



“We Want To See Jesus”

John 12:20-33

Introduction

Last week we examined **John 12:12-19** and we discovered three powerful insights regarding the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

The Triumphal Entry of Jesus reveals:

The Confirmation of Jesus the Messiah

Jesus confirms He is the Messiah through His Words

Jesus confirms He is the Messiah through His Works

The Celebration of Jesus the Messiah

Praise is the authentic and natural response of every believer who experiences the presence and power of Jesus at work in our life!

The Condemnation of Jesus the Messiah

We learned people reject Jesus in one of two ways:

Passive Rejection

A person who passively rejects Jesus is a person who believes Jesus is **Good for my life** but He is **NOT the Master of my life**.

Rebellious Rejection

Jude 16-19 These people are discontented grumblers, living according to their desires; their mouths utter arrogant words, flattering people for their own advantage. ¹⁷ But you, dear friends, remember what was predicted by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ They told you, “In the end time there will be scoffers living according to their own ungodly desires.”
¹⁹ These people create divisions and are worldly, not having the Spirit.

Scripture mentions four characteristics of a scoffer.

Scoffers do not take God seriously

Scoffers treat God with contempt

Scoffers ridicule and reject the Word of God

Scoffers ridicule and reject the people of God— especially pastors and leaders in the church.

Today we are going to discover six ways Jesus is Glorified.

Scripture

Now some Greeks were among those who went up to worship at the festival.

²¹ So they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and requested of him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.”

²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied to them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

²⁴ Truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains by itself. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.

²⁵ The one who loves his life will lose it, and the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶ 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.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. What should I say—Father, save me from this hour? But that is why I came to this hour.

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

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰ Jesus responded, “This voice came, not for me, but for you.

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

³² As for me, if I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all people to myself.”

³³ He said this to indicate what kind of death he was about to die. CSB

Quotes Of The Day

Now to him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of his glory, without blemish and with great joy, ²⁵to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now and forever. Amen. — Jude 24-25

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal. — Albert Pine

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.

People were attracted to Jesus because of His Message, His Ministry and His Miracles.

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**
- 5. Jesus is Glorified through His Affirmation**
- 6. Jesus is Glorified through His Death on the Cross.**

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The context of **John 12** is the celebration of the Passover.

The story of the Passover is found in **Exodus 12**.

The Passover was the tenth and final plague that finally convinced Pharaoh to let the Israelites go and escape from captivity.

Exodus 12: 12-14 I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night and strike every firstborn male in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. I am the Lord; I will execute judgments against all the gods of Egypt. ¹³**The blood on the houses where you are staying will be a distinguishing mark for you; when I see the blood, I will pass over you.** No plague will be among you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴“This day is

to be a memorial for you, and you must celebrate it as a festival to the Lord.” CSB

Jesus multiplied Himself— The ONE for the many!

Romans 5:12 says, “just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned.” CSB

Romans 5:15-19 “But the gift is not like the trespass. For if by the one man’s trespass the many died, how much more have the grace of God and the gift which comes through the grace of the one man Jesus Christ overflowed to the many. ¹⁶And the gift is not like the one man’s sin, because from one sin came the judgment, resulting in condemnation, but from many trespasses came the gift, resulting in justification. ¹⁷If by the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸**So then, as through one trespass there is condemnation for everyone, so also through one righteous act there is justification leading to life for everyone.** ¹⁹**For just as through one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.**” CSB

Jesus gave Himself and died on the cross.

I John 2:1-2 says, “My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the righteous one. ²**He himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.**” CSB

Jesus became the Atoning Sacrifice— the ONE for the many.

Jesus multiplied Himself— He is the first fruits of the dead.

John 11:25-26 “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. ²⁶Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” CSB

I Corinthians 15:20-22 But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. ²²**For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.** CSB

John 14:18-19 “I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. CSB

Jesus multiplies Himself through those who follow Him—

Matthew 16:24 “Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” CSB

Romans 6:6-13 “For we know that our old self⁶ was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, ⁷since a person who has died is freed from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him, ⁹because we know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will not die again. Death no longer rules over him. ¹⁰For the death he died, he died to sin once for all time; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you obey its desires. ¹³And do not offer any parts of it to sin as weapons for unrighteousness. **But as those who are alive from the dead, offer yourselves to God, and all the parts of yourselves to God as weapons for righteousness.**” CSB

What does dying to ourselves and becoming a Weapon of Righteousness look like?

It looks like the Parabolani in Cartage 252 AD.

