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The Hour has Come

I. IMAGINE

A. The Setting

1. The Night between the evenings
2. The liberation – the rescue and creation of Israel
3. Look at their evening

B. Jesus moves from addressing the disciples to addressing the Father

- They in the future will pray directly to God (16:19-23)
- He will give them a new relationship (16:27)
- He speaks of continuing conflict in the world (16:33)
- Believer's prayer (14:13-14)

C. But now - the vastness of creation:

- We think of the cosmos:
- The observable Universe is about 10 billion light years (671 million miles per hour) in radius
- Since all of the stars in a globular cluster formed at roughly the same time We know that God is still creating – just as Jesus told us

John 5:17

"My Father still goes on working, and I am also at work."

B. There he stood saying ...

John 17:1

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you.

C. Surrounded by his HANDFUL

D. The God of the Universe – within his Godself

- The hour was an hour of glory

John 4:23

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

- The Lord has been declaring "his hour" since 2:4

John 5:25

"Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

E. Then the key to all theology:

John 17:3

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God; and he whom you have sent – Jesus the Messiah.

F. Here is both goal and substance
   - Life is in God
   - Death is the absence of God

G. Salvation comes with an experience – but is no experience!

H. The work of all of us is to give, to know, to live and to make the core of our whole being – The Son of Man – Jesus

John 5:13

I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 5:20

We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 5:11

This is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

II. It is Cosmic - It is global – It is the Realm of God:

John 14:7

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

John 14:10

"Believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me - the words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his deeds."