



Jesus Is Glorified Through His Purpose

John 12:27-33

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**

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

Three important phrases to understand in v.26

If anyone **Serves me**

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

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.

Those who serve Jesus are called to be “**imitators**” of Jesus.

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel— “The Good News of Jesus” the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: **The righteous will live by faith.**

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 19:27-30 Then Peter responded to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you. So what will there be for us?” 28 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. 29 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. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first. CSB

Today we are going to discover: Jesus is glorified through His Purpose.

Scripture

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

Quote Of The Day

You will invest your life in something, or you will throw it away on nothing.—Haddon Robinson

Have you ever heard of the phrase “**Absurdism?**”

Absurdism is the philosophical theory that the universe is irrational and meaningless. **Absurdism** states that trying to find meaning in life leads people into conflict with a seemingly meaningless world.

An overview of “**Absurdism**” is found in the Greek mythological story of Sisyphus. The gods were displeased with his arrogance and punished him with the futile task of pushing a rock up a hill, then having the rock roll back down every time he reached the top.

Classical interpretations of this mythological story view it as an allegory for the futility of trying to escape death. No matter how powerful or clever a person is, we are all doomed to meet the same fate. However, the contemporary interpretation view this mythological story not as a simple parable about the inevitability of death but more like a metaphor for the drudgery and monotony of our own lives.

Every day we wake up, make coffee, go to work, stare at a computer for hours, get yelled at by our boss, stare at the computer some more, then travel back home, spend hours on social media, binge Netflix or watch endless videos on YouTube while eating dinner, go to bed and then wake up and do it all over again. Just like Sisyphus, we seem condemned to repeat the same meaningless tasks over and over and over.

Many people in America do this every day as though we're sleepwalking, never waking up or stopping to ask why. For some of us, one day we are

riding in our car or standing on a street corner preparing to go to work, when in an instant we're struck by the strangeness of it all. Suddenly nothing appears to have purpose. Life is haphazard and meaningless. We look around and we whisper to ourself: **Why are all of these people in such a hurry? For that matter, why am I? What's the point of all this? Why am I even alive? Does my life even have purpose?**

Citation: Aperture, "Absurdism: Life is Meaningless," YouTube (4-9-23).

In this passage of Scripture Jesus reveals the significance and power of Purpose.

Purpose answers the question why?

Why am I here? Why do I exist?

There are three phrases in v.27 that help us understand the significance and power of Purpose.

1. Jesus said: "Now my soul is troubled"

2. "What should I say, Father save me from this hour?"

3. "But that is why I came to this hour?"

1. Jesus said: "Now my soul is troubled"

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The word translated "**soul**" comes from the Greek word "**Psuche**" meaning our innermost being, the seat, the center of the heart, the mind and emotion.

At the very core of Jesus, in His innermost being, in His heart, mind and emotion— He was "**troubled.**"

The word translated “**troubled**” comes from the Greek word “**Tarasso**” meaning to face difficulty or problems that lead to mental and emotional distress. To experience adversity or problems that make it difficult to function properly.

Jesus was troubled by: Jesus faced difficulty because of—

Rejection

Threats and Intimidation

False Accusations

Persecution

Lostness

False Religion

The goal in life is not to be the most popular, make the most money, gain the most things, or to live a life without trouble, heart ache, grief, pain, or hardship. Trouble is part of the human experience.

Jesus said: “Now my soul is troubled”

2. Jesus said: “What should I say, Father save me from this hour?”

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

In other words Jesus was saying— “Did I come to this powerful, life changing, eternity altering moment just to rollover and walk away?”

We know trouble is a part of life, how we respond in times of trouble reveals our resolve, our passion, our character and our determination to accomplish God’s Will and advance His Kingdom in our life.

The Apostle Paul faced trouble, trials and adversity of many kinds.

2 Corinthians 11:24-29 Paul says, “Five times I received the forty lashes minus one from the Jews. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I

received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day in the open sea. ²⁶ On frequent journeys, I faced dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own people, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, and dangers among false brothers; ²⁷ toil and hardship, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, cold, and without clothing. ²⁸ Not to mention other things, there is the daily pressure on me: my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation” CSB

When we suffer hardship, pain, adversity and discouragement the temptation to quit is real.

