

We Wish To See Jesus

John 12:20-26

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

The Setting

- Jerusalem
- In the midst of the Passover Feast

The Participants

- Jesus
- Andrew and Philip
- The “Greeks”-Gentile believers
 - Rejected the gods of Olympus
 - Desired intimacy and communion with the one true God of the Bible

The Desire

- We wish to see Jesus.

The Response of Jesus

- “My hour has come”
 - The hour of trial and humiliation
 - The hour of Jesus’ eternal appointment
 - The hour of salvation

The Response for Believers

- Death to self and selfish desires
- Wholehearted “yes” to Jesus and His will
- Desire to see the kingdom come and God’s will being done

Discussion Questions

1. What in your life prevents you from wholeheartedly saying yes to Jesus’ demands for your commitment to Him?
2. Do those with whom you have contact “see Jesus” in you? How so? Why not?
3. What ways do people “see Jesus” in our ministry as a congregation? How will you pray that He may be seen more?