



Go for God!

“THE HOUR HAS COME!”

John Chapter 12

> **What hour is it?**

I) IT'S THE HOUR OF TRUTH! (v1-11)

II) IT'S THE HOUR OF SALVATION! (v12-19)

III) IT'S THE HOUR OF GLORY! (v20-30)

IV) IT'S THE HOUR OF JUDGMENT! (v31-41)

V) IT'S THE HOUR OF EVERLASTING LIFE! (v42-50)

I) IT'S THE HOUR OF TRUTH! (v1-11)

- **Observe three hearts:**

(v1-3) **TRUE** hearts – Martha **WORKED** – Mary **WORSHIPPED** – Lazarus **WITNESSED** – Let us do the same

(v4-8) **EVIL** heart – Judas Iscariot – a thief and a traitor!

(v9-11) **JEALOUS & MURDEROUS** hearts – Chief Priests

II) IT'S THE HOUR OF SALVATION! (v12-19)

- **According to the Prophets:**

(v12-13a) The Psalmist declares, ***“This is the day which the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.”*** (Psalm 118:24-25)

(v12-13b) Daniel declares this day in **Daniel 9:22-27** (Let us read.)

- In Daniel 9:25 we are told to ***“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks (that is 69 weeks); the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.***

The term **“week”** in Hebrew is **“shabua”** which means a seven-year period; there are 70 weeks (70 x 7 = 490 years) determined upon the nation of Israel and for your people (Jews) and for your holy city (Jerusalem) (v24); at the end of 69 weeks (483 years) the Messiah will come and be **“cut off.”** (v25-26)

The countdown begins when the *command* is given to *rebuild and restore Jerusalem*. This command was given on **March 14, 445 B.C.** to Nehemiah by King Artaxerxes of the Medo-Persian Empire according to Nehemiah Chapter 2:1-11; we begin counting 483 years from that date, which equals 173,880 days (working with a 360 day Babylonian calendar, which was the calendar of their day); from March 14, 445 B.C. plus the 173,880 days puts the date at **April 6th, 32 A.D.** and this is the DAY when Jesus is hailed as MESSIAH, the people cry out **“HOSANNA!”** (meaning **SAVE NOW!**).

Then Daniel prophesies that the MESSIAH will be “cut off,” the Hebrew is “karet” meaning a “sudden violent end” and that is exactly what we see at the crucifixion, which is only a few days after the DAY the Jewish people were crying out “Hosanna,” they then cried out “crucify Him!”

- Let us observe what Jesus said in Luke 19:37-44 - *Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."*

- F.Y.I – The 70th week will be the seven-year tribulation (Rev. Chapters 6 – 19).

(v14-15) Zechariah 9:9 foretold of this event over 500 years before Christ.

(v16-19) The disciples “remember”—the people witnessed – the Pharisees plotted.

III) IT'S THE HOUR OF GLORY! (v20-30)

(v23-24) The hour of glory is the DEATH and RESURRECTION of Christ, which will produce much grain, a HARVEST of SALVATION!

- One commentator writes, “Jesus used the image of a seed to illustrate the great spiritual truth that there can be no glory without suffering, no fruitful life without death, no victory without surrender. Of itself, a seed is weak and useless; but when it is planted, it "dies" and becomes fruitful.”

(v25) Here Jesus clearly calls us to REPENTANCE, a decision to not love your life (that is the carnal life), or the worldly life, but rather to hate it, thus proving salvation and receiving ETERNAL LIFE!

Let us look at 1 John 2:15-17 - *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

(v26) If one wants to be HONORED by the FATHER, then SERVE JESUS and FOLLOW HIM!

(v27-30) Three times the Father spoke audibly from heaven:

(1) At Jesus baptism (Matthew 3:17);

(2) On the Mt. of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:5);

(3) Here in John 12:28 before Christ's death and resurrection.

IV) IT'S THE HOUR OF JUDGMENT! (v31-41)

(v31) The “*ruler of this world*” is Satan, Paul called Satan the “*god of this age*” in 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 - *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

- Jesus says Satan will be cast out:

1st – Satan's dominion over souls is cast out by Jesus through salvation;

2nd – Satan will be cast out of heaven (Rev. 12:10);

3rd – Satan will be cast into the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:3);

4th – Satan will be cast into the lake of fire (Hell) (Rev. 20:10).

(v32-41) Being “lifted up” Jesus speaks of His crucifixion and the people's need to stay in the light, believing in Him! However, the prophets spoke that most would not believe.

V) IT'S THE HOUR OF EVERLASTING LIFE! (v42-50)

(v42-43) Whose praise do you love? (Beware! – Jesus said in Revelation 21:7-8 – “*He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*”)

(v44-50) To believe in Jesus is to believe in God, to reject Jesus is to reject God. Those who reject will be judged according to God's Word. Believe & receive EVERLASTING LIFE!

John 3:16-17 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.