

**Date**: July 5 2020

**Passage**: John 12:20-50

Theme: Glory and Grace in the Cross of Jesus

Notice what the "lifting up" of Jesus on the cross accomplishes:

- 1. The lifting up of Jesus bears fruit (23–26).
- 2. The lifting up of Jesus focuses on the Father's glory (27–28).
- 3. The lifting up of Jesus brings all things under his judgment (29–33).
- 4. The lifting up of Jesus saves those who embrace him (34–36).
- 5. The lifting up of Jesus hardens unbelievers (37–43).
- 6. The lifting up of Jesus accomplishes perfectly the Father's mission (44–50).

**Main Idea:** Jesus accomplishments on the cross beckon us to believe and follow him.

## **Application Questions:**

- 1. What does the cross indicate to you? What did it mean for Jesus according to this passage?
- 2. Discuss what is involved for fruit to be produced according to vv. 23–26. What responsibility to we have in that process? What should that look like in our lives?
- 3. In what ways does Jesus bring all things under his judgment (29–33)? How might this affect how we live in our present context?

4. Why does the message of Jesus harden unbelievers (37–43)? How do you see this played out in the world today?

5. How does Jesus work perfectly accomplish his Father's mission? What does this mean for us in carrying out our mission today?

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