

Lifted Up

John 12:20-36





What about these Greeks?

- ‘Godfearers’ present for the passover festival
- ‘Look how the whole world has gone after him!’
v 19
- Their approach focuses Jesus’ mind on his mission



Four images of Jesus' mission

- Being glorified
- A seed falling into the ground
- Judgement on the world, and throwing out the world's price
- Being lifted up

Jesus will be glorified v 23

- God's glory: the shining light of God's presence
 - Jesus' glory seen in his death on the cross

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- God's glory: the shining light of God's presence
- Jesus' 'hour'
- Jesus is 'troubled' v 27
 - focuses on his mission
 - prays for God's glory v 28
 - God speaks v 28



Jesus is the seed which dies vv 24-26

‘When Christ calls
a man, he bids
him come and
die.’

Dietrich
Bonhoeffer

‘For eighty-six years I
have been his servant,
and he has done me no
wrong. How can I
blaspheme my King who
saved me?’

Bishop Polycarp
of Smyrna

Judgement on the world



- '**now**' the time for judgement v 31
 - 'anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life' v 25 *The Message*
 - 'But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal' v 25 *The Message*

Judgement on the world

the prince of this world is thrown out

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Have I turned to Jesus?

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Have I understood that I'm safe from Satan?

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A silhouette of Jesus on a cross is centered against a dramatic, fiery sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue on the left to a bright orange and red on the right, with a dark, silhouetted hill in the foreground. The overall mood is solemn and powerful.

JOHN 12:32

Jesus lifted up

- 'See, my servant shall prosper; **he shall be exalted and lifted up**, and shall be very high.'
Isaiah 52:13
- Are we ready to be drawn?

Misunderstanding

- Confusion in the crowd v 34
- Explanation by Jesus
 - Jesus the light 1:5; 9:5
 - so walk in the light v 35
 - and trust in the light v 36