

# THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

## CHAPTER 12:20-36

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**“In the Shadow of the Cross” - Part 1**

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**John 1:12**

**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

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***to the text***

***John 12:20-36***

With an Almost  
**“Haunting Announcement”**  
John Chapter 12 Opens with these words;

**John 12:1**

**“Then Six days before the Passover, Jesus Came...”**

He will spend now this final week of His life as a fugitive from His own Beloved City, Jerusalem. He will be careful to not spend one night within its walls until the hour of His judgement has come.

**Luke 9:51**

Now the time had come for Him to be received back up,  
He firmly set His face to go to Jerusalem,

# And So We are in the Midst of His Triumphal Entry

signaling now that Jesus had entered into His last week on earth.  
that time itself was being controlled by God to the smallest detail,  
that Jesus, born some thirty two years earlier was soon approaching the purpose for His coming to earth.

## This is Jesus

### Jesus - of Whom The Bible Says;

"That He shall be like a root out of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the Nations, in Him the Gentiles shall put their hope!"

### Jesus - of Whom The Bible Says of Him;

13 My servant will act wisely; he will be lifted up and highly exalted. 14 many shall be appalled at him-- his physical appearance, so mutilated that he scarcely resembled a human. 15 for he shall sprinkle the nations with his blood, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they shall understand.

### Jesus - of Whom The Bible Says of Him;

For They will look upon me, the one they have pierced, and then shall they mourn for me - as one mourns at the lose of an only child

### Jesus - of Whom The Bible Says of Him;

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; he is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

### Jesus - of Whom The Bible Says of Him;

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

# Make no mistake about it.

Not only was Jesus fulfilling the ancient prophecies of the Bible,  
but **He was also sending a message to the world.**

Jesus' Riding into Jerusalem on a Donkey was a Type, a Symbol,  
that He was in fact **coming in peace.**

## The Horse - The Donkey

In The ancient roman world that Jesus grew up under, if a king or general was to come  
to a city riding a **donkey he was offering peace** and safety

### John 12:15

"Fear not, (or no need to be afraid) daughter of Zion;  
for behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey"  
**(offering peace)**

But if in that same ancient world, if king or general were to enter a city riding a **white  
Horse, it was a message of conquering power** and victor at war

## But Read the Fine Print

### Revelation 19:11-13

...and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and  
in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and  
on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except  
Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The  
Word of God.

## In the Shadow of the Cross

### 1.) *The Cross is the Key*

*vv. 20-22*

20 Now there were **certain** Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast.

21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him,  
saying, "**Sir, we wish to see Jesus.**" 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn  
Andrew telling Philip, told Jesus.

# The Cross is the Key

## a.) Certain Greek (Gentile) Believers

v.20

Now there were **certain** Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast

## “Certain” Greeks

what is about to be taught is applicable to them – us!

## These are “Non-Jews” – Former Pagans, Who Have Converted to Judaism

### Acts 8:26-27

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of **Ethiopia, (on the via maras)** a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,

A Gentile Converted to Judaism

They are “**Certain**” Greeks  
**?? WHY ??**

There is direct correlation between them being gentiles and recorded scripture before us

## Timing is the Issue here

The Cross Must Happen First - Before the Gentiles can be Saved

Matthew 15:22-27

And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

## ***The Cross is the Key***

***b.) We Must First See The Cross***

***v.21-22***

Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "**Sir, we wish to see Jesus.**" 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew telling Philip, told Jesus.

Sounds Like a Great Request - But as far as we know, They Never Met Him

Isn't that what the world wants today  
**"Sir, we wish to see Jesus."**

Rock Bands, Political Rulers, People Everywhere Wonder  
About Jesus Christ and His life, and His death, His resurrection,  
And His promise to come back to earth

**Michael J. Fox**

When asked "who in all of history would you most like to meet?" He said "Jesus Christ,, because everybody wants to know about Jesus Christ. - he's the most famous man who's ever lived."

**The Context Stresses The Need for the Cross – First!**

***The Cross is the Key***

### 1 Corinthians 1:22-23

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; **but we preach Christ crucified**, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

## The Cross of Jesus Christ Links the Nations to Himself

### Ephesians 2:17-18

For Jesus came and preached peace to you who were **afar off** (gentiles) and to those who **were near** (Jews). 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Both Being Afar Off or Near - *Isn't Close Enough!*

### Colossians 2:13-14

we were all dead in sins, and your sinful desires were not yet cut away. But God gave you the very life of Christ, for he forgave you all your sins, also blotted out the charges proved against you, the list of his commandments which you had broken. Jesus Christ took this list of sins and destroyed it by nailing it to His cross.

