

“Exalt Him to Victory”

John 12:20-32 - April 23, 2017

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Life Application Notes

Jesus knew his crucifixion lay ahead, and because he was human, he dreaded it. He knew he would have to take the sins of the world on himself, and he knew this would separate him from his Father. He wanted to be delivered from this horrible death, but he knew that God sent him into the world to die for our sins, in our place. Jesus said no to his human desires in order to obey his Father and glorify him.

Although we will never have to face such a difficult and awesome task, we are still called to obedience. Whatever the Father asks, we should do his will and bring glory to his name.

The ruler of this world is Satan, an angel who rebelled against God. Satan is real, not symbolic, and is constantly working against God and those who obey him. Satan tempted Eve in the garden and persuaded her to sin; he tempted Jesus in the wilderness and did not persuade him to fall. Satan has great power, but people can be delivered from his reign of spiritual darkness because of Christ's victory on the cross.

Satan is powerful, but Jesus is much more powerful. Jesus' resurrection shattered Satan's deathly power. To overcome Satan we need faithful allegiance to God's Word, determination to stay away from sin, and the support of other believers.

- 1. You must believe that now is the time for us to show Jesus to others. (vs. 20-23)*
- 2. You must agree that sacrifice is mandatory in order to see a true harvest in the followers of Jesus. (vs. 24-26)*

There are people trying to serve Jesus but they are not TRUE followers of Jesus. We must die to ourselves – Become that tree of righteousness.

- 3. You must know that in times of trouble, the Father and all of Heaven will be glorified if the Son is lifted up. (vs. 27-32)*

In times of trouble:

1. Say the right prayer (Luke 11:2)
2. Expect to hear a heavenly voice (Matthew 3:17) (Acts 11:9)
3. Expect Satan to be defeated (Matthew 17:18) (Luke 4:35) (Mark 8:33)
4. Expect people to come to Jesus (John 3:14) (Numbers 21:8-9)