

---

**AMEN Bible Study 2023-2024**  
**Knowing Christ: A Study Through the Book of John**  
**“The Valedictory Address”**

**John 12:20-50**  
**February 1, 2024**

---

**Introductory Notes:**

I. The Theology of the Cross (v.20-33)

A. The Centrality of the Cross (v.20-26)

B. The Glory of the Cross (v.27-30; Mark 14:36)

C. The Power of the Cross (v.31-33; Isaiah 52:13-15)

II. The Theology of Unbelief (v.34-43)

A. The Definition of Unbelief (v.34-36)

B. The Reasons for Unbelief (v.37-43; Isaiah 6:10; 53:1)

i. Human Responsibility

ii. Divine Sovereignty

III. The Evangelistic Plea (v.44-50)

A. The Timing is Urgent (v.44a; 11:43; Deuteronomy 32:44-47)

B. The Subject is Jesus (v.45-46)

C. The Consequences are Already and Not Yet (v.47-50)

## **Discussion Questions**

### **Knowing**

1. How is Jesus better than any king the Israelites (and us) could have hoped for or imagined?
2. Why was the cross central to the life and mission of Jesus?
3. Why is Jesus so urgent in His closing remarks to the crowds? (v.44-50)

### **Being**

1. What does it mean to hate your life in the world? Why would anyone do this?
2. What would it look like if you demonstrated complete commitment to the glory of God as Jesus did? Would anything be different?
3. How do we enjoy the benefits of salvation now? What does it mean to be in the light of Christ?

### **Doing**

1. What implications does the coming judgment of Christ have in your life? How does it sober you? How does it make you hopeful?
2. How might you better fixate your heart on the cross of Christ?
3. Who in your life needs to hear the Good News of the Gospel today?