## In the Shadow of the Cross

### 2.) *The Purpose of His Dying*

**vv. 23-28**

**23** But Jesus answered them, saying, "**The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. 27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 "Father, glorify Your name."** Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "**I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.**"

## WHATS IMPLIED HERE IS THIS

That you cannot see Me until you see the cross and My death – then the gentiles can be saved

### *The Purpose of His Dying*

**a.) He is the Son of Man**

**v.23**

**23** But Jesus answered them, saying,  
**"The hour has come that the "Son of Man !!!!"**

### **"The Son of Man"**

(that's a code word to anyone in Judaism)

Daniel 7:13-14

"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

The Purpose For Jesus' Coming was to  
Identify With Us

**"The hour" has come** – that sounded good to them  
The Moment of The Purpose

2 Corinthians 5:21

For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's righteousness into us!

**Philippians 2:7-10**

but He made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a humble bondservant, and coming in the likeness of **(anthropos - human)** men. 8 And being found in appearance as an **(anthropos - human)** man, He humbled Himself and became **obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.** 9 Therefore **(because of His death upon the Cross)** God also has **highly exalted Him** and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## *The Purpose of His Dying*

# **“That He should be glorified”**

### **John 17:1-5**

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. **Glorify Your Son**, that Your Son also may glorify You, "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. **"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**

### **John 1:1-3,14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.... 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **Mark 9:2-3**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

## *The Purpose of His Dying*

### **b.) To Produce New Life**

**v.24**

**24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain (fruit).**

**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless**

#1

Jesus is talking about His Own death and the salvation that it would accomplish

#2

He's saying, That without Him dying, the world would forever be lost

**a grain**  
(Jesus himself)

**much grain**  
(all those saved from hell)

Matthew 20:28-29

for the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a  
**ransom for many."**

**it produces much grain (fruit).**

Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the **jack** that was set  
before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right  
hand of the throne of God.

*– the joy of your personal salvation !!!*

Jesus Had to Die  
*If mankind was ever going to be forgiven*

### ***The Purpose of His Dying***

**c.) To Learn the Priority of life**

**v.25**

**"He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep  
it for eternal life.**

Matthew 10:38-39

"And he who does not take his cross (**dreams, plans and goals**) and follow after Me is  
not worthy of Me. 39 "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My  
sake will find it.

### **Matthew 16:24-26**

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life (**dreams, plans and goals**) for My sake will find it. 26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world (**dreams, plans and goals**), and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

### **Mark 8:34-35**

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, (**dreams, plans and goals**) and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 "For whoever desires to save his life (**dreams, plans and goals**) will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

**“If Anyone Wants to Meet Me,  
He must meet me at the Cross”**

See You at The Cross!

## **Paul Taught on this**

### **Galatians 2:20-21**

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

### ***The Purpose of His Dying***

**d.) Fellowship for all who follow Him**

**v.26-28**

**"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also.**

# Fellowship with Christ is Best

**and where I am, there My servant (jack) will be also.**

## **Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 **Go** therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; **and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."**

## **I Love the Church**

As fun as you all are, as great as it is to be with you and serve along side you, and travel around the world with you, and to pray with you and to worship with you...

## **Because Jesus is in It !**

### **Matthew 18:20**

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

### **Hebrews 10:24-26**

#### **King James**

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. 26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

### **Hebrews 10:24-26**

#### **Amplified**

In response to all he has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good. 25 Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people have done, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. 26 If anyone sins deliberately by rejecting the Savior after knowing the truth of forgiveness, this sin shall not be covered by Christ's death; there is no way to get rid of it that sin!.

