“We Want To See Jesus!”

John 12:20-21
Setting for the Teaching John 12

12:1 – six days before the Passover
12:2 – kicking back with Lazarus in Bethany
12:12 – Palm Sunday entry
12:18 – Multitudes receive Him
12:20-21 – Even Greeks (Gentiles) sought Him

Why did people flock to Him? What example did Jesus set that created this result?
Themes of His Examples ...
(i.e. examples of WHAT?)

Kingdom of God - defining reality
(or what matters!)

Relationships –
* to our Father in heaven / Himself (Salvation)
* with others, friends and enemies alike
* those who were ill / broken in life
“Class Is In Session”
With A Two-Fold Goal:

1. Grow, develop, mature as a follower of Jesus so you become a light shining in darkness, a city set on a hill (Matt 5:13-16)

2. Grow, develop, mature as a church family for the same reason (Ephesians 4:15) “in all aspects into Him!”
Jesus Led By Example

“For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you” (John 13:15).

“And great crowds followed Him...” (Matt 4:25)
“They were amazed at His teaching; for He taught as one having authority not as their scribes (Matt 7:29).

His Person + His message compelled attention!
Time With the Father

“And early in the morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there” (Mark 1:35).

And when day came, He departed to a lonely place; and the multitudes were searching for Him, and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from going away from them” (Luke 4:42).
Prayer – Intimate Talks
With The Father

And it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God” (Luke 6:12).

Such that the disciples asked Him to TEACH them how to pray!

* In selecting disciples; grief (Lazarus’ death)
Garden of Gethsemane
Strategic Use of the Word

“Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him”

(John 14:21)

** So He showed them the Word in temptation scenes (Matt. 4) – Wait! Were they there?
Sharing Kingdom Truth! John 4

He began with an item of common interest (well water + thirst)

...To illustrate some truth of the Kingdom (vs. 10) (“living water”)

...That pointed to His identity “I am He” (vs. 26)
But Wait! “We’re Not Jesus!”

"There is no one righteous, not even one”

(Romans 3:10).

So we “model” how to recover from a “stumble,” wandering, or rebellion!

Life skills you want your children to learn before leaving home... driving, banking, social
His Focus ... and NOT So Much!

* Themes of the Kingdom
* Relationships
* Time with the Father
* Prayer
* Strategic use of the Word
* Sharing the Kingdom

And not so much

How to organize and manage church life!

** do the first, the latter will take care of itself.
This Plea From Our Community; Our Nation; Our World!

“Sir, we wish to see Jesus!”

Can they “see” Him in us?