

The Greeks Seek Jesus
Grace Bible Chapel
March 28th, 2010 – **Palm Sunday**
John 12:20-26

Context: Palm Sunday falls on the Sunday before Resurrection Sunday. It commemorates the prophetic event mentioned by all four Gospels - the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days leading to His passion. In fulfillment of prophetic Scripture He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the people lay down their cloaks and branches of palm trees before Him. The people sang part of Psalm 118 - ...*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord* – all of this pointed to recognition by the people that Jesus is the Messiah. However, this recognition was shown to have no real substance as it was short lived, for the Jewish leaders incited the people against Him, and only a week later these same persons would be calling for His crucifixion.

In our passage today, we see Greeks (Gentiles) expressing spiritual interest in Christ, and doing so immediately after His triumphal entry, and prior to the cross. As Jesus knows He will soon be rejected by His own capricious people, He responds to these Greeks to let them know that He is going to the cross, and that following after Him requires more than whimsical words. It requires a supernatural commitment, something His own people do not possess. He promises that anyone who has such a commitment will indeed be honored by God Himself. There are many important lessons to learn from this incident.

Introduction:

I. The Seeking of Jesus by Greeks (12:20-22)

II. The Sovereign timing of the inquiry (12:23-24)
A. His Sacrifice is imminent (12:23)

B. His Sacrifice is infinitely beneficial (12:24)

III. The Surrender of self required (12:25 – 26a)

IV. The Supreme value of following Christ (12:26b)

Conclusion:
