

SPEAKING FOR THE FATHER

JOHN

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JOHN 12:27-50

INTRODUCTION

This passage, an introduction to the last recorded interaction with the public during His ministry. From here on, Jesus will be interacting only with his disciples, and then on to the crucifixion.

FOCUS SENTENCE

The attention of Jesus is now firmly on the prime reason for which He came to the earth...the Light of the World has come in the authority of the Father, to call those who believe out of darkness.

1. The End of His Public Ministry is in View

- The Passover Feast is now upon them and Jesus is completely aware of both the physical horrors that await him, and as a result, He is **deeply troubled**.

“John does not recount the ‘agony in the Garden’; in a sense he has no need. This says it all.”

~ Bruce Milne

- This mission is critical. To God the Father, and to Jesus. But it is **ESPECIALLY** critical to us.
- But Jesus stayed true to His course. This is why Jesus came as He did. The events of the next days would bring death to Jesus, but they would bring LIFE and HOPE to every believer.
- Jesus ends His quick prayer with a request – that His Father would glorify His name.
- God ANSWERED...literally, concisely - and **vocally**.

“That which is clear and articulate to Jesus is only a noise in the ears of those who are not in tune with the Father.”

~ Bruce Milne

- This message – spoken by God the Father – brings both His stamp of approval on the work of His only begotten Son, and also upon the result of Jesus’ impending sacrifice on the cross – that too will bring glory to the Father.

The impact of the Cross that are considered nothing less than remarkable from a theological standpoint:

1. He says to the crowd, “this voice was more for you than me,” - in at least two important ways.
 - a.) His coming death on the Cross is going to bring JUDGMENT on the world.

- b.) But the Cross also shows something else – the love of God, expressed in the obedient sacrifice from Jesus...who willingly REPRESENTED US on that cross.
2. His death on the cross will ultimately NOT be a victory as Satan, as one might have thought if they were only casually looking on the event...in fact, it will prove to be his UNDOING.
 3. Jesus gave a description of His death – that also serves as a description of the glory that He will receive from the Father... Jesus declares that He will be lifted up.
 4. The fourth point – Jesus said that “I will draw all men to me.” In context, what is really meant here is...“I will draw all kinds of people.” Jesus is speaking to what is about to happen...the Gentile world will be brought under the love of God as believers.

2. The Unbelief of the People

They didn't believe him. They are basically saying, “How could we believe in a crucified Messiah?”

Jesus has just taught them that HE is the light of the world. Yet...they are clearly stuck in the YET...SOME DID BELIEVE – SOME WHO WERE AUTHORITIES.

One major thing to realize in this passage. **The temptation for the fear of man that we face daily** was alive and well in that day too.

There were some who, in their heart of hearts, DID believe in Jesus. But...for fear of the rulers in the temple, or perhaps for the love of their livelihood, they **shrank** back, and did not confess their faith in Jesus.

Hebrews 10:38-39

...but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

3. Jesus Came To Speak the Words of the Father

The last section of Chapter 12 begins with a cry by Jesus. It is interesting to notice that this verb used is same one in Chapter 11 – when Jesus cried out at Lazarus' tomb, and said – “Lazarus, come forth...”

And what is He crying aloud about...His own. The church. You and me.

He came to save those who believe...those who have been called by His name.

And...He is still crying out today – to come unto me, all who are weak...and heavy laden...and I will give you rest...