

Sunday, March 25, 2018
Union Baptist Church, Wilmington
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8AM/11AM Services
Sermon: Desired Encounters

Are you sure you want to see Jesus?

-John 12:12-23 - (KJV) 12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. 14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, 15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. 16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. 17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. 18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him. 20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: 21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. 22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

Intro: Christ dealt with people based on the depth of their relationship.

1. A Preparational Anointing -v. 1-11 about Mary anointing the feet of Jesus. Mary anointed the Anointed One. She has prepared Him for what He has to do.
2. A Peculiar Appeal -He shows up and is acknowledged and announced by the crowd. The Passover attracted people and not just Jews. The Feast of The Passover became a market feast as well. Some would come to sell.
 1. A demonstration of public acknowledgement and announcement. The pattern is that He appears after His announcement. Kings never appear without being announcement. The palm branches were a public announcement. They announced that another King was coming in another king's domain.
 2. A public demonstration that a superior King was here..
 3. A public declaration. They cried Hosanna. It is a shout and prayer. They acknowledged that this is more than Passover.
 1. They come acknowledging.
 2. He appears in alignment with Scriptures. Jesus comes in the celebrated season but in alignment with the Scriptures. He comes

into the city showing His majesty. As He prophetically arrives there is a peculiar and particular appeal.

4. A public demand. They asked Philip, When will we see Jesus? Maybe, Philip pushed paused because Jesus previously stated that His primary target was Israel. There was a season of Messianic secret. It is no longer a secret. Jesus did not enforce the early season restriction. The request to see Jesus has a requirement. There is a cost to the audience of Jesus. You will see Him. The question is do you really want to?
3. A parabolic approval - Response to the Request
 1. The fatality of the old life - He talks about death. Jesus suggest that in preparation to see Him has to be the experience of death. Some are trying to bypass the fatality stage. You try to have the old you run the new you, but you must first deny self. You can't be fruitful in new life things if the old life got you. Don't mind giving up what you can't keep to get what you can't lose. Just because you die doesn't mean you don't live again. If you never have a fatal moment, you remain fruitless. V. 24
 2. The foundation of the new life - He talks about life. He is dealing with the idea of eternal life with Him. The difference between hell and Heaven is who you are with. Some times, we love something that won't last. V. 25
 3. The fruitfulness of new living - He talks about service. After you walk in the newest of life, you can serve. V. 26