

Sir, We Wish To See Jesus

Introduction

I. Background

A. The Passover Approaches

- a) John 12:1 - [1] Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. (ESV)

B. The Passover Remembered

- a) Exodus 11:4–5 - [4] So Moses said, “Thus says the LORD: ‘**About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, [5] and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die,** from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. (ESV)
- b) Exodus 12:7–13 - [7] “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. [8] They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. [9] Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. [10] And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. [11] In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. [12] For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13] **The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.** (ESV)
- c) Hebrews 11:28 - [28] By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. (ESV)

C. The Passover Fulfilled

- a) John 12:20–21 - [20] 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.**” (ESV)

II. Purpose

- A. Before the destroyer comes, will you see Jesus? If we want God to see the blood of our Passover Lamb applied to our lives we are going to have to start by seeing Jesus for who he is. I want us to examine four characters/groups in John 12 as to how and why they saw Jesus. Will you see Jesus today?

Lesson

I. Mary and Judas

A. Mary

1. Mary's valuation

- a) John 12:3 - [3] Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. (ESV)
- b) John 12:7–8 - [7] Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. [8] For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.” (ESV)

B. Judas

1. Judas' valuation

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- a) John 12:4–6 - [4] But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, [5] “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” [6] He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. (ESV)

C. How will you see Jesus?

- 1. Jesus is the most valuable, and we must see him this way!
 - a) Matthew 26:12–13 - [12] In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. [13] Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.” (ESV)
- 2. This is how Mary is remembered, how is Judas?
- 3. You will be remembered for all eternity for **how** you saw Jesus!

II. Crowds and Pharisees

A. Crowds

- 1. We can have salvation in Jesus
 - a) John 12:12–15 - [12] The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. [13] So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!**” [14] And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, [15] “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!” (ESV)
 - b) Psalm 118:25–26 - [25] Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! [26] Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. (ESV)

B. Pharisees

- 1. We are gaining nothing in Jesus
 - a) John 12:17–19 - [17] The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. [18] The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. [19] So the Pharisees said to one another, “**You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.**” (ESV)

C. Why will you look to Jesus?

- 1. We must look to Jesus for the sole source of true gain in this world
 - a) Matthew 16:26 - [26] For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? (ESV)
- 2. You will be remembered for all eternity for **why** you saw Jesus!

Conclusion

I. Are you seeking to see Jesus?

A. The Greeks Seek To See

- a) John 12:21–26 - [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.

B. Jesus Responds

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- a) John 12:23-24 - [23] And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. [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.
 1. When told that people long to see him, Jesus replies that his hour has come. That it was time for him to die. Why?
 - a) John 12:32–33 - [32] And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” [33] He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. (ESV)
 2. If you are seeking to see Jesus we will see the lamb that was slain.
 3. What are we to do when we are drawn to the lamb that was slain? What are we to do when we have his blood applied to our accounts?
 - a) John 12:25-26 - [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. (ESV)
 4. If Jesus died for you then you must live for him. Only loyal servants will be admitted to the presence of the king.
- C. Seeing the Unseen
1. These Greeks may or may not have gotten to see Jesus when he walked on the earth. We will never get to see Jesus in the flesh. But we can nonetheless see our Savior!
 - a) John 12:44–50 - [44] And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. [45] And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. [46] I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. [47] If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. [48] The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. [49] For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. [50] And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.” (ESV)
 2. How do we see Jesus? How do we have our eyes opened?
 3. We open the Bible and see Jesus on every page
 4. We read of the passover and we see Jesus as our passover lamb
 5. We see Jesus as the most valuable thing in this life as Mary did
 6. We see Jesus because he is the sole source of eternal salvation as the crowds shouted
 7. We see Jesus, and in doing so God will see his precious blood when he sees us!

Invitation

- I. What is stopping you from seeing Jesus?
 - a) John 12:37 - [37] Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, (ESV)
 - b) John 12:42–43 - [42] Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; [43] for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God. (ESV)
- II. You will live for all eternity when you see Jesus!