

John 12:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

Analysis

Jesus declares 'The hour is come' for the Son of Man's glorification. The Greeks' arrival triggers this announcement—their seeking signals the time for Christ's death, which will draw all peoples. His 'hour' throughout John's Gospel meant His passion (2:4; 7:30; 8:20). Now it arrives. Glorification paradoxically occurs through crucifixion—the cross becomes throne, death becomes glory. This redefines glory: not earthly exaltation but sacrificial suffering. The statement answers the Greeks implicitly—they will 'see Jesus' most clearly at the cross, which draws all nations.

Historical Context

The 'Son of Man' title from Daniel 7:13-14 emphasizes Jesus' messianic authority and representative humanity. His glorification encompasses crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the cross redefine glory from worldly to heavenly standards?

2. What does the timing of Jesus' announcement teach about Gentile inclusion's connection to His death?
3. In what ways is suffering the pathway to glory in Christian experience?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 55:5 (Glory): Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Isaiah 60:9 (Glory): Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

Mark 14:41 (Parallel theme): And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Matthew 25:31 (Glory): When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: