver Him.
  - Instead He asks for God to be glorified.
- The Father speaks, but most don't understand.
  - Jesus states that this was for their benefit.
- Jesus proclaims his great victory.
  - The Devil lost his power with sin and death when Christ atoned for sin on the cross.
  - Now all people from all nations, race and ethnicities can come to salvation being drawn to the cross.

# Conclusion

- Jesus gives all an open invitation to be saved, but that requires dying to self and following Him.
- All people of all nations, races, and ethnicities are invited to be saved because the cross has broken Satan's power, but all must be drawn to Him.
- Jesus died for our sins to give us eternal life, a life that He told us would be abundant now and last forever with Him.
- Still many cannot hear, and are deaf to spiritual things, being unwilling to die to self and follow Jesus.