It is Time for Jesus to Be Glorified

John 13:21-38 ²¹ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³ One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, ²⁴ so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." ²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. ³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." ³⁷ Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸ Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

- Recap
- Intro
- Brief Word on the Title...
 - Obviously we know Jesus speaks much of His coming glory... throughout the book of John...
 - But here in these verses we are going to see an immediacy to it.
 - When we say Glorified... It simply means that...
 - Something or Someone will receive great Honor and Praise...
 - Or will be esteemed greatly...
 - Enhancing the reputation of Someone...
 - Title: It is Time for Jesus to be glorified...
 - This is an obvious point from the text right.... We see it in verse 31 and 32....
 - So it is true when this actually happened...
 - And it is what we are studying today...
 - Right Now Application
 - I want you to see how this should become true today... Right Now in your lives...
 - ♦ Now is the time for Jesus to be glorified...
 - ♦ By You
 - ♦ In You
 - ♦ Through You...
 - So, whatever you need to do or get rid of or ask God for...
 - ♦ Ask Him to help you be a vessel
 - ♦ By which He will be glorified....

So today... I want you to see the glory of Christ in this text

 And I want you to see how it is our responsibility and our priveldge to glorify Him in our bodies today...

> Today: We will look into the text and see 4 main themes running through these verses

- 1) The Darkness is Here but Will be Destroyed
- 2) The Time for Jesus to be Glorified is Here
- 3) The Disciples can't Follow Jesus Where He is Going
- 4) Jesus Tells Us To Love One Another as He has Loved
- 5) It Troubles Jesus Greatly When Judas is Lost
 - This last one actually comes first... but we are going to deal with it last...

The Darkness is Here but Will be Destroyed

- Verses 21 -30 lead up to a very peculiar statement by the apostle...
 - Vs 30b "...And it was night"

> Before this statement we see Jesus telling them that one of them would betray Him

- This perplexes the disciples greatly... And they wondered who it would be...
- John... the disciple whom Jesus loved was there leaning against Jesus as the reclined at table...
- So Peter gives him a motion or something of the sort and gets Him to ask who...

> So John asks Jesus...

- And Jesus answers Him... by saying it is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I dip it...
- So He dips it and gives it to Judas...
- It is here we see that John says that is when Satan entered Judas...
- And Jesus tells him to go and do what He needs to do quickly...

But John says no one knew why He was leaving...

- Some thought that since He had the money box He would be going to buy something or give money away...
- There will be more to say about Judas betrayal later....

> But it leads up to this statement....

- And It was Night....
- Jesus had spoken of this time already...
 - John 12:35-36 ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

At the Moment Judas leaves.... The night comes...

- He was not talking about what time of day it was... I think it is very obvious from the whole book...
- Constantly speaking of light and dark...
- And when Judas leave out... the Night has begun...
- The time of Jesus trouble is upon Him...

It was Night for the disciples...

They are with Jesus for just a few more hours... and soaking in some last minute wisdom from Him

- But Judas is making a deal with the Devil for 30 pieces of silver...
- It is going to set into motion Jesus arrest...
- The next time he sees Judas, He will be betrayed by a kiss...
- And the disciples will scatter... They will be afraid... They will not understand...
- They will hide...

> Jesus will be :

 Falsely accused, beaten, spit upon, slapped, have his beard plucked out, mocked on His way to being hung on a cross...

> Huge turn of events...

- They were just a couple days ago excited and hearing people calling Jesus King...
- And now all that is gone...

Satan has set into motion His attempt to Destroy the Son of God...

- He had tried to tempt Jesus into serving Him... didn't work though...
- And now He wants to kill Him... He wants to destroy Him...

➤ Good news is this.... This darkness does not last very long... Not long at all...

- It is about to be destroyed...
- When Satan attempts this... He falls right into the will of God...
 - Isaiah 53:10 ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

■ The Author of Hebrews says of Jesus...

