

PERSUASIVE INFLUENCES
John 12:21

I. A Felt Need.

- a. Indicated by their request. They knew a lot perhaps about philosophy and about religion, but this did not meet their needs.
- b. Actions. They endeavored to discover the means to meet their needs. They went to Philip, he went to Andrew, and both went to Jesus.
- c. Revealed by an inquiring mind. Sir, we would see Jesus, might infer that their Greek culture had failed to satisfy. They did not have closed minds, but evidently when the things they had tried failed, they were ready to give them up and try to find reality.

II. Stimulated By A Deep Longing. "We would see Jesus."

- a. It was merely a desire to get a glimpse of Him by sight. They must have had many opportunities for this as Jesus went in and out of the temple.
- b. It was a longing for a personal contact. Probably wanted to be alone with Him for spiritual reasons.
- c. The intensity of this longing is revealed by the danger of world involved. Accordingly Josephus aliens were forbidden to go beyond a certain line around the temple. Here they wanted to reach the Saviour who had exercised great power in the temple.

III. How They Were Brought to Jesus.

- a. They come to the disciples of Jesus first, to Philip, and he to Andrew. Disciples should know how to help others find Jesus.
- b. Philip and Andrew worked together in bringing the Greeks to Jesus.
- c. Christ's answer to the Greeks. Verse 23, 30. It is the answer today.