

## **THE GLORIFICATION OF JESUS**

When we enter John Chapter 12, we are **six days** from Passover and the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

(Jn.12:1) "Jesus, therefore, **six days before the Passover**, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead."

Passover occurred on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan [April] (Lev.23:5). The Pharisees have plotted to murder Lazarus and Jesus during this Passover (Jn.11:53; 12:9-11).

(Jn.12:12) "**On the next day** the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem."

(Jn.12:12-17) shows there was a lot of talk about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead which had lead to many conversions that upset the Pharisees. This establishes some of the background to our lesson text and the "Truly, Truly I Say" messianic doctrine.

John Chapter 12 is the last public discourse of Jesus recorded in the Book of John.

<p><b>This lesson will study four <u>aspects</u> of the Hour of Jesus' Glorification.</b></p>
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### **1. We will begin by examining our lesson text containing the "Truly, Truly I Say" messianic doctrine by five homiletic points.**

- (Jn.12:20-22) Seeking audience with Jesus by the Greeks
- (Jn.12:23) Son of Man's glorification – **messianic doctrine**
- (Jn.12:24) Seed illustration of the **messianic doctrine** of Jesus' glorification
- (Jn.12:25) Saved relations with God the Father
- (Jn.12:26) Servants of glorified Jesus will be honored

### **2. The monotheistic Greek crowd Jesus is addressing in our lesson text is curious about life after death.**

They are especially interested in the eye-witnesses that have reported a recent resurrection of Lazarus from the dead (Jn.11; 12:17-19).

The Greeks believed in an underworld after death called Hades, but didn't believe in a general resurrection from it. Many of us have read the classic writings, like Homer's Odyssey of Greek mythology. We learned about Elysium, the good place, and Tartarus, the bad places of Hades.

Paul ran into this problem in Athens – "When they heard about the resurrection, they sneered." (Acts 17:32)

He ran into it again in Corinth (1 Cor.15:12-19; 15:35-38). It was the part of the gospel that seemed foolish to them (**1 Cor.1:18**). Paul told the Corinthians the same thing Jesus told the Greeks.

(Jn.12:24) "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 fruit.'"

(1 Cor.15:36) "You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies."

### 3. **These Greeks have come to Jerusalem to worship God at Passover.**

These were like the ones Paul ministered to in Athens (Acts 17:17). These are the Greeks with Positive Volition (PV) at God Consciousness (GC) and will receive gospel hearing.

But they have never been taught the meaning of the worship of Passover which was Shadow Christology (Heb.10:1). This is because Judaism had become a religion full of sheep without shepherds, lacking the truth of the Word of God (Matt.9:36; 10:6; 15:24).

The Good Messianic Shepherd came for the lost sheep of Israel, but the apostate shepherds killed Him rather than embrace and welcome Him (Jn.10:1-21; Jn.10:16) [other sheep] (Heb.13:20; 1 Pet.2:24-25).

### 4. **This messianic doctrine is unique because it is stated before the “Truly, Truly I Say” saying.**

#### **Messianic Doctrine:**

(Jn.12:23) “The **hour** (he hora) has come (erchomai/ perf.m.ind.3ps) that (hina) [divine purpose] the Son of Man **be glorified** (doxazo/ a.p.subj).”

#### **The Hour of Jesus, in the Book of John, has three parts.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> part (not yet come) (Jn.2:4; 7:30; 8:20)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> part (has come) (Jn.12:23, 27)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> part (to depart the world and enter Heaven) (Jn.13:1; 17:1) (Acts 1:9-11)

**In our next lesson**, we will study part two of the GLORIFICATION OF JESUS and why it is important to every believer.