

## March 19, 2023

### The Hour

John 12:20-37

A dramatic shift occurs in John 12:20-37. A shift that is easy to overlook because it hinges on one word, hour. Jesus often speaks of His hour. Up until this passage, Jesus' hour was in the future, "My hour has not yet come." That changes in John 12:23 when Jesus states, "the hour has come." The hour is Jesus' crucifixion. It is why He came. It is His mission; one He will fulfill.

### Additional Verses:

Numbers 21:4-9

Luke 24:13-27

Romans 1:16-17

Galatians 4:1-7

### Outline:

1. The hour has come for Jesus to be glorified.

2. The hour has come for Jesus' mission to be fulfilled.

- The world is judged.

- The ruler of the world is defeated.

- Jesus is exalted.

- Jesus draws people to Himself.

### Study Questions:

1. What shift occurs in this passage? How is this shift interconnected with why Jesus was sent? (see John 5:24, 6:29)

2. Why is Jesus' hour important to the Greeks? Why is it important to us as well? How long is Jesus' hour in effect?

3. What is the significance of the word "alone" in John 12:24?

4. Compare and contrast Jesus being lifted up to the bronze serpent in Numbers 21:4-9? How does the serpent point to Jesus? How is Jesus greater than the serpent?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?