

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: May 28, 2023

Title: "The Uplifted Christ"

Text: John 12:20-36

SETTING (of our text)

1. Starting with chapter 12, Jesus begins his last week of ministry before His crucifixion and resurrection. We call it "Passion Week".
2. There are 21 chapters in the Gospel of John. The first 11 cover $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of Jesus' ministry. The remaining 10 chapters, Jesus' last week.
3. John 12 is the _____ chapter.
 - A. Jesus arrives in Bethany "six days before the Passover".
 - B. The next day (Sunday) Jesus rode into Jerusalem 'on a donkey'.
 - C. Jesus predicts His death (vss. 20-36). Two factors caused our Lord to focus on His death!
 - 1) The _____ of the Jews (vs. 37-41)
 - 2) The _____ of some Greeks (vss. 20-22)
 - D. So, having been prompted by spiritually hungry Gentiles seeking an interview with Jesus, & by the national rejection of His own people now complete (cp. 1:11), Jesus prophesied his death (now only a few days away) in John 12:23-36.

John 12:23, 32-33

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. . . . But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.
He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die."

In the uplifted Christ . . .

We Contemplate the _____ of the Cross!

The meaning of the death of Christ is understood thru four words (four basic concepts) used throughout the NT. Not to understand these four words / concepts is to miss the meaning of the cross (or even to pervert it).

Christ's death was a . . .

1. A _____ **for sinners.**

2. A _____ in relation to **sin**.
3. A _____ in relation to **man**.
4. A _____ in relation to **God**.

In the uplifted Christ . . .

We Feel the _____ of the Cross!

Jesus said, "I will draw all men (people) to myself." The phrase "all men" means all people without regard for nationality, ethnic affiliation or status. John also wrote, "You (the Lamb) were slain, & with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe & language & people & nation" (Rev. 5:9).

How will this happen? The answer is found in 2 Cor. 5:16-21. There's a message we are to bring to sinners; an invitation we are to extend to "whosoever will".

See Revelation 22:17. Inviting people to get saved is . . .

1. God's greatest _____.
2. The Church's greatest _____.
3. Mankind's greatest _____.
4. Life's greatest _____.

In the uplifted Christ . . .

We Experience the _____ of the Cross!

See 1 Corinthians 1:18 and Romans 1:16-17.

In the message of the cross . . .

1. There is power to _____!
From the guilt and penalty of sin.
2. There is power to _____ in newness of life!
From the rule, dominion, control of sin. "Put off" the old & "put on" the new.
3. There is the power of _____!
Saved from the **presence** of sin! "And so we will be with the Lord forever."