

TITLE AND NUMBER: 176. We want to see Jesus

REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): John 12:20-29

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.' (v.20-23)



'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' (v.27-28)

LOOKING FURTHER: John 10:11-18; Matthew 28:16-20; Matthew 10:17-20

What does this Bible passage tell us?

In the verses before this passage, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey and the people shout their praises. Some Greeks wish to meet Jesus, so Philip and Andrew tell Him. John does not explain whether the Greeks meet Jesus or not. But, it is important that Philip and Andrew pass on this message.

Jesus needs to prepare His disciples for His approaching death. He expresses real human fear and even wonders whether He should ask His Father to save Him from death. However, He acknowledges that the reason He has to die at this time is so that others might live.

If someone said to you that they would like to see Jesus, what would you say? You could point them to the nearest church where hopefully someone would befriend them and talk to them. You could also suggest that they looked around them; you could then explain that God made the world and everything that is in it, and that He sent Jesus to show us all how to live and to lead us to the Father.

The important thing is that if we are asked about Jesus, we play our part; praying silently in our hearts for the Holy Spirit to tell us what our response should be.

Reflections:

- Have you ever been asked about Jesus? If so, what was your response?
- If you are not sure what to do or say in any situation, try asking the Holy Spirit in to your heart to tell you how to respond.
- If you have helped someone on their journey of faith, keep praying for them. Give thanks for all those who have helped you.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