## Fellowship Guarantees Protection

### John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

### Verse 26

**If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.**

**The Father is Going to Honor  
all Who Serve God's People...**

### Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

### Colossians 3:23-24

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

### Revelation 22:12

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

**The Father is Going to Honor all  
Who have Trusted in His Son for  
Salvation**

***The Purpose of His Dying -  
Fellowship for all who follow Him***

## Verse 27a

### "Now My soul is troubled

\*  
troubled grk 5015 tarasso (tar-as'-so);  
to violently stir up. To shake to the breaking point

He ' s i n t h e S h a d o w  
o f t h e C r o s s !

i S e e i n T h i s -  
H o w i C o u l d H a v e N e v e r S a v e M y s e l f

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

He Saw Us – *as sheep having no shepherd*

### **In His Incarnation, (His Divine Flesh)**

He could see ahead to the Cross- This is beyond our human comprehension

## Verse 27b

**and what shall I say?  
'Father, save Me from this hour?'  
But for this purpose I came to this hour.**

***comfort for those who follow – Jesus followed the father***

**Luke 22:41-42**

And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

**Hebrews 5:7**

who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,

Jesus Knew What Was Coming

*and He didn't ask for help*

**Sometimes knowing what's coming is worse!**

Jesus Trusted The Father in the Face  
of Suffering  
*Suffering or Death Which Would You Choose?*

**But for this purpose (jack)  
I came to this hour.**

**Verse 28**

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

**"Father, glorify Your Name."**

\*

**glorify** 1392 doxazo (dox-ad'-zo);  
to render or hold glorious, to magnify with a whole heart

# This Should be Our Greatest Prayer

**"Father, glorify Your Name."**

1 Peter 2:21-23

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

## ***The Purpose of His Dying***

**e.) *That comfort comes from heaven***

**v.28**

Then a voice came from heaven, saying,  
**"I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."**

**Then** (right then) a voice **came from heaven**, saying, **"I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."**

## **In the Shadow of the Cross**

**3.) *The Revelation of His Death***

**vv. 29-36**

29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." 30 Jesus answered and said, **"This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake."** 31 **Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.** 32 **And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."** 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die. 34 The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?" 35 Then Jesus said to them, **"A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.** 36 **"While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."** These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

## ***The revelation of His death***

### ***a.) The Father speaks for our peace***

**v.29-30**

29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." 30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake

this is a difficult passage

"The Tone Seems to be the Factor" – as to WHAT do you hear

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

## ***The revelation of His death***

### ***b.) Jesus speaks for our freedom***

**v.31-33**

31 Now is the **judgement** of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

Now is the **judgement** of this world;  
now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

\* **judgement** 2920 krisis (kree'-sis); is the act and procurement of condemnation, of damnation, and sentencing

## **The Judgement of Sin**

Every sin, for every person, forever

1 John 2:2

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation  
to those who are in Christ Jesus

**The Power of Satan is About to be Dethroned**  
**“now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”**

**Satan Lost His Marbles, His Lunch  
and Your Soul At the Cross !**

**Colossians 2:14-15**

having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

**Hebrews 2:14-15**

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

**1 John 3:8**

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, **that He might** (grk: melt away) **destroy the** (grk: craft) **works of the devil.**

**Ephesians 6:11**

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. – HE HAS BEEN DEFEATED

### **Verse 32-33**

32 And I, if I am **lifted up from the earth**, will draw all peoples (nations) to Myself." 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

# lifted up from the earth!

The Cross – Finishes The Work of Salvation Completely

if I am **lifted up from the earth**,  
I will draw all peoples (nations) to Myself."

((Every Human Must Deal With Jesus  
even the little guy in africa without his bible and radio and laptop))

## *The revelation of His death*

**c.) He Has Set His Clock in Motion**

**v.34-36**

34 The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?" 35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 "While you have the light, **believe in the light**, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

## **An Urgent and Haunting Warning from Jesus - Time was Running Them!**

To the Jewish people, there wasn't much time left for my people.  
Because the destruction is coming to Jerusalem, to the temple, you will soon be  
scattered throughout the world

## **An Urgent and Haunting Warning from Jesus - Time is Running You!**

**Romans 11:25-26**

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion,

**2 Corinthians 6:2**

For God says, "Your cry came to me at a favorable time, when the doors of welcome were wide open. I helped you on a day when salvation was being offered." Right now God is ready to welcome you.  
Today He is ready to save you.

Now the question asked earlier makes sense to me

**"Sir, we wish to see Jesus."**

**2 Corinthians 6:2**

"Your cry ("**Sir, we would see Jesus!**) came to me at a favorable time, when the doors of welcome were wide open. I helped you on a day when salvation was being offered." Right now God is ready to welcome you. Today he is ready to save you.

**Verse 36**

These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was **hidden** from them

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