

THE HOUR

John 12:12-50

FROM PASTOR MARK

Next Sunday, we will begin a study of Jesus' intense final evening with His Apostles, *Precious Last Words* (John 13-17). The setting is Jesus' final Passion Week. Repeatedly, John's Gospel made it clear that Jesus' "hour" had not yet come (2:4, 4:21, 4:23, 7:8, 7:30, 8:20) until now (12:23). During Passion Week, Jesus made final appeals to which we must still respond today. Everyone must consider the 3 Impacts of His Final Appeals...

- I. **OUR KING'S IDENTITY (12:12-20)**
 - A. Jesus' Popularity (9-12)
 - B. Reception as the King (13)
 - C. Definition of the King (14-16)
 - D. Opposition to the King (17-20)
 - E. King Over All (20b)

- II. **OUR SAVIOR'S AVAILABILITY (12:21-36)**
 - A. Available to the World (21-22)
 - B. Available through the Cross (23-33)
 1. The Path of Glory (23)
 2. The Path of Fruitfulness (24-26)
 3. The Path of Submission (27-30)
 4. The Path of Victory (31-33)
 - C. Available as the Light (34-36a)

- III. **OUR PERSONAL DESTINY (12:36b-50)**
 - A. Warnings Regarding Personal Destiny (36b-43)
 1. Unbelief does not thwart God's Plan (36b-36).
 2. Unbelief brings God's judgment (39-40).
 3. Warning from Jesus' Identity (41)
 4. Warning from Inadequate "Faith" (42-43)
 - B. Jesus' Final Appeal (44-50)
 1. Come to God's Sent One (44-45)
 2. Come to the Shining Light (46)
 3. Come to the Savior (47)
 4. Come to God's Spokesman (48-50)

What will you do with Jesus? Neutral you cannot be. One day, you will be asking, "What will you do with me?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY 22, 2023

1. What do you like about the Gospel of John? What verse or verses from John are your personal favorites?
2. Read John 20:31. What was the purpose of the Gospel of John? How does this apply to unbelievers? To believers?

3. Read John 12:12-30. How does Jesus' presenting Himself as King on Palm Sunday relate to this purpose of John's Gospel?

FOR NEXT TIME—Read John 13:1-20, *The Sovereign Servant*