

**Reaction?** Deep, true allegiance to Jesus

LOTR "You owe him your allegiance"

King Saul's kingdom waning, King Jesus growing

➔➔ your deepest, final allegiance to Jesus; to no other person, political party...

But where will that lead?

Decisively not to human glory!

③ Jesus answers ▶ prays ▶ proclaims

☰☰ Jesus' popularity "sir we wish to see Jesus"

Jesus' answer = hour has come for him to be glorified (23), but it will be the upside-down glory of cross "wheat that falls to the earth + dies" that will "bear much fruit" as Jesus is lifted up from the earth he will draw all people to myself

Jesus' prayer "Father glorify your name," a voice from Heaven I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again



Cross is the decisive, defining moment of God's glory!

3 Everyone is living for glory, your own or God's.  
Jesus' great + ultimate purpose = Glorify God 12:27  
Either you align yourself to Jesus and glorify God thru him, or you reject Jesus + dishonor God to your shame, judgment + doom. Stakes are high!

Prove that?

4 Actions + 4 Reactions

① Jesus receives anointing

☰☰ Mary's lavish devotion ointment... hair

Judas cloaks greed in self-righteousness Glory?

Jesus' rebuke ▶ His burial ▶ His Devotion

**Reaction?** Devote yourself to Jesus. Jesus is worthy of your love, attention, wealth, glory... won't be wasted, your honor Mary vs. your shame Judas

② Jesus rides into Jerusalem

☰☰ Jesus' symbolic ~~anointing~~ action as King young donkey... Zechariah 9:9

Crowd's shallow, superficial allegiance, religious fervor, "popularity"

Pharisees fear of losing popularity/power Glory?

**Reaction?** Follow Jesus to the cross by hating your life, losing your life by serving Jesus, by following Jesus, by believing in Jesus (12:25-26, 35-36) ► **Result?** "If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him"

➔ **Now** ... walk while you have the light (vs. 35) don't wait, crucify today your thirst for glory ► †

④ Jesus departs and hides

**☰☰** Jesus departs + hides

By God's sovereign will/decision, many refuse to believe, in fulfillment of God's word 12:37-40

But Isaiah saw Jesus' glory vs. 41

Many authorities believed in him but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so they would not be put out of the synogue, for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Jesus is aligned w. Ⓟ the Father! 44ff.

Question? Will you align yourself to Jesus to Ⓟ's glory or will you reject Jesus + face Ⓟ's Judgment on last Day!