

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

1. People are drawn to Jesus and/or the Church for various reasons.

Some have an interest in the **MIRACULOUS**.

Some have a personal **AGENDA** to push.

Some are spiritual **SEEKERS** with a longing for inner **PEACE**.

Some hope for **LIFE ETERNAL**.

Some crave an **AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP** with God. (Greeks were characteristically seekers of truth)

6. Jesus welcomes all who come to him. What he offers though is often radically different than what we might expect! As Jesus responds to this request to see him he relates that it is time for him to be glorified, his listeners are thinking, *the armies of God are about to conquer the world*. But what Jesus offers shocks them:

Only by death comes **LIFE**.

Only by spending life do we **PRESERVE** life.

Only by serving Jesus do we find true **HONOR**!