

## The Standard by which Love is Measured

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John 13:31-38  
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### **Introduction:** Farewell Discourse

In our text today, we see Jesus giving instructions to His disciples so that they will know how to live when He is no longer physically with them.

This is what I want you to know....

### **Jesus wants His followers to know that:**

Judas' betrayal and His impending arrest, death and resurrection are the means by which He will glorify the Father and the Father will glorify Him.

### **Glory** (vv. 31-32)

<sup>30</sup>So after receiving the morsel [Judas] went out immediately and it was night.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore, when [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said,

“Now **is** the Son of Man **glorified**, and God **is glorified** in Him;

“Son of Man” (12x in John’s gospel) 1:51; 3:13, 14; 5:27; 6:27, 62; 7:39; 8:28; 12:16, 23, 34; 13:31

The One who is granted universal authority - Daniel 7:13-14

Most commonly associated with themes of crucifixion (3:14; 8:28), revelation (6:27, 53), and authority (5:27; 9:39).

<sup>32</sup>If God **is glorified** in Him, God **will** also **glorify** Him in Himself, and **will glorify** Him immediately.”

“is glorified”/“will glorify” – “exalted/honored/will exalt/honor”

Here it is used in reference to Jesus’ humiliation in suffering and death. It is connected to Jesus’ “hour”, the purpose for which He came. (12:23, 27)

And the Word became flesh, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (17:1, 5)

“The supreme moment of divine self-disclosure, the greatest moment of displayed glory, was in the shame of the cross.” (D. A. Carson, p.482)

“Evil is anything and everything opposed to the fullest display of the glory of Christ. That’s the meaning of evil. In the death of Christ, the powers of darkness did their best to destroy the glory of the Son of God. This is the apex of evil. But instead they found themselves quoting the script of ancient prophecy and acting the part assigned by God. Precisely in putting Christ to death, they put His glory on display—the glory that they aimed to destroy. The apex of evil achieved the apex of the glory of Christ. The glory of grace.” (John Piper, *Spectacular Sins and their Global Purpose in the Glory of Christ*, Crossway, 2008, p. 12)

**Jesus wants His followers to know that:**

He is only going to be with them a little while longer and where He is going they cannot follow now but will follow later.

**Departure (vv. 33, 33-38)**

<sup>33</sup>Little children, (a term of affection & and endearment – 1 John 2:1, 12, 28; 3:7, 18; 4:4; 5:21)

I am with you a little while longer.

You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you,  
Where I am going, you cannot come.

“Then He said to [the Jews/Jewish leaders], I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going you cannot come.” John 8:21-24 (see also John 7:33-36)

<sup>36</sup>Simon Peter said to Him, “Where are you going?”

Jesus answered, "Where I go, you cannot follow Me **now**; but you will follow later."

John 14:1-6

<sup>37</sup>Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You."

<sup>38</sup>Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me?"

"Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you have denied Me three times."

Peter's denial John 18:15-17, 25-27

Jesus tells Peter "what kind of death he would glorify God" John 21:18-19

**Jesus wants His followers to know that:**

They must love one another even as He has loved them.

**Love one another (v. 34-35)**

<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 15:10, 12-14

A new commandment?

Leviticus 19:18 "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

2 John 5

1 John 2:7-8

**Jesus wants His followers to know that:**

In loving one another as Jesus loved them, the disciples will give evidence to all people that they are Jesus' Disciples.

<sup>35</sup>By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

1 John 2:9-11

1 John 3:10-18

1 John 4:7-21

**Application:**

Love one another even as Jesus loved us.

We can't do this in your own strength.

1 Peter 1:22-23

Galatians 5:22-23