John Lesson 34

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INTRODUCTION

- This is at the last week of the life of Jesus Christ before his crucifixion.
- About five times before this, Jesus had made the statement, Mine hour is not yet come. And this is the first time where he says, The hour is come.
- He knew the purpose for which he had come into the world, and the hour now had come.

1 Father, Glorify Thy Name

John 12:28–30; Matthew 3; Matthew 17

- When Jesus made the statement, Father glorify thy name, there was the voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.
- There are two earlier occasions where we have the words from heaven recorded for us.
- Jesus then explained the voice was not for the sake of Jesus.
- It confirmed to them that even the death that Jesus must go through was not because of the strength of wicked men.

2 Now Is the Judgment of This World

John 12:31–32; John 3:14–16; John 12:48

- As he was lifted up on the cross in a literal way, so in a spiritual way, men who look up to him in faith and by faith believe in him, even so shall they be saved.
- When Christ was lifted up on the cross came a time where the world had to make a choice.
- You know the dividing line between the lost and the saved? It's faith.

3 The Prince of This World Is Cast Out

Hebrews 2:14–15; Revelation 12:9–10

- The prince of this world is cast out. Now that's a reference, of course, to the devil.
- He no longer has power over men through the bondage of sin. Through Christ Jesus, there is deliverance from sin.
- When Jesus Christ was crucified, the devil was cast out in the sense that his power was destroyed.

4 Though He Had Done So Many Miracles, They Believed Not

John 12:37–41; Matthew 13:13–15; Acts 28:26–28

- Though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him.
- They didn't contest the fact that it was a miracle that had been done, but they rejected the source of the miracle.
- God does not force people to believe.

- God does not hold us like puppets in his hand and force us either to believe or force us to not believe.
- Give me the truth. I'll have an open Bible with an open mind. And whatever changes God commands of me, I'm willing to make.

5 Lost Believers

John 12:42–43; Matthew 10:32–33; Acts 22:16

- 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.
- Believers who will not confess Christ are lost believers.
- Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
- We're saved by faith, but it is a faith that is willing to obey. A faith that is alone will not save.
- Works of a meritorious nature would nullify grace. But works of obedience. Now we're talking about works that God has commanded.

6 He That Rejecteth Me Hath One That Judgeth Him

John 12:44–50

- I came not to judge the world but to save the world. He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words hath one that judgeth him.
- If we're going to believe in the Father, we must believe in the Son.
- It is so important that we take the Bible, the word of God, that we look at what it says and accept it for what it says.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **But also know that if it's the word of God, obey it. Jesus said in Luke six forty six why call me Lord, and do not the things which I say? If he's really our Lord, we'll obey him.**

MY NOTES