

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **John 2:1-4.**
- B. Jesus made the statement, "My hour has not yet come" many times. There was something special to happen at a particular time.
- C. Jesus Christ was a man of destiny. He had a purpose in His life, and nothing stopped Him from carrying out that purpose.

## I. JESUS SAID, "MY HOUR HAS NOT YET COME."

- A. Jesus claimed what no other man can claim--to have absolute control over His life, knowing when and how He would die (Jn. 10:17-18).  
"For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."
- B. Jesus referred to this hour while speaking to the Jews; they wanted to kill Him (Jn. 7:27-30).  
"However, we know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from." Jesus therefore cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. I know Him; because I am from Him, and He sent Me." They were seeking therefore to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- C. Jesus, in speaking of His relationship with the Father, also invoked the crowd to kill him (Jn. 8:18-20).  
"I am He who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." And so they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me, nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also." These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- D. In a different sense, Jesus said that this hour had not come when asked to do a miracle (Jn. 2:1-4).  
And on the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; and Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the wedding. And when the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what do I have to do with you? My hour has not yet come."

## II. MANY ATTEMPTS WERE MADE ON JESUS' LIFE.

- A. The gospel accounts give us many instances when Jesus' life appeared to be in danger. Yet He was not harmed in any case.
- B. At His birth, the decree of Herod put X's life in jeopardy (Mt. 2:13-21).
- C. The people of Nazareth wanted to throw Jesus off of a hill. Jesus just walked away from them in the crowd (Lk. 4:28-30).  
And all in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; and they rose up and cast Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, He went His way.
- D. Officers were sent by the chief priests and Pharisees to arrest Him but the arrest was not carried out (Jn. 7:32, 44-46).  
(Jn 7:32) The Pharisees heard the multitude muttering these things about Him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him.  
(Jn 7:44-46) And some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "Never did a man speak the way this man speaks."
- E. Some picked up stones to stone Him, but this also failed (Jn. 8:57-59).  
The Jews therefore said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

- F. There was a constant fear of being stoned, due to the Pharisees (Jn. 11:53-54, 57).  
**(Jn 11:53-54)** So from that day on they planned together to kill Him. Jesus therefore no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there He stayed with the disciples.  
**(Jn 11:57)** Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

### III. JESUS' HOUR FINALLY CAME, IT WAS CALVARY.

- A. All of these death attempts had failed. Jesus had repeatedly said that "His hour had not yet come", but now we see His hour has come. It is so important, that He says it was for this hour He came into the world (Jn. 12:23, 27).  
 And Jesus answered^ them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **27** "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour."
- B. Jesus was meeting with His disciples just before the Passover. The hour that He should depart out of this world was at hand (Jn. 13:1).  
 Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.
- C. Jesus, in His prayer to God in behalf of the apostles and those who would believe on His name through them, knew the hour of His glorification had come (Jn. 17:1; 16:32).  
**(Jn 17:1)** These things Jesus spoke; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee,..."  
**(Jn 16:32)** "Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me."
- D. The hour we are speaking of is that of Jesus death, burial, and resurrection. This is the hour for which He came into the world (Jn. 12:32-33).  
 "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

### IV. BECAUSE OF THIS HOUR, WE BELIEVE IN JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD.

- A. Jesus was a man of destiny. No one could take His life from Him, as He would lay it down Himself (Jn. 10:17).  
 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again."
- B. And it would be by His DB&R that mankind would believe that He was the Son of God (1Pet. 1:21; Ac. 17:31; 1Cor. 1:23-24).  
**(1Pet 1:21)** who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.  
**(Ac 17:31)** because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.  
**(1Cor 1:23-24)** but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- C. The other miracles of Jesus were important, but the miracle of His death, burial, and resurrection is the focal point of our faith. This is why He declined the importance of miracles at other times (1Cor. 15:3-4; Jn. 2:1-4; Mt. 12:39-40).  
**(1Cor 15:3-4)** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,...  
**(Mt 12:39-40)** But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign shall be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."
- D. By Jesus going to the cross He carried out His life's mission. How wrong Peter was in saying Jesus would not die. It was for that purpose He came (Mt. 16:21-23).  
 From that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. And Peter took

Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You.” But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”

#### **CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.**

- A. Jesus came to die. He came knowing that He could glorify God by dying on the cross.
- B. Even though many wanted to keep Him from it (namely Satan) no one could, and Jesus willingly gave of Himself.
- C. Render obedience to the author and perfecter of your faith.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring-Xians.