

THE HOUR HAS COME

Session 1

Easter Message Series

SYNOPSIS

It is only in the dying and rising of Jesus that the disciples actually came to a clear understanding of Jesus and His mission. It was not merely a few “minor adjustments” but a total re-evaluation of everything.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How has Mary’s relationship with Jesus impacted the things she values? When have you been criticized for having different values? (12:3-5)
2. What might Lazarus have been doing or saying that made the chief priests feel threatened? What are some ways we live as Christians that are a threat to the status quo? (12:9-11)
3. Knowing that He is about to suffer and die, why does Jesus say He is about to receive great glory? And how does Jesus’ suffering bring glory to the Father’s name? (12:13, 12:23)
4. Like the Jewish authorities, are we guilty of loving human approval more than God’s approval? If so, what changes do we need to make? (12:42-43)
5. In Jesus’ day, feet washing had a major cultural significance. Why does Peter refuse to have his feet washed? What action would communicate the same thing in our culture? What do you do to “wash people’s feet”? (13:1-14)

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Questions from the Gospel of John



KEY TEXTS

John 11:53– 54,
John 12
John 13:1-31
Video from the movie “The Gospel of John”,
2003
Video Length 17:44 minutes.

PRAYER

O God, by your grace, your beloved disciple St. John the Evangelist, inspired with the flame of the Holy Spirit, authored his Gospel to be a shining light of truth and love in your Church.

Grant that by studying and praying your sacred Scriptures, we too may be set on fire with the Holy Spirit and walk together as beacons of light in our world.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Session 2

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SYNOPSIS

This second session features three big themes:

- ◆ “Testifying to the Truth”, Pilate and his encounter with Jesus. Theologically the very center of John’s Gospel.
- ◆ “Love Gives All”, Jesus in His passion and death. Jesus in His “Glory”. It is the Cross that reveals the Glory of Jesus, who Jesus really is!
- ◆ “Love Conquers All”, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Both Peter and Judas committed serious sins on Holy Thursday. Why is one reconciled with God and given a fresh start in life while the other ends up in death? (Chapter 18)
2. In fear, the apostles fled from Jesus. Have you ever locked the doors of your heart to your family, friends or church to keep you from following Jesus because of fear? (Chapter 18)
3. In the dialogue between Pilate and Jesus, who fears whom more? (Chapter 18:28-40)
4. One of the last acts of Jesus on the cross is the gift of His mother to the beloved apostle. What is the meaning of this gift to us, and to our church? (Chapter 19:26-27)
5. As Jesus is dying on the cross He says, “I thirst”. What do you think He means? (Chapter 20:17)
6. Jesus tells Mary Magdalene “Stop holding onto me”. Are we trying to hold onto the Jesus we knew as a child or are we open to a new mature relationship? (Chapter 20:17)
7. Why do you think Jesus asked Peter three times whether Peter loved Him? (Chapter 21:15)
8. What is John trying to tell us in the story of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ?

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KEY TEXTS

John 18, 19, 20, and 21.
Video from the movie “The Gospel of John”, 2003
Video Length 35:36 minutes.

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John 13: 32-38, 14, 15, 16 and 17.
Video from the movie "The Gospel of John"
2003.
Video length 19:57 minutes.

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