



Come and See... Deeper Study Notes

The first sign (John 2:1-11)

John sees Jesus' miracles as more than just an amazing act but rather a moment when heaven and earth intersect, both physically and spiritually. He therefore labels them a 'sign' — for a sign points beyond itself to something greater.

Take some time to reflect on these questions relating to the sermon:

- What do you need to bring before Jesus today? Perhaps there are everyday things you have felt unworthy of placing before him in prayer. Why not offer them to him with open-hands today.
- Jesus said he came to bring life in all its fullness (John 10:10). Perhaps you have disappointments or failures that weigh on you (either recent or past). He can help you deal with these but for transformation to happen you have to be willing to take Mary's words seriously: are you willing to 'do whatever he tells you'? as you listen carefully without agenda and discern with others the prompting of the Spirit for you.
- Or maybe you have built up rituals you feel *need* to be done *in order* to earn your transformation or salvation? Perhaps you could take some time to look at these and work out whether you're doing them *in response* to God's gift of grace (a good place to be) or using them *to earn* his gift of grace (this is then a process that needs transforming).

Deeper Study Questions

In John 2:4, we first encounter the term 'my hour' ('time' in some other places). This has great theological significance throughout John's gospel as it emphasises the 'inevitability of the death/exaltation event' (D.A. Carson). Up to chapter 12 you'll notice how the hour 'has not yet come' (e.g., 2:4; 7:30; 8:20), then Jesus speaks how the hour has arrived (e.g., 12:23; 13:30; 13:32; 17:1).

- Read John 12:27—this is the turning point for this term. Reading around this verse, what act has happened that leads Jesus to start wrestling with the idea of 'this hour'?
- Whose timeline is Jesus referring to when he repeatedly speaks of his hour having come (see also 13:1)? How does John understand Jesus' mission on earth?
- Looking at the various times Jesus uses this term either about himself or about 'the hour' (see below), how does each situation add to your understanding of what Jesus means by this word?
- This term is not just connected to Jesus' death but is also connected to him in a much broader sense—'not only at the point of the cross but also his going to the Father and his glorification' (Kline III). This term looks beyond the now and into the 'not yet'—finding completion in the life of Jesus beyond this world. Since John 1:1, the author has kept a large-lens out-of-time view of what is happening, not just an earthly one.
- Have a read of chapter 16 (esp. v2, 17, 25, 32-33). The 'good news' of Jesus also carries significant challenges for the believer. However, what encouragements and promises can we take from this passage as we seek to follow him in our daily lives?



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My Hour/Time (his hour/time)

John 2:4 - *And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? **My hour** has not yet come."*

John 7:6-8 (kairoj) - *Jesus said to them, "**My time** has not yet come, but your time is always here. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for **my time** has not yet fully come."*

John 7:30 - *So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because **his hour** had not yet come.*

John 8:20 - *These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because **his hour** had not yet come.*

John 13:1 - *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that **his hour** had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*

The Hour/Time (an hour/time)

John 4:21-23 - *Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, **the hour** is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But **the hour** is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.*

John 5:25, 28-29 - *"Truly, truly, I say to you, **an hour** is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live...Do not marvel at this, for **an hour** is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment*

John 12:23, 27 - *And Jesus answered them, "**The hour** has come for the Son of Man to be glorified..."Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from **this hour**'? But for this purpose I have come to **this hour**.*

John 16:2, 25, 32 - *They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, **the hour** is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God..."I have said these things to you in figures of speech. **The hour** is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father...Behold, **the hour** is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. .*

John 17:1 - *When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, **the hour** has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,*