**Truths that last – John 12:24**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ death on the cross glorified God bringing salvation to the world**

1. **The Glory of God in Jesus Christ the Savior of the world – 12:20 -22**
2. Many Jews were testifying of Jesus as Son of God - 12:17 – 18

So, the people who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify about Him. For this reason, also the people went and met Him because they heard that He has performed this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good, **look the world has gone after Him”**

1. Some Greeks kept asking Philip for a meeting with Jesus Christ – “**Sirs, we wish to see Jesus**” – 12:21

**The wise men came from the east to worship @ His birth, these Greeks came from the West to worship before His death**

**John’s gospel and the world**

1. He is the true light that coming into the world enlightens every person – 1:9
2. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world – 1:29
3. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son – 3:16
4. God sent His son that the world might be saved through Him – 3:17
5. Jesus Christ is the Light come into the world – 3:19
6. The Samaritans declared Him as the Savior of the world – 4:42 – This One truly is the Savior of the world
7. He gave His life for the world – 6:33 – bread of God comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world
8. He gives His life to the world – 6:51 – living bread…the bread which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh
9. He is the light of the world – 8:12 – I am the Light of the world
10. He is the Christ the Son of God and He who comes into the world – 11:27
11. He came to save the world not judge the world – 12:47
12. **The Glory of God in the death of the Lord Jesus Christ – 12:23 -24, 28**
13. Christ death was an appointed time by God – 23 **The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified** – **He rejoiced in their request**

“the hour” – the hour of salvation for the world

“the hour” – the hour of suffering for the sin of the world

“the hour” – the hour of substitution for the sin of the world

17:1 – Jesus raising His eyes to heaven said, Father, the hour has come, glorify Your Son, so that the Son may glorify You

1. Christ death was the necessary for eternal life & salvation - 24

Truly, Truly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies**, it

remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

“unless the grain of wheat dies” – seed dies then life is produced from death

1. Christ’s death was the ultimate act of glorifying God - 24

Judas’ betrayal glorified God - John 13:31 -32 – therefore when he left, Jesus said, now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him, if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately

Crucifixion glorified God - 17:1 – Father the hour has come, glorify You Son so that the Son may glorify you

Christ’s completed work glorified God - 17:4-5 – I glorified you on earth, by accomplishing the work which you have given me to do.

1. **The Glory of God in the fruitfulness of Christ death – 12:23 - 26**
2. Those who become children of God from every generation are the fruit of Christ’s death

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Isa. 53:10 – but the Lord was pleased to crush him, putting him to grief, He will see

His offspring

Isa. 53:11 – as a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied

John 6:39 – this is the will of him that sent me, of all He has given I should lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day

Heb. 2:13 – Behold I am the children you have given Me

1. Believers in Jesus Christ who lose their life for Christ - 25

He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.

1. Believers in Jesus Christ who follow & serve Christ - 26

If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me and where I am there My servant will be also,

1. Believers who serve Jesus Christ are honored by God - 26

If anyone serves Me, **that Father will honor him**.

1. **The glory of God in the surrender of Jesus Christ to death on the cross – 12:27 – 33**
2. Christ agony in surrendering to the cross – 27 – **He sorrowed in His coming death**

Now my soul has become troubled, and what shall I say, Father, save Me from this hour?

1. Christ commitment to the cross - 27

But for this purpose, I came to this hour

1. Christ’s complete surrender to the cross - 28

Father, glorify Your name,

1. God the Father openly honored Christ’s obedience- 28

then a voice came out of heaven, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

1. Christ declares the result of his surrender to the cross – 31 -33

Now judgment is upon this world, now the ruler of this world is cast out.

If I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself

But he was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die

**Things to Remember**

1. Christ glorified God by His death for the sins of the world
2. Christs death for sin provides life for those who will believe in Him
3. Believers glorify God & produce spiritual fruit when they lose their life for Christ
4. God honors those who serve & follow Jesus Christ

**Daily Use**

1. Take up your cross, deny yourself & follow Jesus Christ
2. Follow Jesus Christ wherever He leads you
3. Glorify Him by death to self & complete obedience to Him

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**remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit**

**The old hymn says,** Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No there’s a cross for everyone and there is a cross for me. The consecrated cross I’ll bear till death shall set me free, and then go home my crown to wear for there’s a crown for me.