



## Reflection Questions

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The Deadliest Announcement

Exodus 11:1-10

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3 cycles of 3 plagues have been poured out on Egypt by the hand of Yahweh. And today there is an announcement of the final, and deadliest plague yet. The death of the firstborn. This ultimate plague was announced from the beginning. What is important to see as we survey this passage that is often used by unbelievers to assert that God is unjust?

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1. How is what is happening in Egypt primarily about God's glory?
2. What does it mean when we read in Isaiah 42:8 that God does not 'share His glory'?
3. How might someone attempt to 'steal' God's glory? Why is this sin of the highest order?
4. What are the similarities and the differences in the ways that the Egyptians and the Israelites are witnessing God's glory in the Exodus?
5. What are some ways that believers can provide witness to God's glory through their words and actions?
6. God's defeat of Egypt's gods points to their insufficiency over both life and death. What are some ways we can see this truth applied to the 'gods' worshipped in our culture?
7. How does warning of the death of the firstborn communicate the seriousness of sin for all human beings regardless of their age, gender, race, or status?
8. Read verse 8. What is particularly heartbreaking about this verse? How does it mirror the negative response of many today of God's glory?
9. How does Matthew 23:12 illustrate the paradox of the Christian life?
10. As we meditate on Philippians 2:6-8, how has Jesus provided us with the perfect example of humility. What are some ways you can imitate this humility in your own life and in your relationships with others?