

Sermon Outline

“NOT TO JUDGE THE WORLD, BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD ...” | Geoff Lin

Readings: John 12:20-36 and John 12:37-50

John's Gospel

The Book of Signs
(John 1-12)

The Book of Glory
(John 13-21)

1. “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (vv20-36)

i. “Some Greeks” ask to see Jesus (vv21-22)

ii. Jesus replies: “the hour has come ...” (vv23-33)

Jn 2:4 “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. **“My hour has not yet come.”**

Jn 7:30 At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because **his hour had not yet come.**

Jn 8:20 He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because **his hour had not yet come.**

Jn 3:13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven –the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, **so the Son of Man must be lifted up**, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

iii. The crowd asks, “who is this “Son of Man”?” (v34)

iv. Jesus replies: how to “become children of light” (vv35-36)

Jn 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

2. “The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me” (vv37-50)

i. What's happening is nothing new ... (vv37-43)

Jn 20:30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

vv37-41

vv42-43

Jn 3:1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

Jn 19:38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. 39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night.

ii. Come and behold the person and work of Christ (vv44-50)

- the person of Christ: who He is

Jn 1:18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

- the work of Christ: what He can do

3. So what, for us?