

JESUS VICTORIOUS: In His Dying!

John 12:23-36

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- **The cross is *very misunderstood* today** - For some: a **tragic event**; an illegal **murder**; For some: **repulsive**; the celebration of a Man who shed His blood in a public arena; For most: **a religious symbol** that may or may not have power today; A symbol to work some sort of "**magic**" for those who wear it or hang it in their house
 - **Some churches deviate from the message of the cross** - They **pull out songs** about the blood and cross of Christ; they focus on being "**Hip and relevant**"; Celebrate "**personal satisfaction**", or talk about "**Your Best Life Now!**"
 - **The Cross was Jesus' *DESTINY* and His great life's work** - The Cross is the very center of God's plan for humanity!
"Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Revelation 13:8)
If Jesus did not die, there would be no substitute for sin
If there were no substitute for sin, there would be no salvation from our sin
If there were no salvation from our sin, there would be no hope
If there were no hope, there would be no future
 - **"Troubled": *ταράσσω*** - "tarasso" meaning "to agitate, stir up, greatly trouble"
On the cross He will bear the sin and guilt of every person past, present, and future!
2Corinthians 5:21 - "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21)
Galatians 3:13 - "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse (for us for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree')" (Galatians 3:13)
Mark 14:34 - "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," (Mark 14:34 NIV)
Luke 22:44 - "And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground." ("hematidrosis")
 - **The real anguish of the Cross was the separation from the Father!**
Matt 27:46 - "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"
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• **Victory of the World's Creator - GLORIFICATION!**

- Jesus' deepest **motivation** and lifelong **desire**, was to **glorify** the Father
- **John 8:29** - *"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."*
- **Hebrews 12:2** - *"Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*
- God the Father was **GLORIFIED** in that the Cross of Christ showed that the True **God is Loving, Merciful, Forgiving, and Gracious** towards sinners. But the Cross also glorified the Father by showing that He is a **God of Holiness, Righteousness, and Justice** - in that He **must punish evil** as a Good and Perfect God!
- **God, the Father's Voice came from Heaven - One of three times**
 - **Jesus' Baptism:** *"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."* (Matthew 3:17)
 - **Jesus' Transfiguration:** *"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"* (Matthew 17:5)
 - **Jesus' Presentation:** *"I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."* (John 12:28)
 - **WHY?? - To authenticate Jesus as God, the Son to the world!**
- **Victory over the World's System - CONDEMNATION!**

The World is Judged by It - The first act of the Cross! It shows that the world's system is in opposition to it's Creator, and the Cross evidenced their guilt and sin. Their own reaction to Jesus, condemned themselves!

World: **"κόσμος"** - **"Kosmos"** - the world system and ideology controlled by the devil, poised against God
- **When the world put Jesus on the Cross, it was actually judging and condemning itself!**
- *"But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would never have crucified our glorious Lord."* (1 Corinthians 2:8 NLT)
- This is why the CENTRAL question for every human is always the same:

What are YOU going to do about Jesus?

Pontius Pilate (See Matthew 27:17) crucified and judged Jesus, but one day, the scene will be reversed: Jesus the Judge, will place Pilate on trial. LESSON: What you do with JESUS, will determine YOUR own destiny!

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- **Victory over the World's Ruler - DESTRUCTION!**
- **Satan is the "prince" of this world, and the "god" over this current world's system.**

In the Garden of Eden, Adam surrendered the control over the earth to satan by obeying him rather than God! (Romans 6:16) Since then, satan is the temporary "ruler" of this planet...soon to be deposed!

2Corinthians 4:4 - *"..whose minds **the god of this age** has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."*

Ephesians 2:1-2 - *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.."*
- **The Cross was the beginning of the END for the devil and his power over mankind!**

John 16:8-11 - *"And when He has come, He will convict the world of **sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."*

1John 3:8 - *"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."*
- **5 "casting outs" of Satan in the Scriptures:**

*Cast out of Heaven..as a permanent resident. (Isa 14; Eze 28)
At the cross, the power to destroy lives was taken from him. (1Jn 3:8; Rom 6:6)
During tribulation cast out of Heaven..permanently! (Rev 12:10)
At the end of the Tribulation, cast into the Abyss during the Millennium. (Rev 20:1-3)
At the end of the Millennium, he's cast after that into the Lake of*

Fire. (Rev 20:10)

• **Victory concerning the World's People - SALVATION!**

The Phrase "**Lifted Up**" is very misused and overused!

Not lifted up in worship or adoration or attention...

Lifted up in CRUCIFIXION - It's as if Jesus is saying: "*By the act of being a substitute I will draw all men to Me!*"

John 3:14 - "*Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up.*"

Isa 45:22 - "*Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.*"

III. The **FAMILY** of the Cross (v.34-36) - "**The people answered Him, 'We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?' Then Jesus said to them, 'A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.'** These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them."

- Now that Jesus has died on the Cross, it opens up the door for people to come into the **FAMILY** of God
- Jesus encouraged people to "**Walk** in the Light...**Believe** in the Light...**Become** sons of Light" while they still had the opportunity to do so!
- While **YOU** have the opportunity today, **YOU** need to come into the **FAMILY** of God, by accepting Christ as the Savior for you sins, and the Lord of your life!

Romans 10:9,10 - "*..that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*"