

Certain Greeks John 12:20-26

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22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

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. 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.
NKJV

In our passage this morning we have what might seem to be a strange happening.

For the first time we find Gentiles seeking to see Jesus. They have not come to have a son or a servant healed but simply to meet with Jesus. We find that the passage does not even tell us if they succeeded in seeing Jesus or not.

Instead Jesus goes into this discourse about dying in order to live and giving up one's life in order to keep it.

I. Certain Greeks

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- B. Certain Greeks
- C. "We wish to see Jesus"

II. The HOUR has come.

- A. 23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.
- B. The hour
 - 1. Jn 7:30 Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.
 - 2. Jn 8:20 These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

- C. Son of Man should be glorified.
 - 1. This has in mind all the events that lead up to the cross and the events that follow and His final ascension into heaven.
- III. The lesson of the seed.
- A. 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.
 - B. Jesus is first of all talking about Himself.
 - C. As we see from the rest of the passage He is also talking about us.
- IV. The lesson of life.
- A. 25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
 - B. What does a person as Jesus says “loves his life” look like?
 - C. What is it that Jesus is calling us to do.
- V. The lesson of service.
- A. 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.
 - B. There is a reward beyond this life.
 - 1. To be with Jesus.
 - 2. These Greeks had the opportunity of spending eternity with Jesus.
 - 3. Not just for an hour, an afternoon but forever.
 - C. Honor from the Father.
 - 1. I cannot even begin to comprehend that.
 - 2. We can live in such a way that we honor ourselves.
 - 3. That our life is all about us.
 - 4. Or we can live in such a way that the Father, to God of all creation will somehow honor us.