



Abiding IN JESUS

John 12:20-50 "The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up"



Main Points

1. What Jesus said He was about to do
2. What Jesus wants the people to know
3. What Jesus wants the people to do

Overview of John 12:20-50

John 12:19 So the Pharisees said to one another,
“You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the
world has gone after him.”

Verses 20-26: Greeks Seek Jesus

Verses 27-36a: Jesus Explains He Must Be Lifted Up

Verses 36b-43: John Explains People’s Unbelief

Verses 44-50: Jesus Explains Eternal Life

John 12:20-26

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.

John 12:20-26

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.

“At the very moment when the Jewish authorities are turning most [bitterly] against him, some Gentiles begin to clamor for his attention. The Greeks [seeking] Jesus is a kind of trigger, a signal that the climatic hour has dawned.” –D.A. Carson

Isaiah 56:7

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples

Point One: What Jesus is about to do

John 12:24 “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.”





Hebrews 12:2

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Point Two: What Jesus wants them to know

John 12:25

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Point Three: What Jesus wants them to do

John 12:26

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Who can be a follower of Jesus?

John 12:36-37

“While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. 37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him

What do we do with unbelief?

2 Things John is doing in John 12:37-43

1. Reminding us of John 1:11 “He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.”

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2 Things John is doing in John 12:37-43

2. We are called to share with all peoples regardless of their “receptivity.”

Isaiah 6:8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Isaiah 6:10 Make the heart of this people dull

John 12:28a

“Father glorify your name.”



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