

THE STORY  
The Hour of Darkness  
The Gospels  
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In our culture we are constantly being catered to.

The question we should be asking as members of the church:  
Not “Am I being served?”  
But, “Am I serving?”

What they wanted from Jesus was freedom.  
What He was prepared to give them was salvation.

The disciples are arguing:  
“Which one of us is the most important?”

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*  
Mark 10:45 NIV

Jesus has time for one more lesson.  
*So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*  
John 13:4-5 NIV

*Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*  
John 13:14-17 NIV

## JESUS CAME TO SERVE.

*Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”*  
Matthew 26:38 NIV

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*  
John 14:6 NIV

## There is no other way.

1,000 years before Christ was on the earth the ram’s horn was heard two times a day during the sacrifice.

*It was nine in the morning when they crucified him.*  
Mark 15:25 NIV

Jesus was placed on the cross outside the city at the same time of the morning sacrifice.

Matthew, Mark and Luke all record the death of Jesus at the same time, at 3 pm in the afternoon.

If you examine the evidence it takes more faith to believe Jesus was not the Son of God then it does to accept that He is.

When it comes to sin, the victory was won on the cross.

Jesus came to serve and to save  
**The people wanted a king but they got a Savior.**