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BELIEVE

"A Theology of Belief"

INTRO: *With this passage (and next), Jesus completes His public ministry with statements about the peoples' response to His message.*

I. Jesus came to sacrificially _____ (12:20-24).

*In John's gospel, the term **hour** consistently refers to the predestined time of His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to glory.*

II. Jesus' sacrificial _____ was necessary to glorify the _____, judge _____, defeat the _____, and draw _____ to salvation

(12:27-34). *There are other reasons mentioned in the New Testament but these four are specifically mentioned by John.*

III. People drawn to Jesus are commended to _____

(12:35-36; 25-26). *A belief that saves is not intellectual assent to facts about Jesus. Jesus explained that saving belief involves much more- and it also receives much in reward!*

A. *To believe is to _____ to Jesus. This is the disciple's corresponding action to Jesus' self sacrifice in v.24. Death to self results in life eternal. Cf. Luke 18:29-30.*

B. *To believe is to _____ Jesus. No greater service and honor can be experienced! We serve Jesus in obeying His commands. Cf. 1 John 2:5.*