

The Son of Man Glorified

John 13:31-32

31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately." NKJV

At this most trying time in Jesus life, His spirit has new life and He begins to tell them about the glory that He will soon have.

The word glory in the Greek originally meant opinion. Later it retained only the idea of a good opinion, especially in the New Testament. So for someone to receive glory was for them to receive a high opinion. It is very similar to worship and often the words are used together.

Jesus essentially has two forms of glory. One glory is for His person because He is God.

We see that in the Old Testament concerning Moses after he had been in the mountain for 40 days his face quite literally was shining with a brilliance that caused him to put a veil on his face.

We see this with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration when Jesus where it says, "His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light." Matt 17:2 NKJV

But there is a second glory that Jesus has because of what He has done. In the USA we do not glorify people so much for who that are (because of birth) but we do glorify people because of what they have done or can do.

We praise people who put their lives in danger to save others.

We praise people who do really good things.

We also praise people who can throw a basketball in a hoop. Maybe that's not such a good illustration.

We love to watch the thriller where the hero of the movie comes in just in the nick of time and through some marvelous feat wins the day and rescues the victims.

- I. When he had gone out, Jesus said
 - A. This is significant because it seems that Jesus now speaks freely whereas before He was restrained.
 - 1. Have you ever been in a group where you knew that things were just not right. Then one person leaves the group and the conversation is much more casual and free.
 - 2. Judas had been with the disciples for the last three years, but now Jesus knows that he is gone and Jesus opens up to the disciples and in the next few chapters speaks to them some of the most beautiful principles and

promises they have ever heard Him speak.

3. He gives them a new commandment. John 13:34-35 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." NKJV
4. He speaks to them of heaven and the things that God has for those who are His.
5. He speaks of the vital connection that the believer has with Jesus, like a vine and the branches of that vine.
6. He plainly reveals to them that He and the Father are one and promises them such sweet intimate fellowship for them with Himself and the Father.
7. He promises to answer their prayers that they pray in His name.
8. He promises them another helper, comforter, to be with them after He is gone.
9. He promises them peace. John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. NKJV
10. And many other things that He had never revealed to them as plainly as He lays them out before them now.

B. But He also now speaks plainly concerning God's great plan, His death, His laying down His life for His friends.

II. Now is the Son of Man glorified.

A. He speaks primarily of His coming suffering and death.

1. But how could that bring glory, we think it would bring pity.
2. That he should himself be glorified in them. Now the Son of man is to be exposed to the greatest ignominy and disgrace, to be despitefully used to the last degree, and dishonoured both by the cowardice of his friends and the insolence of his enemies; yet now he is glorified; Matthew Henry's Commentary

B. Boice explains it this way.

1. "When Adam decided to disobey God, it was as if he fell over a cliff carrying the whole string of his descendants with him. Imagine a group of mountain climbers working their way up the side of a mountain. They are all roped together, and Adam is in the lead. Adam loses his footing and falls. Because of the rope, every one of the climbers is pulled over the edge of the cliff after Adam. The whole race follows him. But there, at the end

of the line, is the Lord Jesus Christ; and he stands fast. Because the Lord Jesus Christ does not succumb to temptation, because the Lord does not sin, because he is therefore able to offer himself up as the perfect sacrifice for human sin, and does so, he becomes the only stable and safe point of humanity. Consequently, those who are united to him by faith are saved by him. The fall of Adam, which led to destruction, is reversed in Jesus Christ. By his atonement, Jesus leads those who are his own to safety.”

- C. Matthew Henry give us three ways.
1. “Now he is to obtain a glorious victory over Satan and all the powers of darkness, to spoil them, and triumph over them. He is now girding on the harness, to take the field against these adversaries of God and man, with as great an assurance as if he had put it off.”
 2. “Now he is to work out a glorious deliverance for his people, by his death to reconcile them to God, and bring in an everlasting righteousness and happiness for them; to shed that blood which is to be an inexhaustible fountain of joys and blessings to all believers.”
 3. “Now he is to give a glorious example of self-denial and patience under the cross, courage and contempt of the world, zeal for the glory of God, and love to the souls of men, such as will make him to be for ever admired and had in honour.”
 4. “Christ had been glorified in many miracles he had wrought, and yet he speaks of his being glorified now in his sufferings, as if that were more than all his other glories in his humble state.”

III. God is glorified in Him.

- A. He has successfully completed His mission.
- B. He has kept the perfect holy will of God the Father.
- C. He will satisfy God’s justice in His sufferings.
- D. He will bring about the perfect plan of God from all eternity to restore God’s creation and tear it from the control of Satan.

How about you? What is your opinion of Jesus?

Do you glorify Him? How? Where? When?