

The Gospel of John

The Passion of Christ John 12-21



John 12:20-26

9/8/19 AM

“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

Introduction:

I. THE REQUEST (12:20-22)

A. Why “some Greeks”? (vs. 20)

“now there were some Greeks...”

“among those who were going up to worship at the feast”

B. Why “to Philip”? (vs. 21)

“these then came to Philip”

“who was from Bethsaida of Galilee”

“and began to ask him, saying, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ ”

C. Why “told Andrew”? (vs. 22)

“Philip came and told Andrew”

“Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus”

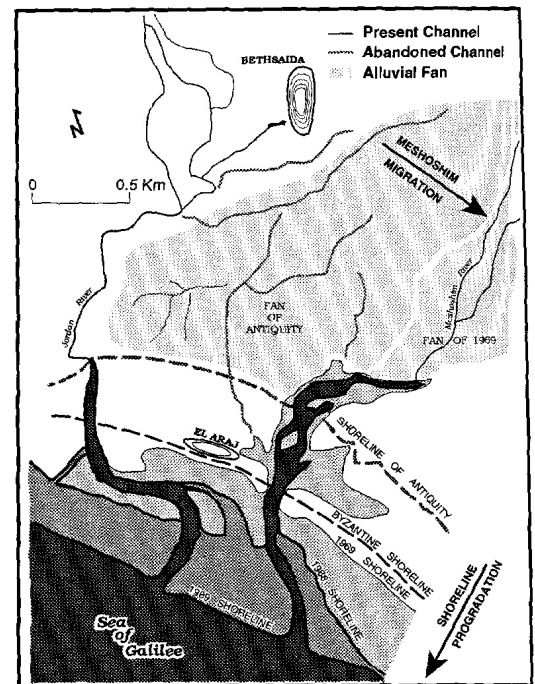
II. THE RESPONSE (12:23-26)

A. The Servant’s Model (vs. 23-24)

“Jesus answered them, saying...”

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”



B. The Servant's Mandate (vs. 25)

"he who loves his life loses it"

"and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal"

C. The Servant's Motivation (vs. 26)

"if anyone serves Me, he must follow Me"

"where I am, there My servant will be also"

"if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him"

Conclusion:

1) If you wish to glorify God, glorify His Son.

2) If you wish to see Jesus, look to the cross.

- *the cross reveals Jesus' glory by having all people come to Him alone for salvation*

John 14:6

Acts 4:12

- *the cross reveals Jesus' glory by removing any possible claim we might make on the basis of good works*

Titus 3:5

- *the cross reveals Jesus' glory by demonstrating God's perfect love and justice*

Romans 5:8

I John 4:10

- *the cross reveals Jesus' glory by providing our propitiation*

> Romans 3:24-25

Food for Thought:

- 1) Why is it so important to understand and trust in Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross?
- 2) Why is it important to understand that repentance and saving faith are God's gifts?
- 3) Some would say that thinking Jesus is the only way to God is intolerant and arrogant. How would you answer them?
- 4) If you die to self to serve others, won't you become a doormat who gets used by others? When is it okay to say no?