

## **The Purpose for This Hour**

Are You Following, or Leading?

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**John 12:19-28**

**Introduction:** 19-22

What the Jewish leaders were afraid of was, if the people continued believing on Jesus and calling for him to be their king, the Romans would come and take away their place and their nation. Only Caesar would be king!

1. Their fear was needless – (Verses 23- 28) From the very beginning Jesus knew the purpose of that hour and knew when it had arrived.
2. Jesus was not sidetracked by the things going on around him – Some Greeks wanted to see him.
3. Serve – to attend to the needs or desires of someone else. If we serve him, we must follow him. Jesus said in essence, “where I am – there you will find those serving me.
4. In your appointed hour, are you serving him, or trying to get him to come to your situation and meet your needs.
5. We misinterpret the purpose of our appointed hours – we focus on our delivery out of that hour. But Jesus said, there was a purpose to that hour for him, so God go ahead and be glorified in my hour.
6. Stop trying to make God come to you and fix stuff and start to see him in the purpose for that trial and “I’m coming to the place you want this trial to take me.” Grace to grace, and glory to glory.
7. If God gets glorified, then we ought to be satisfied!