

## “For this Purpose I Came to this Hour”

**Intro:** The text of our study for this Lord’s Day took place in Jerusalem during the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Celebration in 33 A.D., shortly after the Lord’s Triumphal Entry and just before His crucifixion.

I. With the cross in view the Lord announced that His \_\_\_\_\_ had become \_\_\_\_\_.

A. As a \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was to suffer the horrendous \_\_\_\_\_ torment of the cross; and as \_\_\_\_\_ who knew no sin Christ was to suffer the excruciating \_\_\_\_\_ pains of bearing the sin of the world while facing the wrath of God.

B. Though \_\_\_\_\_ was troubled by what He faced (the cross and all its many nightmares), He determined not to ask the Father to keep Him from the cross, but He fully \_\_\_\_\_ His divine purpose in suffering the \_\_\_\_\_.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ that He would fulfill His purposes through which the \_\_\_\_\_ would be \_\_\_\_\_.

1. God the Father answered Christ’s prayer in the affirmative saying that \_\_\_\_\_ both glorified His name \_\_\_\_\_ glorify His name again.

D. The \_\_\_\_\_ that stood by and heard the Father’s answer to Christ’s prayer were \_\_\_\_\_ by it.

1. Jesus explained that as an act of divine grace God the Father responded to His prayer for their good, that they would \_\_\_\_\_ that in truth, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, the very Son of God.

E. In merciful grace Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the people that God’s divine \_\_\_\_\_ was upon the world. This is a warning meant to bring the people to faith and repentance.

1. Further, \_\_\_\_\_ expressed that because of what He was about to do (sacrificially \_\_\_\_\_ by being lifted up) that the ruler of this world would be cast out. Amen, through the work of Christ upon the cross \_\_\_\_\_ back would be \_\_\_\_\_, his grip loosed, and people freed from sin and death.

II. In speaking of Himself being lifted up, Jesus indicated the kind of death by which \_\_\_\_\_ This was the very purpose for which He came: to be lifted up upon a cross to die.

A. In indicating what kind of death \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus proclaimed that He would be the victor, not by trying to preserve His life in this world, but by being lifted up upon the cross whereby He would defeat the enemy and \_\_\_\_\_ (all nations) unto Himself!

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as they wondered how He could speak of Himself as the Son of Man (vs.23) and of dying for they had been taught that the Messiah would remain forever.

1. Having \_\_\_\_\_ that the O.T. \_\_\_\_\_ also foretold of the sacrificial death of the Messiah these thought that Jesus contradicted the Scripture when He spoke of Himself as the Son of Man and of being lifted up unto death.

2. In challenging Him by asking "Who is the Son of Man?" the \_\_\_\_\_ began to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. It was to say, "What kind of a Son of Man are you talking about, who will die by being lifted up!?" "What kind of a Messiah is this that You propose to be? A Messiah who will die? Impossible! If you will die, then \_\_\_\_\_ the Christ!"

C. Despite their rejection, Jesus lovingly and yet strongly \_\_\_\_\_ the people \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

1. William Hendriksen wrote, "The closing admonition is very touching and beautiful: "while you have the light (Christ in your midst, as the source of truth and salvation), believe – \_\_\_\_\_ saving \_\_\_\_\_, by God's sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ ... in order that you may become sons of light." This is to say, "If you will believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, you will be saved!"

2. Amen! It was as He said earlier in verse 26, "If anyone serves Me, let him \_\_\_\_\_; and where I am, there shall My servant also be; if anyone serves Me, the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ him."

**Closing:** Today we have a choice to make; a choice similar to the one the people on that day had to make. It was to either \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, that He is the Christ, or to disbelieve, denying Him and His Word.

But let us learn this truth: To doubt Jesus is to walk in darkness and those who walk in darkness do not know where they go. But to \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus is to walk in the light, and those who walk in the light are \_\_\_\_\_ of light.

As the Bible declares, \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ up for the salvation of men. And so you are encouraged: Escape the coming judgment! Escape the wrath of God due each one on account of their sin. \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus for He is the Christ, the Sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

And, do not delay in your decision, but heed the Word of the Lord: "While you have the light, believe in the light, in order that you may \_\_\_\_\_ of light."

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