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MAIN POINT . Strange glory - A body nailed to a cross is hardly glorious at first sight. The Lord's body, however, carried our sorrows and ruin. It made glory possible for us.

12:23-36. SEED Jesus said that he was about to enter into his _____, speaking of his death on the cross. He compares his death and burial to a kernel of _____ planted in the soil . The seed planted dies but the sprout that comes from it produces many more seeds. In his case a _____ of new lives. " *Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have a multitude of children, many heirs.*" Isaiah 53:10

Glory " The fame, admiration, and honor that is given to someone who does important. ... Praise and thanksgiving offered as an act of worship to a deity. Majesty or splendor. Beauty that inspires feelings of wonder or joy. The idealized beauty and bliss of heaven. A halo around someone's head." Encarta World Dictionary.

- The glory Jesus talking about here is his cross. In the short run he would not look at all glorious. "See my servant will prosper; he will be highly exalted. Many were amazed when they saw him-beaten and blooded, also disfigured one would scarcely know he was a person." Isaiah 52:13-14 But in the long run his sacrifice would make him more worthy of glory than anyone in the creation. The Father put our wrongs and sorrows on Him --- setting us free so that we could rise up on wings like eagle---people to have a second chance to get glory on them. He became sin --- we became new creations. 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

- DEATH TO SELF . Jesus then speaks to those of who would come join themselves to Him. It will cost them a death too. They will have to die to their soul life (psyche). "Those who _____ love their life in this _____ will lose it." If a person tries to have his cake and eat it too - that is, if he or she will not die to .." *the lust for physical pleasure, the lust for everything they see, and pride in their possessions..*" (I John 2:16) they will lose their chance to become a transformed Christ like person. And in the end they will lose their physical life (zoa) as well. They will not have the resurrection of their body and _____ life. The disciples of Jesus must follow him into the cross life.

Life The Greek language has two words for life. PYSCHÉ the life of the personality. Our word psychology means the study of the soul- the personality of people-the self. It is the self choosing rebellion and pleasure and self exalting -self glorification that is what is wrong with the world. The other Geek word for life is ZOA which is the life energy that fills living creatures. Our word zoo comes from Zoa. The word Jesus uses to speak of the life that must be planted in the earth and die is PSYCHÉ-the death to--- me, my, mine.

- FEAR OF THE CROSS. Jesus looking forward to the cross says that his _____ (psyche) is deeply _____. He ponders in the presence of the disciples if He should ask the Father to _____ Him from the cross that lies ahead. But then to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world by dying upon the altar of the cross is the _____. He came. These fearful thoughts pass and He resolves to go through with it. " _____ bring glory to your name." Jesus goes through the same terror of suffering, death, hell, and separation from the Father he will face on the cross in the Garden of Gethsemane.

- The Father is listening in on this musing Jesus is doing among his disciples. He speaks as a voice from _____ saying, that He has already brought glory to himself through Jesus' willingness to be born a human being "The Word (Jesus) became flesh and we have beheld His glory as of the only Son of God" (John 1:14) And more glory will be brought to Me by my only Son being nailed to the cross. Among us there are people who hear the voice of God and there are others to whom it sounds like _____. Jesus explains to the disciples that God for their _____ to show His involvement with the Son in the coming days when the world in rebellion against God will be _____ as needing the death of God's son to save it. And those who reject Christ crucified will be judged as unfit for eternal life. The life's blood sacrifice of Jesus will take away Satan's hold over this world. He will be _____ down. And a most amazing thing will happen people will be _____ to Jesus when He is lifted up on the _____. Those who will be saved will see it as hope of escape from a world embracing sin and being destroyed by it.

12:33-43 WHY DIE ? The crowds were confused by the thought that the Messiah would _____ when the Scriptures said he would live _____. They were confused by Jesus calling himself the Son of _____ --- That the Son of God had to become a Son of Man to die. Jesus tells them that his _____, his illumination of the soul, is to show them bad things have to die for people to have life. He exhorts them to _____ in his light so that they will not _____ when the days of _____ come. If they walk in his light they will know where they are going. So he says, " _____ in the light while there is still time." Then Jesus literally _____ away from them, and _____ himself from them.

- Why -Son of Man ? Hebrews 2:14 " Because God's children are human beings-made of flesh and blood-Jesus also become flesh and blood by born in human form. For only as human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death."

12:37-43 UNBELIEF. Despite his words and miraculous _____ most of the people did not _____. God says to the effect-If people are determined not to _____

then --let it be so. If people will not be honest about themselves and get a broken heart-then let them keep their _____ heart. I stop trying to reason with them. If they are determined to god themselves and live in the world their way then -then so be it. Let them stumble toward destruction. I'm not going to stop them. They won't let me _____ them and I am not going to force it on them. John comments that the prophet _____ looked 700 years into the future and saw that Israel as a whole would reject their _____ because they were _____ of man and loved human _____ more than the praise of _____

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12:44-50 TRUST ME -don't reject me. Jesus tells them that the stakes are really high. If they _____ him they are also trusting Father God their creator. He is a _____ shining in the darkness of the world. People don't get _____ for remaining in darkness and not _____ the good news of Jesus. Jesus has not come _____ the world not _____ it. The world of rebellious people have made their own judgment. Father has given His son instructions about how to give _____ life to people.

Darkness is the absence of light. The Greek word for darkness *SKOTIA* is often used to refer to moral and spiritual darkness...to gloom, evil, sin, night, ignorance, moral depravity. Jesus and the Scriptures are LIGHT, the antidote to darkness.

The work of Jesus - His glory. *"Those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me HAVE eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."* John 5:24 *" Beholding..... the glory of the Lord, we are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory just as by the Spirit of the Lord."* 2 Corinthians 3:18

What Does This Scripture Say To You? _____

- **KABOD** the Hebrew word. **DOXA** the Greek word. Substance or weight. A man of wealth is a man of substance -kabod. The word is used commonly of what people experienced in the presence of God. His presence was dazzling and overwhelming light and fire. *" ..The blessed and only God, the King of kings and lord of lords. He can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No one has ever seen him, nor ever will."* I Timothy 6:15,16. God's presence on Mount Sinai was flashing lightening, smoke and thunder when Moses ascended to the get the 10 commandments. God's led Israel though the desert to the promised land. as a pillar of cloud and fire that extended into the skies. This glory later filled the temple in Jerusalem. When Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians the prophet Ezekiel saw the cloud of glory leave-God left. Ezekiel 11:23.

- John said of Jesus *' We beheld His glory, the glory of the only Son of God.'* John 1:14 The God who indwelled the burning bush Moses saw in the desert indwelled a human body and soul. (Exodus 3)

- God says in His Word that the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit causes us to have His glory resident in us. That glory is seen in a most common way in the shining faces of Christians and sometimes as a HALO. That is why old paintings of the Jesus and the saints had had halos around their heads.