Galatians 6:9-10 “Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don’t give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.” CSB

Hebrews 12:2 teaches us how to persevere through times of trouble.

Hebrews 12:2 says, “**keeping our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

The phrase translated “**keeping our eyes**” comes from the Greek word “**aphorao**” meaning to concentrate the gaze upon, to focus, to look intently!

Keeping our eyes on Jesus in the context of **Hebrews 12:2** means to see Jesus clearly, to concentrate on Jesus, to have Jesus as the main emphasis of our life and purpose.

On April 23, 1910, at 3 pm in Paris, France former president of the United States Theodore Roosevelt gave what has become one of his most famous and inspiring speeches.

In his speech President Roosevelt spoke out against cynics who looked down at people who were trying to make the world a better place. He said, “The poorest way to face life is to face it with a sneer.”

“A cynical habit of thought and speech, a readiness to criticize work which the critic himself never tries to perform, an intellectual aloofness which will not accept contact with life's realities—all these are marks, not ... of superiority but of weakness.”

After his statement he then delivered an inspirational and impassioned message that drew huge applause: It has become known as—

“The Man In The Arena”

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." Citation: Mental Floss, Roosevelt's "The Man in the Arena" By Erin McCarthy, April 23, 2015

Being a follower of Christ will cost us something, it might cost us our family, our friends, our comfort, our way of living and even our own life but at some point we must be willing to trust God by faith and move forward to accomplish His will and advance His Kingdom on the earth.

Jesus said: “Now my soul is troubled” Jesus said: “What should I say, Father save me from this hour?”

3. Jesus said: “But that is why I came to this hour?”

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Luke 22:42 reveals the most significant moment in the history of world and all eternity— Jesus said **“Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me—nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”**

At some point in our life we must realize we are made with God’s purpose for our life in mind.

Psalm 139:13-18 “For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. ¹⁵ My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began. ¹⁷ God, how precious your thoughts are to me; how vast their sum is! ¹⁸ If I counted them, they would outnumber the grains of sand; when I wake up, I am still with you.” CSB

There are powerful moments in our life when we discover **“This is what I was created for, this why I am here!”**

“Let every man abide in the calling wherein he is called and his work will be as sacred as the work of the ministry. It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it is why he does it.”

— **A.W. Tozer**

Throughout the Scripture there are relatively few principles compared to the endless applications of these principles to our life.

Living with purpose is a principle Jesus often talked about—

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. CSB

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.” CSB

John 4:34 Jesus said: “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.” CSB

John 10:10 “A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.” CSB

I have shared the following questions several times now, but I keep mentioning these questions because they are helpful as we seek to discover our purpose.

Ten questions that help us discover our purpose

1. What are my passions?
2. What are my gifts?
3. What are my abilities?
4. What are my educational strongpoints?
5. What experiences have most influenced my life?
6. What resources do I have?
7. What personal relationships have influenced my life?
8. Has there been a recent transition, defining moment, or significant change in my life?
9. What opportunities has God given me?
10. What are my motives?

When we understand and embrace God’s calling on our life to accomplish God’s Purpose and advance His kingdom on the earth—

That is when we become what **Romans 6:13** and **2 Corinthians 6:4-10** describe as “Weapons of Righteousness.”

Romans 6:12-13 “. . . do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you obey its desires. ¹³ And 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

2 Corinthians 6:4-10 “. . . as God’s ministers, we commend ourselves in everything: by great endurance, by afflictions, by hardships, by difficulties, ⁵by beatings, by imprisonments, by riots, by labors, by sleepless nights, by times of hunger, ⁶by purity, by knowledge, by patience, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, ⁷by the word of truth, by the power of God; through weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, ⁸through glory and dishonor, through slander and good report; regarded as deceivers, yet true; ⁹as unknown, yet recognized; as dying, yet see—we live; as being disciplined, yet not killed; ¹⁰as grieving, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet enriching many; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. CSB

The world may never recognize our name, we may never be noticed, applauded or praised— but these are not the reasons why we live.

We live to hear Jesus say— **Matthew 25:23** “Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.” CSB