Malcolm Duncan in his book Risk Takers says: They were known as “the Parabolani” based on the Greek word for “to risk my life.”

Philippians 2:25-30 But I considered it necessary to send you Epaphroditus—my brother, coworker, and fellow soldier, as well as your messenger and minister to my need—²⁶since he has been longing for all of you and was distressed because you heard that he was sick. ²⁷Indeed, he was so sick that he nearly died. However, God had mercy on him, and not only on him but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸For this reason, I am very eager to send him so that you may rejoice again when you see him and I may be less anxious. ²⁹Therefore, welcome him in the Lord with great joy and hold people like him in honor, ³⁰because he came close to death for the work of Christ, **risking his life** to make up what was lacking in your ministry to me. CSB

The movement began in Carthage in 252 AD and lasted several hundred years. **It was a group of people willing to “risk everything” for the sake of the Gospel.**

Here's the story: Like many other places around the same time, Carthage was petrified of the plague. It brought death and disaster when it struck and it was merciless in its sweep, claiming the lives of all who stood in its path. So, when an outbreak of the plague struck the city in AD 252, the local authorities acted swiftly and decisively. Dead bodies were disposed of and those who were suspected of having been contaminated were put outside the city walls. The impact was enormous suffering and death and disease on an epic scale. The Bishop of Carthage at the time, Cyprian, also acted swiftly. He called the church together and invited them to go and live among the sick and dying. He challenged them to give up the comfort and security of their own well-being and to step into the world of the rejected and the forgotten, Cyprian set the example of Epaphroditus as an inspiration.

The **Parabolani** became a movement that served the broken, the poor, the forgotten and the vulnerable. Inspired by the example of Epaphroditus, they too gave up the security of what they knew and embarked on the adventure of a lifetime as they served those whom others rejected.

In our present situation, we are called and challenged to live by faith not fear. We are called to selflessness instead of self-protection. From the

example of Epaphroditus and ultimately Jesus Christ. Citation: Malcolm Duncan, Risk Takers (Monarch, 2013), p. 60

Just as Jesus died and was raised from the dead every one who has made the commitment to follow Christ must die to self so we can live a new life in Him. Just as a seed must enter the earth and die before it can become a thriving plant above ground, we also must die to our old selves before we can blossom in the newness of Christ.

What happens when we deny ourselves and follow Jesus?

John 6:1-14 tells the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 men plus women and children.

In this passage of Scripture there are two prominent questions—

1. ⁵ Therefore, when Jesus looked up and noticed a huge crowd coming toward Him, He asked Philip, **“Where will we buy bread so these people can eat?”**
2. ⁹ **“There’s a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish—but what are they for so many?”**

When I think about the last question— **“but what are they among so many?”** I think about this—

Significant Problem— Thousands of people were hungry. Two hundred days wages wouldn’t be enough money to buy each person one piece of bread much less feed them a meal. Plus there was no place close by to purchase this amount of food.

Small Gift— Five barley loaves and two small fish— **“What are they among so many?”**

Supernatural Moment— Jesus took what the young boy gave Him and did miraculous things.

“Can one person really make that much of a difference?”

Paul Tripp in his article “Don’t Forget About The Boy” gives significant insight to this life changing miracle—No one in the crowd would have thought that this boy mattered. No one would have imagined that what he was carrying in his little basket would not only be the provision of the moment, but the basis of one of the most significant miracles recorded in the Gospels. We will never know which person God will use, and how. That means that we're never just lost in the crowd. We're never without anything to offer. We never know who the Lord will utilize in ways that we can't predict, or haven't intended. The Lord knows us all. He knows where we are, what we have, and how we can be used to accomplish His Will. He is the Divine Author over each and every moment, He is writing our stories. God can do eternally amazing things with the little fragments of our lives that we're carrying around and that we tend to think aren't worth much.
Citation: [Don’t Forget About The Boy, August 21, 2017 Paul Tripp.](#)

We should ask ourselves this question— “I wonder what would happen if . . .”

I wonder what would happen if I died to myself and gave what I had to Jesus?

IF I GIVE WHAT I HAVE TO JESUS—

- 1. Jesus Will Take It v.11**
- 2. Jesus Will Bless It v.11**
- 3. Jesus Will Break it— Matthew 14:18-19**
- 4. Jesus Will Multiply It— vv.11-12**
- 5. Jesus Will Bless Others vv.11-13**
- 6. Jesus Will Be Glorified vv.14-15**

