The Portrait—Part 35

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John 12:19-36

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 12:23 This is the first time Jesus spoke of His hour being present.
- 2) 12:24 Jesus would be glorified through death and resurrection. He knew that after the Cross, the Kingdom would spread beyond Israel to all nations of the world.
- 3) 12:25 In context, this phrase refers to preferring Christ over family, possessions, goals, plans, desires—even one's own life (Luke 14:27).
- 4) Those who truly come to Christ love Him above all else—all sin, all self-righteousness, all relationships, and all self-will.
- 5) 12:26 Jesus made 2 promises to those who follow Him:
 - 1. They will enjoy eternity in heaven with Him.
 - 2. They will be honored by God Almighty.
- 6) 12:27 Jesus did not go to the cross emotionally detached, indifferent, without feeling. He felt all the pain associated with bearing the curse of sin (Galatians 3:13).
- 7) 12:28 The audible voice of God was a public acknowledgment of the relationship and the authority of Jesus.
- 8) 12:30 Jesus knew that all who are listening (including us) needed to know that His impending death did not signify God's disapproval, even though what was about to happen would look like disaster.
- 9) 12:31 Satan's hold over this world was broken at the Cross.

- 10) The ruler of this world (Satan) will be cast out:
 - *Stage 1—cast out at the Cross
 - *Stage 2—cast out of heaven into the earth (Revelation 12:10)
 - *Stage 3—cast into the bottomless pit (Revelation 20:3)
 - *Stage 4 [final]—cast into the lake of fire and brimstone (Revelation 20:10)
- 11) 12:32 This does not mean that all humanity will be redeemed. The phrase "all men" refers specifically to those who respond to the invitation.
- 12) 12: 34 The crowd's "Portrait" of God/Messiah was as a triumphant conqueror. They could not reconcile Jesus' prediction of His death with their image.
- 13) It is extraordinarily strange that people acquainted with the Old Testament stumbled when Messiah announced that He must die (Isaiah 53, Daniel 9:26, Zechariah 13:7).
- 14) 12:35-36 Jesus gave a warning, reminding them that the light would not always be available.

GREEK WORDS

Akoloutheō (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o) as a particle of union; properly to be in the same way with - to accompany (specially as a disciple) :- follow (on a road)

Tarassō (tar-as'-so) troubled -to shake, or to stir; agitate (roil water)

Helkyō (hel-koo'-o) to drag (literal) :- draw, signifies the putting forth of strength so as to *drag* a heavy object