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The Book of John

Lesson 23 draw all

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Read John 12: 17-50

John 12:17. *The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.* Now what would the reference be? Day of Pentecost, Acts 2, who is present at this feast? Jews from every nation under heaven. They are all going out and they are all having part in this welcome of the king.

Verse 20. *And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come...* That signals the end of His public, earthly ministry toward the lost sheep of the house of Israel. It is laid out beautifully in this chapter. John 12 is the end of the Lord's earthly ministry. The Holy Spirit is directing John to write just what we need to know and understand who Jesus was and why He came and what He did.

In John 12 and verses 1 to 8, Jesus is welcomed by believers in private. In verses 12 to 16, He is welcomed by the nation in public. In verses 20 to 22, He is welcomed by the Gentiles. Look – He has brought light to the world. My disciples have seen light in private. My nation has seen light in public. The Gentiles the world over have seen light here in Jerusalem in the raising of Lazarus from the dead. I have shown light to the whole world, now, **the hour is come**. Now, I am going to go and die for all of these who had been prepared; they were not expecting Him to say that He was going to die. So far He had not done anything they expected, so why now would they expect Him to rise in military power and be their king? Instead He says I am going let somebody nail me to a cross and lay my body in a tomb.

Do you want light? Do you want light bad enough to endure three hours of total universal darkness and three days of a grave? Do you want light bad enough to wait through all of that? He is not meeting their expectations. Are you going to seek it? Or will you turn away when it gets confusing? Are you going to go from crying **Hosanna to crucify Him?** He is fulfilling the plan of His Father. What is the plan of His Father? To find out who really wants truth.

John 12:23. *Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.* Once again, Jesus Christ is using the physical to illustrate the spiritual. If Jesus Christ lives forever without dying, by Himself, because He alone has everlasting life. But if He tastes death for every man, if He dies and is buried then He can rise from the dead with the power and the right to give life to all who believe so that one little grain of corn, one little corn of wheat now multiplies and multiplies not because it did not die but because it did. And the Lord is saying,

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Verse 25. *He that loveth his life shall lose it; Nobody wants to die; but you're going to die. ...and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.* Are you willing to give up your life and give it to the Lord Jesus Christ, so that you can have eternal life?

Verse 26. *If any man serve me, let him follow me;* We do not often think of just doing right as being service but the Lord counts it as that. Just being nice to people is serving the Lord. Be encouraging, give a compliment, be polite, display manners, be a second mile Christian. We sometimes think that handing out tracts, preaching, or witnessing, is the only way to serve the Lord, but really anything we do that is following the steps of Jesus is serving the Lord. *...and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.* Verse 27. *Now is my soul troubled;* No sooner is it time to die than His soul is troubled. Remember the troubling of the waters in chapter 5? It is unrest; lack of calm; disturbance. My soul is troubled. In Isaiah 53, the Father made his soul an offering for sin. Isaiah 53:10 Verse 27 *Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name.* We seem to focus on Jesus praying in the garden about that cup when He says *Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.* Luke 22:42 That was the second inward struggle on Jesus' part; this is the first. He knew that hour was come, in His soul, He, (*Sighing*) – now look, there is no reservation on Jesus' part about dying to save us, or doing the Father's will, if that is what it takes to save us, He does not want to take on sin. He is holy, harmless, undefiled, pure, spotless, righteous and He is altogether lovely. Song of Solomon 5:16 In order to save me, He has to be made sin for us. 2 Corinthians 5:21 The Just One has to become the unjust one. 1 Peter 3:18

The whole idea of taking that sin upon Himself is repulsive to Jesus. *Father, glorify thy name - Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.* Verse 29. *The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.*

Verse 30. *Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world:* Look at that for now, today. Jesus is not on trial at Calvary. The world is on trial at Calvary. Jesus is not on trial in Pilot's judgment hall; Jesus is not on trial when He stood before Caiaphas. The world is on trial. What will you do with Jesus? *"What will ye that I do with this man?"*

Jesus Christ knows His death will be followed by His resurrection and He will defeat Satan – He will rob him of his power when He dies and rises from the dead. Glory to God. Hebrews 2:14. When Jesus rises from the dead the Bible says that Satan **had** the power of death. Past tense. No more. Colossians 2:15 says when He (Jesus Christ) rose from the dead He (Jesus Christ) spoiled principalities and powers. Do you know how many times the New Testament epistles counsel you how to deal with someone possessed with a devil? None. Not once. Why? he (the devil) is spoiled, he (the devil) is defeated. All you have to do is be born again and from then on the Bible says, draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7-8 God tells you in Ephesians 6 to put on the whole armour of God and stand. He never told you to fight. You do not have to fight. Put on the whole armour of God and stand – that is all you have to do. STAND. Why? he (the devil) is a defeated foe, you or I do not need to fear him.

...now shall the prince of this world be cast out. Verse 32. *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.* Not only is the judgment of this world (in verse 31), not only is the prince of this world cast out in verse 31; Calvinism has no justifiable position in verse 32. *I will draw all men unto me.* How many men is *all men*? This is to signify what death He would die. They are going to lift Him up on the cross.

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Verse 34. *The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?* (This is exactly what we have been talking about.) *Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you.* Do not turn away from me now. I am the light. You have come to the light. You received light. You followed the light. Do not turn back now. *Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you:* Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

Verse 36. *These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.* Who wants me? I have come. I have revealed myself. I am going to hide. Are you going to keep following and seek me?" The Bible says if you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. *Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:* Isaiah 55:6 There is a real turning point coming up here.

Verse 37. *But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:* (That would be the nation in general.) *That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?* (Isaiah 53 – *Who hath believed our report?*.) John 12:39: *Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.* (That would be those that rejected light. He gave them light; light to every man that came into the world. Those that did not want light, the Lord allows the darkness to descend upon them.)

Verse 41. *These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.* The one quotation is obviously from Isaiah 53; the other has reference to Isaiah 6:1 when Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up, his train filling the temple. This quote from Isaiah 6, verses 9 and 10 about the hardening of the heart is also found in Matthew 13:13, Mark 4:12; Luke 8:10; Acts 28:25; Romans 8:11. The statement is not that God deliberately condemns or blinds a man but that His word has a hardening effect on the heart of those that will not listen and take to heart. Look at the downward steps in this chapter. Verse 37 they would not believe. Verse 39, therefore they could not believe. Do you see that order?

Pharaoh is the perfect example. He had light. Rejected it. And before long, he is completely in the dark.

Verse 42. *Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:* (That is peer pressure. This is the third time in John it has showed up) *For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.* (Sad statement, but this is why you have such a hard time dealing with lost people out in public. "Peer pressure.") Verse 44. *Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.* (Once again He is saying that He and His Father are one.) *And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.* (He is the visible manifestation of God the Father.) *I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.* (That is the theme of John right on through.)

And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. (Judgment's already taken place as far as their need of salvation is concerned. When He says in verse 31, *Now is the judgment of this world*, that has to do with the members, the individuals in the world. And when He says *for I came not to judge the world, but to save it*, He is not going to do the judging).

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Look at verse 48. *He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.* The word of God will judge you and find you guilty, unless you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ who came not to judge you but to save you from certain judgment. *For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

Let me give you a reference on "the word", verse 48, *He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words.* Look at First Samuel 3:1 and verse 21. *And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision... And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.* The word of the Lord was precious. The Lord revealed Himself by the word of the Lord. Another way to say - The Word revealed Himself by the word of the Lord.

Notes

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Name _____

Read John 12: 17-50

1. Why would self-love be equated with losing one's life?
2. Explain the principal set forth in verse 24 in your own words.
3. What other incident in John does verses 21-22 recall to your mind?
4. What is the significance of the Greeks being among those at the feast?
5. What must one do to in order to rightly serve the Lord ?
6. How do verse 35-36 add to our understanding of the term "the light" in John?
7. What is the judgment of this world?
8. The Calvinist system of the Reformed, Presbyterian, and some Baptist churches teach that only a select few can possibly be saved. What light does verse 32 shed on this false doctrine?
9. Who is the prince of this world?
10. Explain the following terms:
 - a corn of wheat
 - my soul troubled

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- had the power of death
11. How has the sad statement of verse 43 been true in your life?
 12. Compare verse 47 with John 3:16-18 What do we learn of the purpose of Christ's coming?
 13. What is the significance of the Lord leaving them immediately after His words about the light?
 14. What does verse 34 show us about the peoples understanding of the Old Testament?
 15. From verses 32-33 what do we understand Jesus meant by His being lifted up from the Earth?
 16. Can you recall 3 other times when God spoke from heaven but only the person addressed understood the speech?

True/false

- when a person rejects Jesus their heart is softened for the next time to receive Him.
- only a chosen few are given the opportunity to be saved
- you can serve Jesus by being kind and polite to people.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV)
John 12:32; John 12:25-26; John 12:46.

any questions?