The Rejected Christ

John 12:20-36

Introduction:

I. The Visit of the Greeks – 12:20-26

A. A Plea – 12:20-24

1. A Spontaneous Request – 12:20-22

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“Now there ﻿﻿were certain Greeks among those ﻿﻿who came up to worship at the feast. ﻿Then they came to Philip, ﻿﻿who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

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“Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.”

2. A Specific Reply

a. The Lord Glorified – 12:23

“But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.”

b. The Lord Crucified – 12:24a

“Most assuredly, I say to you, ﻿﻿unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone;”

c. The Lord Multiplied – 12:24b

“but if it dies, it produces much ﻿﻿grain.”

B. A Paradox – 12:25

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

C. A Principle – 12:26

1. The Lord’s Followers – 12:26a,b

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

2. The Lord’s Father – 12:26c

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

II. The Voice of God – 12:27-36

A. The Lord’s Distress – 12:27

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﻿﻿“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.”

B. The Lord’s Desire – 12:28-30

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

Therefore the people who stood by and heard *it* said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.”

Jesus answered and said, ﻿﻿“This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

C. The Lord’s Declaration – 12:31

“Now is the judgment of this world; now ﻿﻿the ruler of this world will be cast out.”

D. The Lord’s Death – 12:32-34

“And I, ﻿﻿if I am ﻿﻿lifted up from the earth, will draw ﻿﻿all *peoples* to Myself.” ﻿This He said, signifying by what death He would die.”

“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?”

E. The Lord’s Discernment – 12:35-36a

“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.”

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“While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become ﻿﻿sons of light.”

F. The Lord’s Departure – 12:36b

“These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and ﻿﻿was hidden from them.”

Conclusion: