

New Testament Church
The Book of John #24 – John 12:20-50 – The Necessity of the Cross
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I The Gospel of John - Why expository preaching and why the Book of John at this time?

- A. Expository preaching brings depth, continuity and helps a congregation study together
 - 1. John reveals Christ as God – (eagle) - “behold your God” (Is. 40:9)
 - 2. The gospels reveal the “four faces” of Christ – king, servant, man, eagle
- B. John, author of John, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John and Revelation was a disciple of John the Baptist
- C. One of the themes in John are the various **signs** that indicate critical aspects of Christ
 - 1. The **first SIGN** was water into wine (John 2) – there is New Life in Christ
 - 2. The **second SIGN** was healing the Nobleman’s son (John 4) – faith in Christ’s Word
 - 3. The **third SIGN** was healing the cripple (John 5) – Christ’s undeserving Grace
 - 4. The **fourth SIGN** feeding the 5,000 (John 6) – Christ is the bread of life
 - 5. The **fifth SIGN** of walking on water (John 6) – Transcendence of Bread (empowerment)
 - 6. The **sixth SIGN** of healing the man born blind (John 9) – Spiritual Sight (through Christ)
 - 7. The **seventh SIGN** of raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11) – Resurrection Life
- D. The **I AM** statements by Jesus – declaring who He is...
 - 1. In John 6 and 8 - I am the Bread of Life; I am the Light of the World
 - 3-4. In John 10 – I am the Door and I am the Good Shepherd
 - 5. In John 11 – I am the Resurrection and Life

II John 12:20-50 – The Necessity of the Cross

- A. v. 20-26 – The Church is to be Christian rather than limited or defined by any one Nation
 - 1. Following the triumphal entry, and the declaration of the need for a “heart transformed”
 - 2. Some Greeks come to Philip – “we would see Jesus” – Philip is hesitant (not of our race)
 - 3. Philip goes to Andrew (both had Greek names), and they went to Jesus...
 - 4. Jesus responds, “the hour is come, that the Son of Man be glorified” – nations His inheritance!
 - 5. Universal truth – death to self – the cross in principle, is required to follow and serve Jesus (the danger of “Christian Nationalism” – we celebrate Kingdom truths that transcend nations)
- B. v. 27-36 – The Cross and Christ’s resurrection are the only hope for the Nations of the World
 - 1. Jesus; “Father, Glorify Thy Name” – Father; “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again”
 - 2. The Glory of God is the weight of His nature, character and holiness – He receives the credit!
 - 3. The Father’s Proclamation for the sake of the people – *atonement and resurrection*
 - 4. Satan has ruled through the Fall (by default of sin), now in position it is crushed! (v. 31)
 - 5. “Who is this Son of Man?” – world doesn’t understand a Messiah that must die/be raised
 - 6. While you have the Light, believe in it, that you may be children of Light (v. 36)
 - 7. Jesus withdraws with his disciples to avoid unnecessary conflict – it is not His time...
- C. v. 37-50 – To believe in Christ is to submit to His Lordship and the Father’s Plan of Redemption
 - 1. John’s commentary - what just occurred - when Christ and disciples went into hiding (v. 37-43)
 - a. People loved the miracles, but did not believe in who Christ was – Lord and Savior
 - b. Jesus threatened their way of life (pride and power) with the cross (atonement)
 - c. Isaiah 53:1; 6:9-11 – self-blinding as well as God blinding (quote Rushdoony, p. 170)
 - d. Some Jewish leaders believed but sought the praise of men rather than God (v. 43)
 - 2. Jesus’ proclamation (v. 44-50)
 - a. Belief in Christ is an acceptance of the Father
 - b. Those who “see” Christ for who He is – Lord and Savior, see the Father as light as well
 - c. Those who hear Christ and His Word also hear the Father
 - d. Those who do not believe are not pre-judged, for the purpose is *redemption*, not rejection
 - e. Jesus did not speak on His own authority, but speaks as the Father, and neither should we