



ULTIMATE CHOICES
LIGHT OR DARKNESS?
JOHN 12:20-36

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1. Behold _____
(vv. 20-24, 27-34)

John 12:20-36 (ESV)
Some Greeks Seek Jesus
20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 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. 25 Whoever loves his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

2. Follow _____
(vv. 24-26)

27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. 34 So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

3. Listen _____
(vv. 35-36)

35 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Taking Ground Question:

1. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. How have you experienced the benefits of serving God in various ways through the local church and seeing how that brings glory to God?

Sermon Questions:

1. Read Philippians 2:5-11. Reflect on the incredible sacrifices that Jesus made in his life and his death. How does this increase your appreciation for your Savior?

2. Read Luke 14:33. What are some of the things that people have a hard time renouncing in order to follow Christ? What are some of the things that you had to give up as you came to Christ?

3. Read Hebrews 13:3. How does thinking about the sufferings that Christians are experiencing around the world and have experienced throughout history help to put your own trials and sacrifices into perspective?

4. Read Romans 12:1. As you think through your daily life, what are some specific areas you want to prayerfully reflect this attitude of sacrifice that we see in Jesus?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Anderson, Courtney. *To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson*. Judson Pr, 1987.

Eliot, Elisabeth. *Through Gates of Splendor*. Tyndale Momentum, 1981.

McAsland, David. Eric Liddell: *Pure Gold*. Our Daily Bread Publishing, 2001.

Wurmbrand, Richard. *Tortured for Christ*. David C Cook, 2017.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for our Savior – Jesus Christ the suffering servant.

Pray that we would follow Christ's example of sacrifice.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground Project.

Pray for Christians who are being persecuted around the world.

Pray for the Hurley family in Uganda and for the peace of that nation in the wake of a contested presidential election.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
1/18/2021	Genesis 35-37	Psalm 11	Matthew 6:25-34	Acts 6:1-7
1/19/2021	Genesis 38-39	Psalm 12	Matthew 7:1-11	Acts 6:8-15
1/20/2021	Genesis 40-41	Psalm 13	Matthew 7:12-20	Acts 7:1-16
1/21/2021	Genesis 42-43	Psalm 14	Matthew 7:21-29	Acts 7:17-29
1/22/2021	Genesis 44-45	Psalm 15	Matthew 8:1-13	Acts 7:30-43
1/23/2021	Genesis 46-47	Psalm 16:1-4	Matthew 8:14-22	Acts 7:44-60