

THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

STUDENT LESSON

THE HOUR
HAS COME**Open it**

1. Are you more of an early bird or a night owl? Why?

Daily Devotions**Day 1 — Today's Theme: Explore It**

Read John 12:20–50.

2. Who came to worship at the Feast?
3. What hour has come?
4. What happens to a seed that falls to the ground and dies?
5. Why is Jesus' heart troubled?
6. What will happen when the world is judged?
7. Why should you put your trust in the light?
8. Why does Isaiah say that they could not believe?
9. Why did many among the leaders who believed in Jesus not confess their faith in Jesus?
10. When someone believes in and looks at Jesus, who else are they believing and seeing?

Day 2 — Today's Theme: The Greatest Moment in History

Read John 12:20–33.

Do you use a calendar to plan out your days? Calendars are great tools to help us see what is coming up in our lives! We look forward to some days like birthdays, vacations, and the last day of the school year. We dread other days, like exam days, going to dentist or doctor appointments, or difficult conversations you schedule with someone else. God has a calendar in heaven where He has planned out every moment in history. Even every moment of your life is planned out by God. Psalm 139:16 says, “*all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*”

Do you know what the greatest moment in history is? You probably guessed it! It's the moment that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and then rose from the dead! In our passage today Jesus says that the hour has come! Jesus both dreaded this hour and looked forward to what it would produce at the same time. He dreaded having to take upon His perfect sinless body all of the sins of the world and in turn have the Father pour out His wrath on Him to pay for our sins as He suffered and died on the cross. But the result was glory! Glory because Jesus rescued us from our sins! Glory because Jesus fully obeyed the Father in carrying out our salvation. What is our only proper response to this moment? To put our full trust in Jesus and follow Him! Hebrews 12:1–2 summarizes this moment and our response well!

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

11. What has been the greatest moment that you have experienced in your life?

12. Everything Jesus did brought glory to the Father. What does it look like for a student to live a life that brings glory to the Father?

Day 3 — Today's Theme: Understanding Jesus

Read John 12:34–36.

I remember taking AP Biology in high school, and my teacher tried to help us understand the material so that we could be well prepared to take the AP Bio test at the end of the school year and receive college credit for a good score. He even guessed one of the main essay questions that we would see on the AP Exam. I had a bad case of senioritis (a "disease" that seniors in high school have when they get into their senior year and lack motivation to finish strong). Even though I sat in his class every day, I failed to pay attention to what he was trying to teach us, and I missed doing well in his class and on that AP exam, including the question that he guessed would be on the exam.

In the same way, we can be in church every week and truly miss what Jesus is saying to us because we fail to take the time to deeply study God's word on our own to learn what God is saying to us and how He wants us to trust in Him and follow Him. In our passage today, the crowd heard several messages from the Law during their lifetime that talked about the coming Christ. The crowd misunderstood the prophecies about the Messiah that were completely fulfilled in Jesus. Yes, Jesus, the Messiah, would live forever and reign on the throne of David, but He must first suffer and die on the cross for our sins before He would be resurrected and live forever. Jesus said that they would have the light (Jesus Himself) with him a little while longer before He goes to the cross. Jesus tells them to put their trust in the light so that they can become sons of light. Jesus tells us the same message today, to put your trust in the light. It all starts by trusting in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and resurrection from the dead to forgive you for your sins. And then it's a daily walk by faith with Jesus.

13. How can people go to church every week and yet miss out on an authentic saving relationship with Jesus?

14. How does one walk in the light?

15. Are you walking in the dark or the light? How do you know?

Day 4 — Today's Theme: Why Doesn't Everyone Believe?

Read John 12:37–50.

Have you ever wondered why everyone doesn't believe in Jesus? Even with convincing proofs, many people still don't believe in Him. John 12:37 says, "*Even after Jesus had done all these signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.*" The passage goes on to quote Isaiah 6:10 that they could not believe because the Lord has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts so that they could not believe in Him. In order for someone to believe in Jesus, God has to give them faith to open their eyes so that they believe in Jesus.¹ But why does God choose to give faith to some and not others? Because He is God, He can do as He pleases! He has the right to choose who he wants to have mercy and compassion on to give faith in Jesus so that they can receive salvation.² In our passage we do see that many leaders did believe in Jesus but did not openly share their belief because they feared that the Pharisees would kick them out of the synagogue. The synagogue was the center of life for Jewish people, and they didn't want to lose that privilege. Jesus closes out this passage by proclaiming in a loud voice the importance of believing in Him for eternal life!

16. What have you heard from unbelievers of why they choose not to believe in Jesus?

17. What are some convincing proofs that you can share with your friends to show them that Jesus is trustworthy and worthy of placing their faith in His death, burial and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins?

18. Have you placed your faith in Jesus alone for eternal life? If so, share when and how that happened for you. If you haven't placed your belief in Jesus yet, is there anything keeping you from believing in Jesus right now?

¹ Ephesians 2:8–9

² Romans 9:14–23

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