

The Best Kind of Glory

John 12:12-43

We continue our series entitled "We Have Seen His Glory," words about Christ found in John 1:14.

Review: words for glory include *light (luminescence), fame, weightiness, and praise.*

The best kind of glory is the kind that is truly praiseworthy.

- That is what Holy Week is all about

Jesus' glory is...

(1) ...**underestimated**. (John 12:12-19)

- It's Palm Sunday! Clearly Jesus was glorified on this day, right? But see 12:16.

(2) ...**global**. (John 12:20-26)

- Greeks seek Jesus: this is a sign that the hour of glory has come! (12:23)

- But why? How? (12:24-25)

- Jesus' life wisdom is true for us, too. Want to live a fruitful life? See the startling advice in 12:25.

(3) ...**hard-earned**. (John 12:27-36)

- It's *crucifixion* that will glorify Jesus and draw the nations (12:32-33)
 - But crucifixion was designed to be *inglorious*.

(4) ...**God-centered**. (John 12:36-43)

- Isaiah saw His glory centuries in advance (12:41)

- True glory comes from God (12:43). *His* value system. *He* is true, right, good, and beautiful.
 - Meanwhile, unbelief arises from God's fitting judgment upon those seeking the wrong glory (12:43)

Questions for further study and application

1. Read John 12:12-43. Note all the usages of the word "glory" or "glorify."
2. Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly—but on a young donkey. Why is this a reason to rejoice and "fear not"? (12:14-15)
3. Soon after Jesus is troubled. Why? (12:27-23)
 - Jesus' glorious calling was to be praised on Palm Sunday and executed on Good Friday. What does this tell you about glory?
4. Jesus challenged us to live like Him in 12:24-25. Meditate on this. How can you apply this today?