

“His Hour Has Come”

John 12:20-36

May 25, 2014

(Memorial Day weekend)

INTRO: This is Memorial Day weekend... Let me ask you two questions:

1. What does that mean to you?
2. Whose memory do you most cherish today?

With ALL due respect to our fallen military heroes...

EVERY day should be Memorial Day for our
One and only Messianic hero – Amen!

T/S: Today we will be reminded of that truth once again...

CONTEXT:

- A. Raising Laz foreshadowed Christ’s crucifixion & resurrection
- B. Bethany dinner foreshadowed the “Last Supper”
 - a. Hatred
 - b. Worship
 - c. Hatred

C. Triumphal Entry: **VIDEO: John 12:12-19**

- a. Wanting a warrior champ... getting a weeping Christ
- b. They don't get Him... cause they don't want Him!
- c. Serves as the Jew's official rejection of Jesus...
- d. Opens the door of the Gospel to the Gentiles...

T/S: Now let's get ready for today's text:

VIDEO: John 12:20-36

vv.20-21 = HERE WE GO...

Before we start... think back to the John 3 & 4...

Nic at night... to floozy at the well... (KEY CONTRASTS)

The same is about to happen here:

Cheering Jews... to Curious Gentiles...

*²⁰ Now **there were some Greeks** among those who were **going up to worship at the feast**; ²¹ So they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, & **requested** of him, "Sir, **we want to see Jesus.**"*

1. Contrast “triumphal entry” & this “treasured engagement”
2. “Going up to worship” vs. going up to “work”
3. “What do you want?” Answer: “want to see Jesus”
4. When “come and see...” meets “want to see” = going to BE
5. These are the “other sheep” of **John 10:16!**

vv.22 = MESSIANIC MENTORING... (a.k.a. “discipleship”)

Philip came & told Andrew; Andrew & Philip came & told Jesus.

1. Note that Philip was “approachable”
2. Interesting... Philip chooses to get Andrew...
3. Both disciples then go to Jesus (discipleship training?)

vv.23 = HIS HOUR HAS COME!

And Jesus answered them, saying,

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

This is like God saying:

“Let’s get ready to R-U-M-M-M-M-MB-B-B-L-L-E!”

or

“Gentlemen... START your ENGINES!”

Jesus is telling us:

Everything up until now has been pointing to this!

He’s telling His followers:

Here comes the GOSPEL!

Here comes the “Good News”

Game ON boys... Game ON!

T/S: From here until dinner (the Last Supper – John 13) Jesus is going to explain what He means by: “the (My) hour has come...”

- A. First in a positive perspective (Believe & Receive)
- B. Next week (vv.37-50) by unpacking UNBELIEF...

vv.24-26 = JESUS EXPLAINS “HIS HOUR’s” POWER

- A. v.24 = *Messianic MODEL*
- B. v.25 = *Messianic MESSAGE*
- C. v.26 = *Messianic MANDATE*

v.24 = MESSIANIC MODEL

"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.

*** Jesus is explaining His crucifixion & resurrection!

v.25 = MESSIANIC MESSAGE

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Quote: (*John MacArthur*): "Though it may not be required, being willing to give up everything to follow Christ is what separates true disciples from false professors. Jesus does not identify true saving faith by its perfection but by its affection. Those who truly come to Christ love Him above all else—all sin, all self-righteousness, all relationships, and all self-will... (Moreover) the one who serves Jesus must follow Him; "the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked" ([1 John 2:6](#); cf. [1:7](#); [3:24](#); [4:15](#); [1 Cor. 11:1](#); [Eph. 5:1](#); [1 Thess. 1:6](#)). So true salvation is not only affection but also direction."

SEE... 1 John 2:15-17:

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

v.26 = MESSIANIC MANDATE

"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.

