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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."

When Jesus had spoken these things he lifted his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify your Son, that the Son may glorify you. Just as you gave the son sovereignty over all flesh, in order that I may grant ageless life to all whom you have entrusted to him. This is that everlasting life – knowing you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you entrusted to me.

Now glorify us together, Father, with the glory which I had with you before creation existed. I manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the created realm; They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. They have come to understand everything you have given to me is from you. The teachings you committed to me I have given to them; and they received them and have come to truly know that I flowed forth out of you – they believe that you sent me.

I am no longer to be in this created realm, but they remain in the world. Keep them in your name—the name you have given me—so that they may be one, just as we are one. While I was with them, I watched over them in your name, and not one was lost (destroyed – ruined), except that son of perdition, to fulfill the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you, and I am speaking about these things in the world so that they may have my full gladness within themselves. I have given them your word, and the world loathes them, for they are not of the world as I am of the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from this world, but that you keep them from Evil. They are not of this creation just as I am not of this creation. Purify them in the

truth; your word is truth. As you commissioned me into this world I am sending them into the world. For their sakes I purify (ἁγιάζω present active - *make holy, consecrate, sanctify; things set apart for sacred purposes - dedicate*) myself, so that they may be purified (participle perfect passive) in reality. I do not ask on their behalf alone, but for those who will believe in me through their word; that they may be one (as you Father are in me and I am in you, that they may be in us – then the world will believe that you sent me.

The glory you have given to me I give to them; so that they may be one, just as we are one; I in them, and you in me, that they may be absolutely in oneness, that creation may know that you sent me, and love them, just as you love me. Father, my desire is that they, whom you gave me, may be where I am, so that they may behold my glory, which you gave to me, for you loved me before the founding of the cosmos.

O righteous Father, although the world has not recognized you, I have known you; and these have known that you sent me; and I have made your name known to them I will make it known; that the love wherewith you loved me may be in them, as I am in them."