

Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die

**John 12:20-26: This all happened right after the Lord Jesus rode into Jerusalem to shouts of Hosanna, Blessed is the King of Israel, that cometh in the Name of the Lord!**

It was the time of the Passover Feast, and in the middle of all the multitudes of Jews that were there, there came also "certain Greeks" among them, who ALSO came to worship at the feast.

These Greeks somehow knew that Philip was one of Jesus' disciples, and so they went to him, (V21) says "they desired him", meaning they asked sincerely and for the right reasons. Their desire was not one of curiosity, but of urgency and importunity! They weren't going to take no for an answer (like Jacob) ... "Sir, we would see Jesus".

While all this was happening, a crowd gathered to meet the Lord Jesus, because they heard that He had raised Lazarus from the dead.

John 12:17-19: This put the Pharisees into a panic... Everything that we have done to stop Him isn't working! Look at all these people who are becoming His followers/His disciples! In the middle of all this tumult, these Grecians wanted to see Jesus!

Immediately after they asked Philip about the Lord, for whatever reason, Philip told Andrew, and then they both went and told Jesus.

This word "SEE" does NOT speak of simply seeing Jesus with their eyes; don't forget that they came to Jerusalem to worship, and now in their seeking of Christ, it seems to me that they came to worship Christ.

But back to the word "SEE", it literally means we seek Him, as those who desire to be His disciples and His followers, we want to commune and fellowship with Him, we want to have Him as our own King!

Pretty amazing that Christ just rode into Jerusalem as King of the Jews, and be rejected by them, BUT here are these Gentiles urgently calling for the Lord Jesus their King!

**The Lord Jesus answered Philip and Andrew and told them that "the hour is come, that the Son of Man should be glorified"**

The scripture doesn't reveal to us that Jesus ever spoke to these Greeks. But the Lord Jesus did tell Philip and Andrew how these Greeks, (these Gentiles) might know Him. John 12:24.

If these would know me, saith Christ, they must know me in the same way that ANYONE will TRULY KNOW ME and BELIEVE IN ME and WORSHIP ME...in my death.

"The hour is come, that the Son of Man should be glorified."

Jesus, our King was glorified in His death! Beloved, we come this morning, to remember the death of our Lord! If He had not died, if that precious seed (that corn of wheat) had not fallen into the ground and died, if His body was never buried in the earth, if He did not rise again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, none of us would ever have SEEN Christ, and none of us would or could be saved! 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

**The death of Christ is one of those truths that our Lord commanded us "to remember often" ... until He returns!**

We believe the crucifixion of Christ happened historically, but we also believe the cross of Christ happened for the salvation of our souls!

Why must Christ die for the sins of the world?

Because we have sinned against God, God's holy law was broken, God's justice must be satisfied, the penalty for our sins must be paid!

Before any of us were saved, we were estranged from God, separated from God, enemies of God... the wrath of God was upon us! If you're lost, all these dangers are still upon you.

You are estranged from God, separated from God, enemies of God, God's wrath and anger is toward you! Don't wait for the judgment of the great day... You better settle out of court now!

But to those of you who are in Christ, born-again by the Spirit of God, God settled everything for you in the death of Christ. NOW, by faith in the death of Christ, you are reconciled to God by the death of His Son!

Romans 5:6-11, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Colossians 1:20-23, Hebrews 2:14-18

We don't come to the table of the Lord as enemies who are estranged from God, but as disciples and worshipers, who are reconciled to God by the death of God's Son! 1 Corinthians 11:26

Ye do show the Lord's death, you testify that He died for your sins!