

“Father, glorify Your name

John 12:27-33

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After teaching His disciples about the grain of wheat principle, He picks up where He had left off in verse 23:

John 12:20-23

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; 21 these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

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In verse 23, He declared that the hour had finally come: the hour for the Son of Man to be glorified. /The hour had come for Jesus to be crucified, die, be raised from the dead, and return to the glory of His Father.\

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Why did Jesus' soul become troubled? /We last saw this when Jesus approached the tomb of Lazarus in chapter 11. Here, as then, it is a mark of His humanity.\

At that tomb, He was disturbed by the suffering of His friends in the face of death.

/Now, He faces His own impending death.\ He knew the darkness that awaited Him. His arrest in the garden. The beatings, the trials, the walk to the cross. His hands and feet nailed to the wood. The crown of thorns. The virulent hatred of the mob which turned on Him. His Father judging sin in His Son's flesh.

/He will endure all this for the sake of His Father's name, that He may be glorified.\

And so we have this most sublime mingling of sorrow and joy in His human heart.

John 12:28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

A voice comes out of heaven. The Father answers the Son. *"I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."*

/In the Old Testament, He glorified His name in ways too numerous to mention. \

He glorified His name again and again when He rescued His chosen people from the clutches of foreign nations: Egypt. Assyria. Babylon.

The glory of the LORD was visible in the pillar of fire at night and the cloud by day. The glory of God was present in the Temple. And so forth.

What does the word of God mean by the glory of God?

/The glory of God is the revelation of His character and nature to His intelligent creations: angels, certainly, but primarily human beings.\ He is the only God. He is sovereign. He is holy, all-powerful, and merciful. He is just and righteous and knows all things.

Isa 40:4-5

*4 "Let every valley be lifted up,
And every mountain and hill be made low;
And let the rough ground become a plain,
And the rugged terrain a broad valley;
5 Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
And all flesh will see it together;
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

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/The gospel of John shows the greatest manifestation of the glory of God: His Son.\

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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/The Son glorifies the Father by completing the work that He gave Him to perform.\

John 17:4-5

4 "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

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/We see in verse 5 that the glory of the Father and the glory of the Son are inseparable. \ When the Son is glorified, the Father is glorified. When the Son glorifies the Father, the Father glories Him in return.

John 12:29 So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him." 30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.

The crowd comes back into view. They heard the sound of the voice of the Father. /It was a sign for them that God was about to be glorified again.\ The people have a vital stake in the tremendous, world-shaking events which are about to occur.

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Notice how Jesus begins to describe the events of this hour. He says “now”. He says it twice. He is emphasizing something. He wants everyone to know what He will accomplish now – with His death and the glory of it.

/These things happened at the perfect time: the precise day and hour chosen by the Father.\

For us, these things have already happened. /They are finished – once and for all.\

What things?

Jesus describes four things here:

- /1. The judgment of this world.\
- /2. The casting out of the ruler of this world.\
- /3. Jesus being lifted up from the earth.\
- /4. Jesus drawing all men to Himself.\

John 12:31 "Now judgment is upon this world;

This is the day of judgment for this world. What is this world?

/“This world” is the sphere of operations for fallen mankind as it lives in hostility to God, doing the works of satan and the flesh.\

Eph 2:1-3

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

/This world had its day of reckoning when Christ died on the cross.\

So that, later, Paul could say

Gal 6:14

But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

/Jesus was victorious over the forces of this world the day He died on the cross.\

That's why every believer in Christ has also overcome the world.

1 John 5:4-6

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.

5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood.

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/The world still exists, but it was judged once and for all at the cross.\

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NOW – the decisive hour when Christ went to the cross – the ruler of this world - the devil was cast out. For all time.

/Here, “cast out” means being stripped of power and authority.\

Heb 2:14-15

14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

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/There was a momentous transfer of power and authority from satan to Christ.\

Col 2:13-15

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

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/Christ conquered the angelic forces of evil.\

The Father disarmed them – permanently. They still exist, but they have been declawed. /We can resist them by putting on the armor of God , forged at Calvary.\

Col 1:19-20

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

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Heaven and earth were reconciled by the blood of His cross.

John 12:32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." 33 But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

What did Jesus mean by “I am lifted up from the earth”? Verse 33 clarifies that He was indicating the kind of death by which He was to die. He would be crucified.

/This is how Jesus granted the request of those Greeks who wished to see Him. \ They will see Him when He is lifted up from the earth. They may not have been there that day, but Jesus would draw them to Himself.

John 10:14-16

14 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

/Jesus draws all men and women - no exceptions.\ He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He is the Savior of the world.

/The Father draws all men to His Son with the word of the cross. \ To some, it's foolishness. To others, it is the power of God for salvation. (1 Cor 1:18)

John 6:44-47

44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. 45 "It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me. 46 "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

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/Anyone who hears the message of the gospel and believes it has eternal life, and will never come into judgment.\

They were straying like sheep, but now they have returned to the Shepherd and guardian of their souls.