

“Glorify Thy Name”
John 12:27-34

Introduction:

1. Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles:
 - To John 12 - Where:
 - After Jesus Made His Triumphal Entry:
 - Into Jerusalem:
 - To The Welcome & Cheers:
 - Of Thousands Of His Fellow Jews!
 - We Come To:
 - Some Of The Final Words:
 - He Makes - In This Final Week:
 - Of His Public Ministry!
2. Last Week:
 - We Heard The Message That Jesus Gave:
 - To Some Greeks:
 - Who Were Also In Jerusalem For The Passover:
 - And Who Wanted:
 - To See & Meet With Jesus!
 - And - If They Would Just:
 - Listen To & Believe In:
 - His Message:
 - They Would Be Able To Meet With Him:
 - Not Just In Time:
 - But For All Eternity!
 - The Message They Received:
 - Is The Message:
 - We Need To Receive!
 - 12:26 - “If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor!”
3. Well - As We Continue Through:
 - This Moving Chapter:
 - Jesus Continues To Speak Publically:
 - So That Anyone Around Him:
 - Might Hear Him!
 - Whether They Were Jews - Or:
 - Whether They Were Gentiles!
 - And So - We Will Pick Up:
 - From 12:27-34 - “Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. / Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, [saying], I have both glorified [it], and will glorify [it] again. / The people therefore, that stood by, and heard [it], said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. / Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. / Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. / And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all [men] unto me. / This he said, signifying what death he should die. / The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?”
4. What We Just Read:
 - Is Just One Example Of:
 - The Unique Connection & Close Relationship:
 - Between Jesus - As The Son Of God:
 - And God - As His Father!
 - And - One Of The:
 - Main Features In This Relationship:
 - Is That Each One:
 - Sought For The Glory:
 - Of The Other!
 - That Is - Both Jesus & His Father:

- Wanted The Other:
 - To Be Seen In:
 - His True Nature & Character:
 - Before All The World!

5. And This Is Why:

- In 12:28 - Jesus Said:
 - To His Father:
 - “Glorify Thy Name!”
- Because - This Is What Jesus Wanted Most:
 - Out Of His Life & Ministry!
 - Even - As We Will See:
 - If It Led To His Death!
 - And - Truly:
 - What Jesus Wanted Most:
 - Is What We Should Want Most:
 - In Our Lives!
 - That - Even Through Us!
 - God Would Glorify:
 - His Name!

6. And So - The First Thing We Come To:

- In These Verses Is:

1. *The Great Desire:*

- For God’s Glory!
 - The Great Desire That Jesus Had:
 - For God, His Father:
 - To Be Glorified:
 - In This World & In His Life!
 - And - This Is What We Find:
 - In 12:27a - Where Jesus First Reveals:
- The Struggle:
 - Of His Own Soul:
 - Since He Knew That:
 - His Hour Had Finally Come!
 - “Now Is My Soul Troubled!”
 - He Said!
 - The Word Translated:
 - “Trouble” - Is Used Elsewhere:
 - For The Agitation Caused:
 - By Storms Or By Enemies!
 - And So - After Spending Some Time:
 - Thinking About:
 - The Meaning Of This Hour:
 - And Its Purpose & Plan & Point & Promise:
 - That He Shared With Both His Disciples & The Greeks!
 - Those Thoughts:
 - Affected The Deepest Part:
 - Of Jesus Nature - So That:
 - He Was “Troubled!”
 - Because He Knew That:
 - The Final Storm Clouds Of His Life & Ministry:
 - Where Gathering!
 - And - His Spiritual Predators:
 - Where Starting To Encircle Him As Their Prey!
 - But - Why Tell His Disciples This Now?
 - Perhaps It Was To Show Them That:
 - As The Last Hour Of His Life Progressed:
 - Nothing That He Was About To Face Would Move Him:

- From His Purpose!
- And That - Nothing Would Matter:
- To His Plan!
- But - In Spite Of:
 - The Great Struggle & Trouble:
 - He Was Going Through:
 - They Would See:
- The Submission:
 - Of His Soul:
 - To The Will Of His Father:
 - Through It All!
 - Which Is Why:
 - In 12:27 - Jesus Asked & Then Answered:
 - This Question - “And What Shall I Say?”
 - That Is - How Should He React To The Trouble He Felt?
 - Now - There Would Have Been:
 - Plenty For Us To Say:
 - If We Knew What Jesus Knew:
 - About Our Struggles & Troubles In Life!
 - But - Jesus Knew There Were Only:
 - Two Options For Him!
 - To Escape Them - Or:
 - To Endure Them!
 - But - Even Though:
 - There May Have Been Two Options - Really:
 - There Was Only One Choice!
 - And So - When It Came To:
 - To The Option Of Escape:
 - Jesus Would Not Make This Plea:
 - To His Father!
 - **IE**: Escape Room - Goal - Try To Get Out & Escape - Get Hints If Too Tough - For Jesus - Not Even A Hint To Escape Here!
 - So - Jesus Said His Thoughts:
 - Out Loud - In The Rest Of 12:27:
 - “And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? But for this cause came I unto this hour!”
 - Jesus Knew That:
 - The Cause For His Coming:
 - Was Suffering - That Would Lead To His Sacrifice!
 - And No Matter:
 - How Troubling This Would Be To Him:
 - He Would Not Seek To Escape It!
 - Instead - What He *Would* Say:
 - That We Find In 12:28:
 - Would Reveal:
- The Seeking:
 - Of His Soul!
 - Which He Said In A Prayer:
 - “Father, Glorify Thy Name!”
 - And - This Was:
 - Jesus’ Greatest Desire:
 - In The Face Of All:
 - The Pressures & Struggles & Troubles:
 - Of His Soul!
 - Jesus Wanted:
 - The Name Of His Father:
 - To Be Glorified:
 - Even In Such An Hour Of Darkness:

- For His Son!
- Now - What Did Jesus Mean By This?
 - Well - First:
 - When It Comes To His Father's Name:
 - His Name - Like So Many Other Names In The Bible:
 - Represents His Entire Nature & Character!
 - So His Father's Name:
 - Refers To God In All Of His Attributes!
 - So - Everything That Makes Up God:
 - Is Included In The Father's Name!
 - And - Jesus' Greatest Desire Was For:
 - His Father To Glorify His Name!
 - Now - The "Glory" Of God In The Bible:
 - Refers To The Visible Manifestation Of God's Attributes!
 - And - When They Are All Put Together:
 - It Is Often Seen As Light!
 - But - To "Glorify" God:
 - Means To Recognize That Glory!
 - To Be Able To See It & Respond To It!
 - And So - By Praying this Prayer:
 - Jesus Wanted His Father:
 - Even In His Final Hour!
 - To Reveal The Fulness Of His Glory:
 - As God The Father:
 - To Everyone & In Every Place! In Heaven & In Earth!
 - What A Desire!
 - And - What A Way To Pray!
 - Especially With Jesus Knowing:
 - What Was About To Come!
 - Because - When It Comes To:
 - The Glory Of God:
 - Nothing Can Get In Its Way!
 - And - Through His Prayer:
 - Those Who Come To & Believe In Jesus:
 - Can Start To Have The Same Desire:
 - For The Glory Of God:
 - In Their Own Lives & Through Their Own Circumstances!
 - But Then - What We Find Next:
 - In 12:28 - Is That:
 - The Father Answers The Prayer:
 - Of His Son!
 - Even In An:
 - Open & Audible Way!
 - And This Shows Us:

2. ***The Great Determination:***

- Of God's Glory!
 - The Great Determination That God Has:
 - To Glorify His Name:
 - In Everything In This World!
 - And So - In 12:28b - John Tells Us That:
 - "Then came there a voice from heaven, [saying], I have both glorified [it], and will glorify [it] again!"
 - So - Jesus Prayed To His Father:
 - In Heaven - And Received An Answer Immediately:
 - From Heaven!
 - And - His Father's Answer Is:
 - In Two Parts!

- The First Part:
 - Has To Do With:
 - The Past Display:
 - Of God's Glory!
 - "I Have Glorified It!"
 - The Father Says!
 - "I Have Glorified My Name Already!"
 - He Implies!
 - And - This Shows That:
 - God The Father Answered:
 - Jesus' Prayer:
 - Even Before It Was Asked!
 - But - How Has God:
 - Glorified His Name - And:
 - Revealed Himself Already:
 - To This World?
 - Well - God Revealed His Glory:
 - First - In Creation!
 - What He Made:
 - By His Own Voice & Through His Own Word!
 - Isn't This What We Are Told:
 - In Psalm 19:1-3?
 - "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. / Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. / [There is] no speech nor language, [where] their voice is not heard!"
 - May The Lord Open Our Eyes:
 - To See His Glory More:
 - In The Creation He Has Made!
 - But Also - God Revealed His Glory:
 - In Christ - Himself!
 - In The Birth & Life:
 - Of His Eternal Son:
 - Jesus Christ!
 - In Hebrews 1:3 - We Are Even Told That:
 - Jesus Is "The Brightness Of His Glory, And The Express Image Of His Person!"
 - Which Means That All That The Father Is - Jesus Is!
 - Yet, In His Own Person!
 - And In 2 Corinthians 4:6 - We Are Told That:
 - "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ!"
 - So - It Is Jesus Who Reveals To Us The Glory Of God:
 - In All Of Its Fulness!
 - After All - According To Colossians 1:15:
 - Jesus Himself Is:
 - The Very "Image Of The Invisible God!"
 - And So - In Both Creation & In Christ:
 - God Has Revealed His Glory Already!
 - And - We Need To Pray That:
 - God Would Give Us The Eyes To See More Of His Glory:
 - In These Ways!
 - But Then - Also In Answer:
 - To Jesus' Prayer:
- The Second Part:
 - Has To Do With:
 - The Future Display:
 - Of God's Glory!
 - Because - 12:28b - The Father Says:

- "I Have Both Glorified It, And Will Glorify It Again!"
 - So - The Father Will Glorify His Name:
 - Yet Again!
 - A Promise That Points To A Future Revelation Of His Glory!
- Now - Certainly - God Will Reveal His Glory:
 - In The Consummation:
 - Of All Things - That Will Come:
 - At The Very End Of This Creation!
 - In Revelation 21:23 - When The New Heavens & The New Earth Are Established:
 - And The New Jerusalem Comes Down Out Of Heaven - We Are Told That:
 - "The city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof!"
 - So - The Fulness Of God's Glory:
 - Will Be Expressed & Experienced:
 - One Day - Without Any Cloud Or Shadow To Veil It!
- But - In The Context Of Jesus' Prayer:
 - God The Father Is Referring To:
 - Especially - The Glory That He Will Reveal:
 - In The Cross!
 - Because - In A Most Magnificent Way:
 - God Reveals The Fulness Of Every Attribute That He Possesses:
 - In This Final Hour:
 - Of Jesus' Life!
 - Such As His:
 - Truth (Promises & Prophecies Fulfilled), Righteousness, Love, Wrath, Mercy, Life, Light, Power, Wisdom, Holiness, Etc!
- And So - God The Father:
 - Was As Determined As His Son:
 - To Glorify His Name - And:
 - To Display All That He Is:
 - To This World!
 - Because - From The Creation:
 - All The Way To The Consummation:
 - The Glory Of God:
 - Is Consistent!
 - His Glory Never:
 - Decreases Or Increases!
 - It Is The Same Glory:
 - Because It Is The Same God!
 - He Has Always Been - And:
 - He Ever Will Be:
 - Glorious In All Of His Nature!
 - And - There Is Nothing:
 - That Can Ever Get In The Way:
 - Of God's Glory!
 - And - This Answer From Heaven:
 - Would Certainly Have Been:
 - A Great Comfort To Jesus!
 - And - It Could Have Been:
 - A Great Confirmation About Jesus:
 - To Those Around Him That Day:
 - If They Had The Ears To Hear:
 - The Father's Answer To His Son!
 - But - What Do We Find In 12:29?
 - "The people therefore, that stood by, and heard [it], said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him!"
 - Sadly - So Many Of The People:
 - Did Not Hear Or Understand:

- These Words From Heaven!
- Some Thought The Sound:
 - Was Just Thunder:
 - Rumbling Through The Sky:
 - From Some Unseen Storm Coming Up!
- Others Thought They Heard Words:
 - But - They Were Just Words:
 - Of An Angel!
 - Not From God!
- Whatever They Heard:
 - They Focused More On:
 - The Manner Of The Sound:
 - Than The Message & The Meaning!
- And - May This Not Be True For Us Today!
 - We Need To Remember That:
 - God Is Still Determined To:
 - Glorify His Name:
 - In This World & In Our Lives!
 - No Matter What We Face!
- And - As He Glorifies His Name:
 - Will We? Will You:
 - Glorify His Name As Well?
 - By Responding To His Glory As Jesus Did!
- Remember - In 12:30 - Jesus Even Tells The Crowd:
 - “Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes!”
 - Jesus Already Knew The Answer:
 - That His Father Would Send Him!
 - So - The Answer Was For:
 - Us - Not Him!
 - So That We Might:
 - See & Seek His Glory:
 - In All Things!
 - Even As Jesus Did!
- But Then - After Jesus:
 - Expressed His Desire:
 - For God’s Glory - And:
 - After The Father:
 - Revealed His Determination:
 - To Reveal His Glory!
 - We Then Can See:

3. ***The Great Display:***

- Of God’s Glory!
 - The Great Display:
 - Through Jesus’ Final Hour!
 - Which We Find In 12:31-33 - “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. / And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all [men] unto me. / This he said, signifying what death he should die!”
 - In These Verses:
 - Jesus Reveals Three Ways:
 - That God’s Glory Will Be Revealed:
 - In The Final Hour:
 - In His Life!
- First - The Decision:
 - Against The World!
 - “Now Is The Judgment Of This World!”
 - This Is An Ironic Statement:
 - Especially As We Know What Is To Come!

- Though The World:
 - Would Be Making Its Judgment About Christ:
 - In Just A Few Days Time:
 - In Reality - They Will Be Experiencing The Judgment Of God:
 - For Their Own Rebellion & Rejection Of Jesus!
- And - When This Final Hour:
 - Of Jesus Life Would Come To Its End:
 - The Age-Old Question That Abraham Asked God Back In Genesis 18:25 Finds Its Answer!
 - The Question:
 - “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”
 - The Answer:
 - Always & Only!
- And So - God’s Final Judgment:
 - On The World:
 - Had Come In That Hour!
 - And - God Will Judge The World:
 - Based On How:
 - It Responds To His Son!
- And - In This Way:
 - God’s Glory Is Displayed!
 - Even In Judgment!
 - But Then:
- Second - The Defeat:
 - Of The Devil:
 - Is Another Way:
 - God’s Glory Was To Be Displayed:
 - In Jesus’ Final Hour!
 - “Now Shall The Prince Of This World Be Cast Out!”
 - Which Means That:
 - Whatever Throne He Had:
 - In This World:
 - Will Be Taken From Him Forever!
 - And - The “Prince” Of This World:
 - Will Be Defeated & Dethroned:
 - By The King Of Kings!
 - Even His King!
 - And So - Through The Judgment:
 - Of Both The World & Its Prince:
 - God’s Glory Will Be:
 - Fully Manifested:
 - For All To See!
 - But - It All Comes Through:
- Third - The Death:
 - Of Christ!
 - Because - Even As God’s Glory:
 - Through Judgment Is Being Revealed:
 - On The World & Its Prince:
 - At The Same Time - Jesus Adds - 12:32 - “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all [men] unto me!”
 - So - Even In The Midst Of God’s:
 - Wrath & Judgment:
 - He Remembers Mercy!
 - And That Mercy Is Found At The Cross Of Christ!
 - Even That Old Rugged, Roman Cross On Which He Would Be “Lifted Up!”
 - We Know That Jesus Is Talking About His Death:
 - Because Of What John Adds In:

- 12:33 - "This he said, signifying what death he should die!"
- But - Through The Cross:
 - God Glorifies His Name Even More:
 - By Using Death:
 - To Draw "All Men" To:
 - Jesus!
- What A Mystery The Gospel Is!
 - That Which Troubled Jesus:
 - Would Turn To His Greatest Triumph!
- So That Those Who:
 - Are Troubled In Their Own Souls:
 - On Account Of Their Own Struggles & Sin & Struggles With Sin:
 - May Find Triumph At Last By Turning To & Trusting In The One Who Hung On The Tree!
- Now - We Know That:
 - One Day - "All Men" - Will Be:
 - Drawn To Christ:
 - As King!
 - Because - As We Are Told In:
 - Philippians 2 - Every Knee:
 - Shall Bow Before Him!
- But - Today:
 - "All Men" Can Be Drawn To Jesus:
 - No Matter If They Are:
 - Jew Or Gentile!
 - Male Or Female!
 - Bond Or Free!
- And - In This Way:
 - And - In That Hour:
 - The Glory Of God:
 - Was On Full Display!
 - Have You Seen It?
 - Do You Believe It?
 - Are You Drawn To It - To Him?
 - More & More?
 - Remember - Nothing Can Get In The Way:
 - Of God's Glory!
 - But - Pray That Your Eyes:
 - Might Be Opened More & More To Its Display!

Conclusion:

1. Otherwise - We See The Result Of:
 - Those Who Are Blind To It:
 - In 12:34 - "The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?"
 - They Just Couldn't Make Sense Of:
 - What Jesus Said!
 - So - What Kind Of "Son Of Man" Was:
 - The One He Was Talking About?
 - One That Would Die:
 - Instead Of Live Forever?
2. It Seems At This Point:
 - Those Who Welcomed Jesus:
 - As Their King - At The Triumphal Entry:
 - Were Starting To Question:
 - His Credentials After All!
 - Which Would Lead To A Complete Reversal Of Their Opinion Of Him!
3. But Still - Nothing Could Get In The Way:

- Of God Displaying His Glory:
 - To The World - Through His Son:
 - On The Cross!
- Which Is Why Paul:
 - Would Say - Galatians 6:14:
 - “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!”
- 4. May Christ’s Desire:
 - Be Our Desire:
 - To Behold More & More Of:
 - God’s On Glory!
 - In Creation!
 - At The Consummation!
 - But - Ultimately:
 - In Christ - And:
 - At The Cross!

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