

“Glorified!” John 13:31-32

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*In my previous messages, I have spoken about how Jesus Christ’s mission and His teaching, have been different than what the people and even His own followers expected. He was expected to conquer the Romans, but His mission was to die on a CROSS for our sins!*

*Back in Isaiah 53 God used a prophetic perfect to describe Jesus’ death for our sins, EXAMPLE:*

**<sup>5</sup> But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)**

*In this passage a similar perfect tense is used - <sup>31</sup> So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. John 13:31*

*For a similar reason, at that point Jesus was as good as “glorified” already because it was certain to happen, and certain to happen SOON!*

*I. God’s idea, understanding, viewpoint about glory is different than ours –*

**<sup>8</sup> “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8–9 (NKJV)**

*1. God’s thoughts are higher and better because He is a superior Being –*

**<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite. Psalm 147:5 (NKJV)**

*We do not have infinite understanding!*

2. *His thoughts are higher and better than ours because His thoughts are not distorted by sin –*

**<sup>22</sup> I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.”  
Isaiah 44:22 (NKJV)**

*Clouds, according to Joni Mitchell –*

*“But now they only block the sun  
They rain and snow on everyone  
So many things I would've done but clouds got in my way.”*

*The clouds of SIN definitely distort our view of what is right and good and beautiful!*

*Christ here is referring to His CROSS as glorious! Jesus is glorified on the CROSS!*

*The cross was the instrument of ultimate shame, it was designed to punish the worst of the worst! Yet, Christ Who took it was the BEST, He makes it glorious!*

3. *Judas' thoughts were extremely distorted by sin and Satan, this is why he rushes into the night to betray Jesus –*

**<sup>30</sup> Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night. John 13:30 (NKJV)**

*II. The first thing Jesus would have His people understand about His death on the cross is that it is GLORIOUS –*

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*1. Judas was off on his mission to betray Jesus; he would do it quickly ...*

*2. Now, only Jesus TRUE followers are left, He speaks freely to them about His soon coming death, how it was needed, how they would not be left alone but would have the Holy Spirit*

3. But first, the EMPHASIS symbolized by repetition, was Jesus death is glorious!

*The song we just sang, O Sacred Head Now Wounded, includes these lines –*

O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss 'til now was Thine;  
Yet though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine!

The words “glory” and “gory” remind me of the words Word and world!

The word WORD W-O-R-D is used for Jesus in John 1 and of course for the Word of God the Bible – Both TRUTH!

Add a letter “L” and you have a world full of LIES!

Similarly looking at the cross an ungodly world can only see

**GOR**Y!

Add a “L” though for God’s Love displayed in the cross and you have “**Gl**ory!”

The “L” in glory is love and light and Life ...

Because His death gains us LIFE, even eternal life!

*III. What is it that makes Jesus’ death a glorious thing?*

<sup>31</sup> So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, “**Now the Son of Man is glorified...**”

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8 (NKJV)

1. *This is the purpose all men all called to, to glorify God, Jesus fulfilled that purpose perfectly –*

**<sup>31</sup> Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)**

**Question 1** What is the chief end of man?

Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God, (1 Cor. 10:31, Revelation 4:11) and to enjoy him forever. (Ps. 73:25–28)

A. *We glorify God by obedience to His Word / Laws -*

**Question 2** What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? Answer: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, (2 Tim. 3:16, Eph. 2:20) is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him. (1 John 1:3–4)

B. *Yet we ALL FAILED - <sup>10</sup> As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; <sup>1</sup> There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. Romans 3:10–11 (NKJV)*

C. *Jesus kept God's Law perfectly, He was without sin –*

**<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)**

D. *Jesus' death on the cross was the culmination of a perfect LIFE of obedience –*

**And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8 (NKJV)**

E. *This is counted a glorious / worthy of praise thing –*

**<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9–11 (NKJV)**

2. *But His death is glorious not only because it was a culmination of perfect obedience, but because it saved us, it redeemed us –*

**<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, Revelation 5:9 (NKJV)**

*Jesus by His death:*

*A. saves us from the penalty of sin –*

**<sup>5</sup> Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 5:1 (NKJV)**

*B. from the power of sin, because we stand in the realm of grace, where God can and does help us –*

**<sup>2</sup> through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:2 (NKJV)**

**<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. <sup>13</sup> And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:12–14 (NKJV)**

*C. We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God – Romans 5:2 B*

*Because we are renewed in the image of God ourselves and thus, we are restored to our purpose, we also can glorify God –*

**<sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:24 (NKJV)**

**<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, Colossians 3:10 (NKJV)**

**<sup>31</sup> Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)**

*Note, 1 Corinthians 10:31 is a command to us, we are capable of living for God's glory because He (Jesus) died for us!*

*D. Ultimately, because of His death on the cross, we, who are His, become the Lamb's wife –*

**<sup>9</sup> Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."**

**<sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Revelation 21:9–11 (NKJV)**

- *Note it is as the Lamb's wife, Revelation 20:9, we are Christ's bride, the Lamb that was slain – **Revelation 5:6; Revelation 5:12 & Revelation 13:8***
- *We have the "glory" of God because of His death – **Revelation 20:11***
- *It is because of His death that we will one day enjoy Heaven and intimacy with God -*

**21 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. <sup>4</sup> And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:1–4 (NKJV)**

IV. *This is why we celebrate the Lord's Supper; we are agreeing with Jesus that His death on our behalf is worthy of glory –*

**<sup>10</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. Revelation 5:11–14 (NKJV)**

1. *Around the throne of God the Lamb slain is praise counted worthy of glory – Revelation 5:12* ↑

2. *God the Father also is praised, glorified, He sent His Son – Revelation 5:13* ↑

**<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (NKJV)**

*Ungodly men would vilify Christ, that is why they put Him on a cross, but God would glorify Christ and Himself with the cross.*

**<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NKJV)**

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