

Lesson III.

GREEKS SEEKING JESUS

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John 12: 20-33—Memory Verses, 32, 33

Golden Text—We would see Jesus.—John 12: 21.

me, but for your sakes. 31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. 33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Among those who had watched Jesus riding in state to Jerusalem, were some Greek strangers who had come to the city to worship at the Passover feast. They supposed, from all they had seen and heard, that the Jewish people would soon take Jesus and make Him their king, and they wanted to find out more about Him before returning to their far-away homes.

So they came to one of the disciples called Philip, who could speak their language, and said: "We would like to see Jesus. Will you introduce us to your Master?"

So, after Philip had asked Andrew what he thought about it, these two disciples brought the strangers to where Jesus was.

Then Jesus spoke kindly to the men and

23 And Je'sus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it: and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Je'sus answered and said, This voice came not because of

said that He was indeed a king and that very soon He should be crowned a king—only not of this world, but of men's hearts. "For," said Jesus, "I am not going to stay here, I am going to die."

The strangers were surprised and wondered what Jesus meant.

Jesus then spoke to them about a seed of wheat, saying: "If you want to get other grains of wheat you must be willing to put your seed away in the dark ground and let it die. My kingdom is like that seed, for, if I die, my followers will spring up all over the world. If I be lifted up on the cross, I will draw all men unto me." Then Jesus spoke of the kind of servants He wants in His kingdom. He said: "They must be