In [John 14:3](#) Jesus told His disciples, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also"

"Those who honor Me I will honor" - [1 Sam. 2:30](#)

T/S: Now... next 10 verses (27-36) unpack "eternal following"

Acronym: **E. V. A. N. G. E. L. I. S. M.**

E = Eternal Extravagance	v.27
V = Voice of Victory	v.28
A = Astonished & Amazed	v.29
N = Nudge or Noise?	v.30
G = Going, Going, Gone!	v.31
E = Evangelism for Everyone	v.32
L = Language of Love	v.33
I = Incredibly Indignant	v.34
S = Surrender & Shine!	v.35
M = Miracle, Messiah, Mission	v.36

v.27 = ETERNAL EXTRAVAGANCE

*"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.*

E =

- Cost: (see what's coming)
- CHRIST of the cross = "My"
- Cup of the cross = "troubled"
- Commitment (His & ours) = Don't "save Me"
- Courage (His & ours) = Do "send me"
- Cause: (His & ours) = "for this purpose"
- Cup
- Cross
- Commandments (Great)
- Commission (Great)
- Christians
- Consummation

v.28 = VOICE of VICTORY

*Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven:
"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."*

V =

- Jesus calls for God's GLORY (His purpose)
- Father God affirms His glory:
 - **Creation**
 - **Covenant**
 - **Christ**
 - **Cross**
 - **Consummation**

v.29 = ASTONISHED & AMAZED

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."

A =

- Amazed and/or DAZED & confused...
 - Lost eyes are blind eyes...
 - Lost hearts are hardened hearts...
 - Lost ears are deaf ears... Lost ears don't hear!
- * This is why saved souls are so amazed by the miraculous grace they KNOW transformed them!

v.30 = NUDGE or NOISE?

Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes."

N =

- Contrast the Jews & the Greeks...
- Religious crowds vs. Responsive Church!
- God speaks truth in love...
- God invites & inspires people personally
- People have to make a Personal choice:
 - Is the Gospel invitation a "nudge" to you?
 - Is the Gospel invitation a "noise" to you?

v.31 = GOING... GOING... GONE!

"Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

G =

- All eternal doubt is gone (Gen 3:15)
- All hellish hope (of devil) is gone
- All ambiguity is gone (atheists)
- ***When judgment comes, grace is done!*** - JDP
- ***Death closes all doors...*** - JDP
- God closes some doors (before death)...
- No one knows when their grace is gone. - JDP

SEE Hebrews 2:14 = *Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that through His death He might destroy the one holding the power of death--that is, the Devil--*

v.32 = EVANGELISM for EVERYONE!

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."

E =

- Eternal message... Jesus evangelizes everyone!
- **Christ draws all Christians thru His cross**
- Everything you need for life and godliness...
 - Christ crucified
 - Christ risen
 - Crucified & Creator Christ is King!

Paul later summarizes for those who believe & obey:

Ephesians 2:12-22

(Jews & Gentiles in Koinonia)

12remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **14**For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility **15**by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, **16**and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. **17**And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. **18**For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. **19**So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, **d** but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **20**built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, **21**in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. **22**In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by **e** the Spirit.

v.33 = LANGUAGE of LOVE

He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

L =

- Truth
- Clarity
- Cross
- Coming soon...

v.34 = INCREDIBLY INDIGNANT

The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

I =

- Unbelief is unleashed upon Jesus...
- Religious crowds reject Christ's rule...
- Religious crowds claim Christ as Savior BUT denying Him as Lord...
- Partial truths are lies

*** Illustrates the sin stains of biblical ignorance
i.e. Isaiah 53
i.e. Zephaniah 9:9
i.e. Daniel's 70 week's prophecy...

*** NOTE: a real want-to for worship is coupled with a driving desire to better know the divine King

v.35 = SURRENDER & SHINE!

So Jesus said to them, "The Light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the Light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.

S =

- Jesus is the Light!
- Note the tone of urgency... time is running out
- Loving invitation & inspiration...
- Loving, Urgent, WARNING...
- Don't follow others walking in the dark!

*** Jesus is calling for surrender...

*** Jesus calls all Christians to shine their Light!

v.36 = MIRACLE, MESSIAH, MISSION!

"While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light." These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.

M =

- Miracle = having access to the Light
- Messiah = the Light to be “believed”
- Mission = becoming “sons of Light”
- BELIEVE & RECEIVE the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

*** After sharing this... Jesus hid from them.

*** His hour has come...

GAME ON!

***It's time to stop lovin... (this life)
and start hating... (this life)!***

*It's time to stop faking...
and start following!*

His hour has come... and so has ours!

Let's pray.