Hebrews 12:2 ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that
was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of
the throne of God.

Jesus is about to destroy the Darkness...

Hebrews 2:14b-15 ""that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

> Application

- This is great new to us...
 - Because we are born into Darkness...
 - We are born into sin and death... and it is our destiny...
 - But the work of Jesus has come to deliver us from that...
- And as He said to the disciples:
 - Believe in the light so that you will become Son of Light...

The Time for Jesus to be Glorified is Here

- When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.
- Let's look at these two verses one phrase at a time
- ➤ When He had gone out, Jesus said...
 - This is right after Judas leaves... this is where His glorification is about to begin
 - Jesus waits until Judas leaves

Now is the Son of Man glorified

- Jesus is now about to be betrayed... About to be arrested and suffer great dishonor from men
- This is true because
 - 1) He will obtain a great victory over Satan and his power of darkness and sin
 - 2) He going to deliver His people by His death, reconciling them to God
 - 3) going to bring everlasting righteousness and happiness to His people
 - 4) His shed blood is about to become the life source for unbelievable joy and blessing to His
 people
 - 5) He is giving a glorious example of self denial
- Jesus has been gloried by his many miracles and works thus far....
 - But now we see Him glorified greatly...

And God Glorified in Him

- The sufferings that Jesus is about to undergo will be a satisfaction of God the Father's Justice
- Payment is about to be made
- God's holiness and mercy are on display...
- God was greatly glorified in His creative work, but here we see a greater Glory...
- God was the initiator of this work...
 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son....

If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify him in himself

- Jesus is sure that God will glorify Him in Himself
- God will as we see:
 - Heb 12.2 he is seated at the right hand of God... Where He sits enthroned as God
 - Philippians 2:9-11 ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that
 is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on
 earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
 God the Father.

Look at what Jesus says about this in Rev

• Revelation 3:21 ²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

> And glorify Him at once

- This will be done quickly... it will be done without delay...
- I think we see Jesus speaking of the Resurrection...
- Jesus would not have to wait in death for thousands of years
- He would be Resurrected quickly...
- It would be only around 40 hours from His death to His Ressurection
 - And then 40 days after He would ascend into heaven to be with the Father...

Our Application:

- 1) We should spend our days giving Jesus the glory... the esteem ... the honor that is His...
- 2) We can learn that those who spend their days glorifying God as Jesus did...
 - They too will be glorified by God...
 - They will be given great honor and reward...
- Those who do not live their lives for this goal....

- Will find the opposite true of them... they will find their honor stripped away...
- Their reward nowhere to be found, rather to be replaced by judgment in Hell...
- And they will suffer torment in the fires of Hell
- Because their own glory on earth was more important that His.
- You may say... I do not seek to glorify myself... I just keep to myself...
 - Wake up... We live in a spiritual battle... not just physical...
 - How do you glorify yourself over God in the Spiritual realm, or where others do not see...
 - Do you own pleasures take precedence over the Son of God...
 - Is your own selfishness more important than the Son of God
- We must consider ourselves or be lost forever...

The Disciples can't Follow Jesus Where He is Going

■ ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'..... ³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward."

> Jesus is about to do a work that only He can

- He alone is Holy
- He alone can endure the sins of the world
- He alone is the spotless Lamb of God...
- He alone can sacrifice Himself so others may live
- Only the blood of Jesus is an acceptable offering to God...

➤ Men Can not do this Work

- He tells the disciples... They can not go where He is going...
- He tells them they can follow afterward...
- But they can not go there on there own...
- Men are unholy... no matter how good...
- We are unfit to pay for our own sins..

Man can not pay for His own sins...

- We may think our good works and volunteerism gives us grace with God
- Or maybe by ritual or sacraments we can earn grace with God...

Jesus says... where I am going you can not come...

