

## **The Hour Approaches**

**Read:** John 12:27-36

**Main Idea:** Christ's atoning work demands our repentance and faith, which opens the door to grace and transformation, guiding us into a deeper relationship with God.

**Key Verses:** "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."  
(John 12:32 ESV)

### **Key Principles:**

- Jesus is a King who did not seek His own glory but came to earth to do whatever He could to glorify His Father.
- We learn about true Christianity from watching Christ who shows us what it means to live for the glory of God.
- Jesus' surrender to God's will leading up to His darkest hour invites us to trust Him with our struggles, revealing His strength.
- Christ's victory over evil and sin on the cross assures us of triumph, calling us to stand firm in faith.
- Faith in Jesus as the light of the world overcomes darkness, guiding us to walk confidently in His truth.
- His atoning work demands repentance—turning from self—to receive grace and grow closer to God.
- Our response to Christ's hour shapes our transformation and witness, reflecting His glory.

### **Discussion:**

1. When have you faced a struggle where prayer felt hard? How might surrendering it to God change your perspective?
2. How does Christ's defeat of Satan (v.31) encourage you in personal battles? Where do you need to repent and stand on His victory today?
3. The crowd doubted Jesus' words (v.34)—what doubts challenge your trust in Him? How can His truth steady you?
4. Jesus calls us to walk in His light (v.35-36)—where do you feel darkness creeping in? How could faith in Him bring transformation?
5. His atonement draws us closer to God (v.32)—how has trusting Jesus deepened your relationship with Him? What's one step you could take to grow further?

### **Prayer:**

- Pray that you would grow in faith, trusting Christ's work for grace and transformation.
- Pray for:
  - Hearts to surrender struggles to God, trusting His will over ours.
  - Strength to stand on Christ's cross-won victory, repenting of self-reliance.
  - Faith to step into His light, deepening our walk with Him daily.

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b><u>Surrender</u> to God's <u>will</u> in your <u>struggle</u>.</b> | <b>12:27-29</b> |
| 1.          | Face your <u>troubles</u> with <u>prayer</u> .                        | 12:27-28        |
| 2.          | Trust God's <u>word</u> for <u>strength</u> .                         | 12:28-29        |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b><u>Stand</u> on Christ's <u>victory</u> in the <u>battle</u>.</b>  | <b>12:30-33</b> |
| 1.          | Celebrate Christ's <u>defeat</u> of <u>evil</u> .                     | 12:30-31        |
| 2.          | Celebrate Christ's <u>drawing</u> of <u>sinner</u> s.                 | 12:32-33        |
| <b>III.</b> | <b><u>Step</u> into Christ's <u>light</u> in the <u>darkness</u>.</b> | <b>12:34-36</b> |
| 1.          | Listen to His <u>truth</u> over <u>doubts</u> .                       | 12:34           |
| 2.          | Walk in His <u>light</u> by <u>faith</u> .                            | 12:35-36        |

NEXT WEEK:  
**The Hour of Humble Love**  
John 13:1-20