

PREVIEW OF GOSPEL OUTREACH TO THE GENTILES
(John 12:17-26)

- I. Various PERSPECTIVES on Jesus (John 12:17-22)
 - A. ENTHUSIASM of the Crowd (12:17-18)
 - 1. Some coming from Bethany had WITNESSED the MIRACLE
 - a. They HEARD Him CALL Lazarus from the tomb
 - b. They SAW Him RAISE Lazarus from the dead
 - c. They TESTIFIED to people they met
 - 2. Many were coming from Jerusalem to MEET the One who “had performed this SIGN”
 - B. REJECTION of the Pharisees (12:19)
 - 1. They had determined to ARREST Jesus (cf.11:57)
 - 2. They feared a REVOLUTION that Rome would CRUSH
 - 3. They prophesied that “the WORLD” has followed Jesus
 - C. INTEREST of the Greeks (12:20-22)
 - 1. They were probably “God-FEARING” GENTILES
 - 2. They approached PHILIP, “who was from Bethsaida of Galilee”
 - 3. They wanted an AUDIENCE with Jesus
 - 4. Philip told ANDREW, and TOGETHER they told JESUS

II. Momentous PRONOUNCEMENT of Jesus (John 12:23-26)

A. Proclamation that His “HOUR” has COME (12:23-24)

1. It is an HISTORIC moment inaugurating PERMANENT change
2. He uses the prophetic title, “SON OF MAN” (cf. Dan. 7:13-14)
3. The time had come for Him to be GLORIFIED
4. His coming DEATH would be His GLORIFICATION

B. Provision of a GENERAL INVITATION (12:25-26)

1. The one who LOVES this life is DESTROYING it right now
2. The one who “HATES” this life will GAIN ETERNAL REWARD
3. To SERVE Jesus is to FOLLOW Him
4. The one who will FOLLOW Jesus will be WHERE HE IS
5. The one who follows Jesus will be HONORED by the FATHER