

# WALK

SERIES ON 1-3 JOHN

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- “Last Hour”
- “Christ”
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hour - time - ὥρα

John 12:23

<sup>23</sup>Jesus replied to them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Definite Time

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John 4:21

<sup>21</sup>Jesus told her, “Believe me, woman, an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

Indefinite Time

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John 5:25

25“Truly I tell you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

Eschatological Time  
“Already but not yet”

# “The Last Day”

**John 6:39-40**

**3<sup>9</sup>This is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me but should raise them up on the last day. 4<sup>0</sup>For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him will have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”**

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Every generation's privilege to  
understand these passages as relating  
to us - because it does!

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From the Old Testament:

- To be anointed with oil
- Prophets, Priests and Kings
- Also the promise of One – “anointed” to save God’s People
- Is often used now as a title: so, Jesus Christ means – Jesus the “Anointed One” the “Sent One” the “Promised One”

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ἀντίχριστος

ἀντί

χριστος

Instead of or against

The anointed one

# Important Definitions

- “Last Hour”
  - an opponent of Christ
  - one who usurps the place of Christ
  - “antichrist” only found in 1 John (4x)
  - often associated with the “beast” of Rev.
  - same as Paul’s preferred titles
- “Christ”
- “Antichrist”
- “Anointing”
  - “the man of sin”
  - “the son of perdition”
  - “the wicked one/the lawless one”

For John, there is “One Antichrist” but  
there are many “antichrist” in every age

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χρῖσμα

Charisma

In the light of this, the cognate noun “anointing” (chrisma), used in this verse to describe the anointing that the readers have from the Holy One, is best interpreted as a reference to the Holy Spirit, with whom they had been endowed by Christ (when they first believed) and who confirms to them the truth of the message that they heard at that time

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# Last Hour Instructions

1. The Setting and Circumstances (18)
2. Description of ‘They/Them’ (19)
3. Description of ‘Us/We’ (20 & 21)
4. Definition of ‘They/Them’ (22 & 23a)
5. Definition of ‘Us/We’ (23b)
6. Truth Applied (24 & 25)
7. Warning about False Teachers (26)
8. Assurance and Encouragement (27)

# 1. The Setting and Circumstances (18)

- Children – Pastor talking to those he knows well and loves
  - He knows their pain (split)
  - He knows their faith
  - He knows the battle is not over

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## 2. Description of ‘They/Them’ (19)

- They went out from us
- The Reason: They did not belong
- Hypothesis & Amplification “IF”: if they had belonged to us they would have remained with us
- Their going out was an “unmasking” for our benefit

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### 3. Description of “Us/We (20 & 21)

- You have an anointing from the Holy One
- You know the truth
- No lie come from the truth
- He is confident in their faith

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## 4. Definition of “They/Them” (22 & 23a)

- Who is the “Liar”?
- Who is the “Antichrist”?
- Who are the “Lost”?

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## Philippians 2:5–11

<sup>5</sup>Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited.

<sup>7</sup>Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity.

And when he had come as a man,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself by becoming obedient

to the point of death—

even to death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow— in heaven and on earth and under the earth—

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Matthew 7:21–23

**21**“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. **22**On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?’ **23**Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!’

James 2:14

**14**What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can such faith save him?

## 5. Definition of “Us/We” (23b)

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**Romans 10:8-10**

**8**On the contrary, what does it say? The message is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. This is the message of faith that we proclaim: **9**If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10**One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.

## 6. Truth Applied (24 & 25)

The True Gospel You Heard and Trusted will not fade or leave

Keep trusting the True Gospel that you received in the beginning

By continuing to trust the True Gospel the Jesus the Son and God the Father continue to be in lasting covenant with you

Remaining in covenant relationship with Jesus and the God we have received eternal life for today and when we die

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# 7. Warning about False Teachers (26)

- The “Spirit of Antichrist is alive and well!
  - “Pseudo-Christ”- “Fake” Christ
  - “Anti-Christ” – Enemy
  - “Those who”! Real People! Energized by the Evil One.

26 I have written these things to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.

## 8. Assurance and Encouragement (27)

- Your anointing does not fade or depart
- You don't need anyone to teach you
- Your anointing is your dependable teacher
- Listen to your anointing and remain in Him!

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