

John 12:23

Jesus' Hour in the Gospel According to John

John uses the word “hour” (*hora*, ὥρα) twenty-three times in his Gospel. Some are general references to the time of day (1:39) and some are clearly references to what Jesus refers to as “My hour.” Some may be related to the effects of His hour. The following are the verses that seem to mean more than the time of day. What can you learn about Jesus’ conception of His “hour” from these verses (and from the context if you look them up)? What change might there be before and after 12:23 when He says the hour has come? (**Updated:** add John 7:6-8, referring to “My time” as an equivalent of “My hour.”)

John 2:4	And Jesus *said to her, Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come.
John 4:21,23	Jesus *said to her, Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. . . . But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.
John 5:25,28	Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. . . . Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,
John 7:6-8	So Jesus *said to them, “My time is not yet here, but your time is always opportune. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil. ⁸ Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come.”
John 7:30	So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.
John 8:20	These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.
John 12:23	And Jesus *answered them, saying, The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
John 12:27	Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour ’? But for this purpose I came to this hour .
John 13:1	Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.
John 16:2	They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.
John 16:4	But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.
John 16:25	These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father.
John 16:32	Behold, an hour is coming, and has <i>already</i> come, for you to be scattered, each to his own <i>home</i> , and to leave Me alone; and <i>yet</i> I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.
John 17:1	Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,

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Other gospel references to Jesus' "hour"

Matthew 26:18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "**My time** is near; I *am to* keep the Passover at your house with **My** disciples.'"

Matthew 26:45 Then He *came to the disciples and *said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the **hour** is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Mark 14:41 And He *came the third time, and *said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough; the **hour** has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Numerous references to the hour of the coming of the Son, or hour of