- Because He was going to the cross...
- Not just as a death...
- But as a sacrifice... to lay His life down for His people...
- And He was about to destroy Satan and conquer death...
 - 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

> Self Application

- Isn't it obvious? You can not pay for it...
- Even by asking forgiveness your sins are not forgiven...

- It is the blood of Jesus that forgives your sins...
- And your true belief in Him and repentance of Sins that is the avenue to receive the forgiveness

Jesus Tells Us To Love One Another as He has Loved

➤ ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Love one another... just as I have loved You

- This command is a new one...
- It is not that they had never been commanded to love their neighbor...

But Jesus has just changed the definition of love...

- Love before Jesus was rather abstract and left up to others to define...
- We see here that Jesus defines it clearly...

Just as I have loved You...

- If there were ever any confusion as to how we are to love others...
- I think He clears it up here folks...

> Listen well...

- We do not do this...
- We lie about each other, or exalt ourselves above others.
- We hold grudges or fail to forgive sins done against us.

> Jesus says we are to love as He loved us.... It is clear isn't it?

- He was patient with the disciples guarrels
- He was kind and patient in His teaching them
- He served them although they wanted to be great
- He washed their feet
- And now He is going to die for them... He is going to take on their sins...
- Be beaten and punished for what they did...

So Jesus clearly tells them... Love like this

- > This is how people will know you are mine!
- Are you loving others like this...
 - Or do you find yourself more holy and greater than others...
 - Do you think of yourself as deserving of others love and respect
 - While not seeing yourself through the eyes of Jesus...
 - Who knows your every thought and meditation of Heart...

➤ What room do we have to not love others in the way Jesus loved...

- Parents, wives, husbands, neighbors, children, friends, co workers, strangers...
 - Called to love them all...
 - Who is our neighbor?

It Troubles Jesus Greatly When Judas is Lost

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

It seems here that this trouble in Spirit is directly related to Judas and His betrayal...

- It is clear from the text... he is troubled... then He says... one of you will betray me...
- Some may think He is in anguish over His coming crucifixion... And He is... and we see that in other places
- But here... His trouble is over Judas...

> Judas had been given every chance

- Jesus allowed Him to be a part of His 12 disciples...
- Judas had seem every miracle Jesus performed
- He saw His kindness and compassion
- He even saw Him raise Lazarus from the dead...
- Jesus has served Judas...
- He taught Him and loved Him
- Jesus had washed His feet... and given him bread to eat from His own hands...

Judas did not see Jesus as God

- He failed to recognize His Messiah... His Savior
- Maybe He never saw His need for forgiveness...
- So the coming death made no sense to Him...
- And Jesus serving him by washing His feet and giving Him bread... sent him over the edge...
- And gave him the will to betray Jesus...

> Note: Judas had every chance to believe...

- He was not a puppet...
- God used His sin for God's glory...
- But Judas was given a chance...
- It is his own sin that leads Him to destruction...

> But... This troubles Jesus... He showed great love toward Judas...

- It troubles Jesus for anyone to perish... look at the scriptures with me
- 2 Peter 3:9 ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
- Ezekiel 33:11 ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?
- Matthew 23:37 ³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!

What Will Your Response Be

- Peter and Jesus have a very interesting and well known exchange here...
 - Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸ Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.
- This was hard on Peter... He loved Jesus... and did not understand why He could not follow Him...
 - And Peter was sure that if the time came... He would lay down His life for Jesus...
- Jesus asks him a very simple question:

- Will you lay down your life for me?
- I think Jesus does this for a reason with Peter...
- When He denies Jesus... you think... I guess the answer is no...
 - But we see later on, things change for Peter... And He will die for Jesus

> He is asking us the same question today...

- Will you lay down your life for Jesus...
- Will you give up yourself even now... to follow Jesus...
- Or will you continue to clutch to the darkness and you measly little kingdom of self
- That has no time for giving yourself to Jesus...

> You can:

- Live now and die forever... Or
- You can die now and live forever

Invitation