



Jesus Is Glorified Through His Affirmation John 12:28-30

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**
- 3. Jesus is Glorified through Service**
- 4. Jesus is Glorified through His Purpose**

Today we will discover: Jesus is glorified through His Affirmation
In **John 12:28-33** Jesus is glorified through:

5. His Affirmation

Scripture

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Quotes Of The Day

I am a historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history. —H.G. Wells

There was no identity crisis in the life of Jesus Christ. He knew who He was. He knew where He had come from, and why he was here. And he knew where He was going. And when you are that liberated, then you can serve. — Howard Hendricks

In **John 12:28-30** Jesus reveals the importance and significance of glorifying God with our life.

There are two ways we can live our life:

We can live for ourselves— Pursuing our desires, our passions and our pursuits, enjoy a few fleeting moments but ultimately gain nothing but dissatisfaction, emptiness and frustration.

Have you ever heard the phrase “I wish I knew then what I know now”?

I wish I would have known in my teenage years the greatest and most significant thing in my life is to Glorify God with my life!

When I was growing up in my early teens, peer pressure, lack of self-esteem and other factors led me to believe if somehow I could be “**cool**” people would like me, I would have many friends and my life would be much better.

Well I learned trying to be “**cool**” trying to be something I am not is humiliating, and being “**cool**” is like chasing after the wind.

King Solomon in **Ecclesiastes 1:14** said this “I have seen all the things that are done under the sun and have found everything to be futile, a pursuit of the wind.” CSB

Throughout the book of Ecclesiastes the phrase “**Chasing after the wind**” is found seven times.

The phrase “**chasing after the wind**” refers to the futility and emptiness of many human desires and pursuits. “**Chasing after the wind**” is impossible — no matter how hard we try, we can never capture the wind. “**Chasing after the wind**” is pointless— What would we do with the wind if we could catch it?

Throughout Ecclesiastes, King Solomon reflects on the meaning and purpose of life, observing that much of what people strive for—wealth, knowledge, pleasure, accomplishments and fame—can ultimately feel meaningless or unsatisfying without a deeper purpose.

I John 2:16 “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one’s possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.” CSB

There are two ways we can live our life: We can live for ourselves or—

We can live to glorify God— Scripture emphasizes the importance bringing Glory to God with our life.

I Corinthians 6:19-20 “Don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought at a price. **So glorify God with your body.**” CSB

I Corinthians 10:31 “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do everything for the glory of God.**” CSB

Romans 12:1-2 “Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.** ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.” CSB

Philippians 1:20-21 “My eager expectation and hope is that I will not be ashamed about anything, but that now as always, with all courage, Christ will be highly honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” CSB

The central theme of Scripture is the Redemption of Humanity.

From **Genesis 3:15** “I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” CSB

Isaiah 53:1-6 “Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground. He didn’t have an impressive form or majesty that we should look at him, no appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn’t value him. ⁴Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him,

and we are healed by his wounds. “We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all.” CSB

John 3:16 “For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” CSB

The Bible is focused on the life, sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When we understand the central theme of Scripture we begin to understand the importance of giving glory to God.

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John 12:28-30 reveals the significance of glorifying God in our life.

Jesus is glorified through:

5. His Affirmation vv.28-30

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To “**affirm**” means to give assurance about the validity of someone.

Jesus “**affirmed**” — The life of Jesus gave validity to the presence, the power and the love of God.

Jesus gave glory to God throughout His life and in His death, as a result God spoke and gave Jesus affirmation .

Matthew 3:16-17 “When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. ¹⁷ **And a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased.”** CSB

Matthew 17:1-6 “After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. ²He was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun; his clothes became as white as the light. ³Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it’s good for us to be here. If you want, I will set up three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!”** ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown and were terrified. CSB

What does glorifying God mean? We glorify God when we exchange our own selfish feelings and desires for the desires and interests of God.

Jesus glorified and affirmed the name of God.

Jesus glorified God throughout His life:

The Message of Jesus Glorified God

The Ministry of Jesus Glorified God

The Miracles of Jesus Glorified God

Jesus glorified God through His death

Luke 22:42 “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me—nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” CSB

Isaiah 53:10-12 “Yet the Lord was pleased to crush him severely. When you make him a guilt offering, he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and by his hand, the Lord’s pleasure will be accomplished. ¹¹ After his

anguish, he will see light and be satisfied. By his knowledge, my righteous servant will justify many, and he will carry their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will give him the many as a portion, and he will receive the mighty as spoil, because he willingly submitted to death, and was counted among the rebels; yet he bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels.” CSB

What does glorifying God look like?

Glorifying God looks like Jesus!

Philippians 2:5-11 “**Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,** ⁶who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. ⁷Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, ⁸he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. ⁹For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” CSB

In this passage of Scripture the Apostle Paul describes the life of Jesus and how we should live like Him!

Philippians 2:5-11 reveals Four Attributes of Glorifying God in our Life

Glorifying God comes from:

Humility vv.5-6

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Jesus left the presence of God in heaven,

John 1:1-4 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³All things

were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. ⁴In him was life,⁵ and that life was the light of men.” CSB

John 1:10-14 “He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, ¹³who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” CSB

Commitment v.7

Instead **He emptied Himself** by assuming the form of a servant, **taking on the likeness of humanity.** CSB

The phrase translated “**He emptied Himself**” comes from the Greek word “**Ken-o-o**” meaning to willingly give up Prominence, Position and power. To make empty, to remove everything.

Jesus gave up everything, and took up the likeness of humanity.

Service v.7

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The word translated “**servant**” comes from the Greek word “**doulas**” meaning one who is solely committed to another.

Matthew 6:24 “No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” CSB

Jesus was solely committed to glorifying God with His life!

Obedience vv.7b-8

“ . . . taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.” CSB

John 10:17-18 “This is why the Father loves me, because **I lay down my life so that I may take it up again.** ¹⁸**No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.**” CSB

What is the result of glorifying God?

John 12:28 “Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

God glorifies and affirms those who glorify and affirm Him.

The highest and greatest achievement in this life is to make much of Jesus and glorify His name.

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When we glorify Jesus we glorify God the Father and just as Jesus affirmed God the Father, and God the Father affirmed Jesus— everyone who glorifies Jesus will be affirmed by God.

Dr. R.C. Sproul writes in his commentary John that “when the Son is exalted and honored, the Father is honored as well, because the Father and the Son are one.” It is impossible to glorify the Son of God without also glorifying the Father, and vice versa. Those who will not glorify the Son will not glorify the Father. As we glorify the Son, we cannot help but glorify the Father. As Christians, we declare the glory of God the Son, that all might glorify Him and God the Father.

Matthew 5:16 “. . . let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” CSB