



## Jesus Is Glorified Through Service John 12:26

### Introduction

We are currently walking through **John 12:20-33**.

Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, **wanted to see Jesus**. The word translated “**see**” comes from the Greek word “**Eidon**” meaning to perceive, to clearly comprehend, to become aware, to experience Jesus in a real way.

Jesus replied to them in v.23 “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be **glorified.**”

**The hour has come for everyone to see exactly who Jesus is!**

In **John 12:23** the word translated “**glorified**” comes from the word “**doxazo**” meaning to enhance the reputation of another. To praise, to honor, to hold in high esteem, to elevate in status, to recognize and honor splendid greatness.

In **John 12:24-33** we get “**to see**” Jesus glorified.

### **Six Ways Jesus is Glorified:**

#### **1. Jesus is Glorified through Multiplication**

#### **2. Jesus is Glorified through the Upside Down Life**

Last week we examined **John 12:25** and discovered Jesus is glorified through the Upside Down Life.

**What exactly is the upside down life?**

Jesus preached early and often about the kingdom of God. Jesus talked about a way of life that was radically different. Jesus talked about a life that was upside down, a life much different than the standards and values of the world. Jesus described a new concept of power, influence and success. Jesus declared those deemed greatest by the world's standards would lose their life and those who follow His example and live with a spirit of true humility and a servant's heart would be elevated in the Kingdom of God.

In this world there are two ways we can live our life:

**A. The one who loves his life will lose it**

**B. The one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.**

Today we are going to continue discover: Jesus is glorified through Service.

## Scripture

If anyone serves me, he must follow me. Where I am, there my servant also will be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. CSB

## Quotes Of The Day

“Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love.” – Mother Teresa

## Six Ways Jesus is Glorified:

### 3. Jesus is Glorified through Service v.26

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## Three important phrases to understand in v.26

### If anyone **Serves me**

The word translated “**serves**” comes from the Greek word “**Diakoneo**” meaning to function as an intermediary, to act as a go-between, to be an agent that represents another.

## **Those who serve Jesus become the hands, the feet, the ears and the voice of Jesus to a world that is hurting and broken.**

We serve Jesus when we see others like Jesus sees them.

We serve Jesus when we have compassion for others like Jesus has compassion for others.

We serve Jesus when we help others like Jesus helped others.

We serve Jesus when we give to others like Jesus gave to others.

Meaningful service to others come authentic motives.

## **When it comes to serving others our Motives matter!**

If we serve others to be seen, to be heard, or to bring attention to ourselves Jesus said we have our reward.

**Matthew 6:1-4** “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward with your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup>So whenever you give to the poor, don’t sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be applauded by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the poor, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” CSB

Jesus said in **Matthew 5:14-16** “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” CSB

### **Three important phrases to understand in v.26**

#### he must **Follow me**

The word translated “**follow**” comes from the Greek word “**Akoloutheo**” meaning to submit to another and walk in the same direction.

To follow or accompany someone who takes the lead. To follow as a student would follow a teacher.

Those who serve Jesus must be “**imitators**” of Jesus.

**Ephesians 5:1-4** “. . . be imitators of God, as dearly loved children, <sup>2</sup>and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God. <sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and any impurity or greed should not even be heard of among you, as is proper for saints. <sup>4</sup>Obscene and foolish talking or crude joking are not suitable, but rather giving thanks. <sup>5</sup>For know and recognize this: Every sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, who is an idolater, does not have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.” CSB

The word translated “**imitators**” comes from the Greek word “**Mimetes**” in this context means the person who seeks to be like Jesus regarding His Character, His Compassion, His Motives, His Message, His Ministry, and His all aspects of His life.

**James 1:22-25** describes the life of an imitator “But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup>Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at his own face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of person he was. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks intently into the perfect law

of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who works—this person will be blessed in what he does.” CSB

**Galatians 5:16-25** “I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don’t do what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things—as I warned you before—that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things. <sup>24</sup>Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.” CSB

### **What does an imitator of Jesus really look like?**

It looks like Tim a down syndrome child who attended Ninevah Baptist Church— He wanted to be like his father.

### **A person who follows Jesus will seek to be just like HIM!**

**1 John 2:3-6** This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup>The one who says, “I have come to know him,” and yet doesn’t keep his commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>But whoever keeps his word, truly in him the love of God is made complete. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup>The one who says he remains in him should walk just as he walked. CSB

### **Three important phrases to understand in v.26**

the Father will honor him

The word translate “**honor**” comes from the Greek word “**Timao**” meaning to show high regard for.

For every follower of Christ there is coming a day when we will receive our reward for our service here on the earth.

**Matthew 25:31-40** “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>’ ‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ CSB

**At the Judgment seat of Christ Jesus will recognize the Distinguished Service of every follower of Christ and present Crowns accordingly.**

**Scripture reveals Five Crowns that followers of Christ can win:**

**The Incorruptible Crown / The Victor’s Crown**

**I Corinthians 9:25-27** Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable crown. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run like one who runs aimlessly or box like one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified. CSB

Every follower of Christ who **disciplines their body and mind to obey the Word and Will of God** will be recognized for Distinguished Service and will receive the Imperishable/ The Victor's Crown.

### Crown Of Rejoicing/ The Soul Winners Crown

**1 Thessalonians 2:19-20** For who is our hope or joy or crown of boasting in the presence of our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> Indeed you are our glory and joy! CSB

Every follower of Christ that **intentionally seeks to lead people to faith in Christ** will be recognized for distinguished service and will receive the Crown Of Rejoicing— The Soul Winners Crown.

**Proverbs 11:30** The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; And he that winneth souls *is* wise. KJV

### Crown Of Righteousness

**2 Timothy 4:7-8** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved his appearing. CSB

Every follower of Christ that **lives with purpose, determination and urgency** will be recognized for their distinguished service and will receive The Crown Of Righteousness.

### Crown Of Life

**James 1:12** Blessed is the one who endures trials, because when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. CSB

Every follower of Christ that **endures trials, suffers persecution, experiences affliction and is faithful to the end** will be recognized for their distinguished service and will receive the Crown Of Life.

## **Crown Of Glory / Crown For Service**

**I Peter 5:2-4** Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not out of greed for money but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. CSB

**Every follower of Christ that has the opportunity to lead the people of God and have positions of leadership in the local church and leads well with the proper motives and lives as an example of Christ will be recognized for their distinguished service and will receive the Crown Of Glory.**

**Matthew 19:27-30** Then Peter responded to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you. So what will there be for us?" <sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, in the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields because of my name will receive a hundred times more and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first. CSB