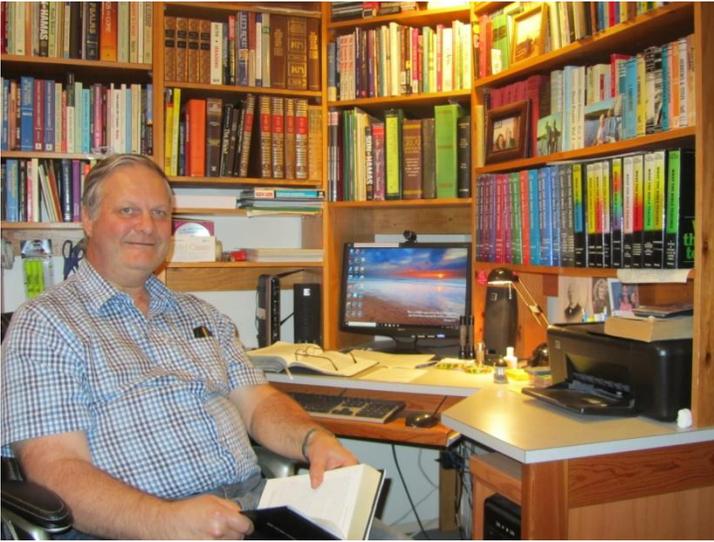


Correspondent's Corner

The Hour is Come

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Let's look at three times that the Lord Jesus said these words. All three times took place in the last week leading up to the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus for our sins on the cross. Each time the Lord used these words He was referring to His time of suffering at the hands

of men and His sacrifice and death on the cross. All three times are accompanied by prayer of the Lord Jesus, which is an indication of the consistent and unbroken fellowship of the Lord Jesus with His Father. In two of the three times the Lord refers to glory or honour being the result of "The Hour" that had come. Also in two of the times He spoke of being troubled about this time of suffering and death He was going to endure.

In John 12:23 The Lord said "The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified". Verse 27 shows us that the Lord Jesus knew all about what was ahead for Him in suffering and death on the cross in that He spoke of being troubled. The prayer of the Lord Jesus that is connected to this is found in verse 28 where the Lord prays "Father, glorify Thy name". So we can see that both the Father and the Son are glorified as the results of the work of the Lord Jesus on the cross. Verse 32 tells us that it is God's desire for all people to be drawn to the One who was lifted up on the cross as Saviour and Lord.

In John 17:1 when the Lord was on His way to the Garden of Gethsemane He stopped at some point and prayed what is recorded in chapter 17. He started in His prayer by addressing the Father and saying, "Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee" Once again in connection with the hour is the glory of the Father and the glory of the Son being the result.

In Mark 14:41 we read that the Lord spoke to His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane about that the hour is come. In the garden He had prayed three times being in agony concerning what lay ahead for Him. As He anticipated the cross and all that involved He was greatly troubled. "The hour is come" were His words, there was no turning back but rather a willingness to die under the load of our sins. The Lord Jesus loves us and was willing to go through that time of suffering and death, have you trusted Him as your Saviour and Lord?

Sincerely, *John Eggers*

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