

Jesus Approached As King: The Misunderstood Messiah

John 12: 20-36

1. *Some Greeks, representing the world, sought Jesus (see 12:19)*

- a. Jesus was accepted as king. 12:12f
- b. Some Greeks requested to see the king

2. *Misunderstanding 1: Jesus' glory*

- a. His hour had come
 - 1) He had to die before being glorified
 - 2) He could then bear fruit and produce many seeds
- b. Man's hour had also come
 - 1) Man must lose his life to bear eternal life
 - 2) Man must serve and follow Jesus to be assured of Jesus' presence and God's honour

3. *Misunderstanding 2: Jesus' cause*

- a. His troubled heart
- b. His great cause:
To die for man's sin
- c. His prayer
- d. God's audible approval
- e. The people's confusion
- f. God's purpose:
To show His approval of Christ

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast.

21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request.
"Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

25 The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

27 Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

4. *Misunderstanding 3: The world*

- It has to be judged
- It is ruled by an alien prince
- It is conquered by the cross

5. *Misunderstanding 4: The Messiah (the Light of the world)*

- a. The people misunderstood the Messiah
- b. The claim:
He is the Light (the Messiah),
but the light is to be extinguished
- c. The need
 - 1) To walk in the light
 - 2) To believe in the light

31 Now is the time for judgment on this world;
now the prince of this world will be driven out.

32 But I,
when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all men to myself.”

33 He said this to show
the kind of death he was going to die.

34 The crowd spoke up,
“We have heard from the Law
that the Christ will remain forever,
so how can you say,
‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’?
Who is this ‘Son of Man’?”

35 Then Jesus told them,
“You are going to have the light
just a little while longer.
Walk while you have the light,
before darkness overtakes you.
The man who walks in the dark
does not know where he is going.

36 Put your trust in the light while you have it,
so that you may become sons of light.”
When he had finished speaking,
Jesus left and hid himself from them.