

Sermon Notes

Sunday, 15nd March 2026

Crown Him With Glory

The Hour Has Finally Come (John 12.20-23)

- Greeks arrive seeking Jesus, the first intentional Gentile pursuit in John's Gospel
- Throughout John, Jesus repeats "the hour has not yet come" (John 2.4, 7.6, 7.30, 8.20)
- The nations seeking Him triggers the shift: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12.23)

Glory Looks Like a Seed (John 12.24-26)

- The crowd expected a crown; Jesus described a grave
- "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone" (John 12.24)
- The invitation carries a price: serve Him, follow Him, lose your grip on the life you planned (John 12.25-26)
- Jesus never hid the cost of following Him

A Troubled Soul, A Willing Surrender (John 12.27-28)

- Jesus felt the full weight: His soul was deeply agitated, shaken to the core
- He could have prayed "Father, save Me." He prayed "Father, glorify Your name."
- The Father answered: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." (John 12.28)
- Jesus never asks you to walk a road He did not walk first

Two Definitions of Glory (John 12.19, 31-33)

- The Pharisees saw crowds, momentum, and influence (John 12.19)
- Jesus saw a mission, a cross, and a harvest still being gathered two thousand years later
- His death would draw all people to Himself (John 12.32)
- The world measures glory by what you gain. Heaven measures it by what you surrender.

Reflection and Study Questions

- Where in your life are you still waiting for God to move in the direction you expected? How does John 12.24 reframe what God may actually be doing?
- What is the difference between admiring Jesus and following Him, based on John 12.26?