

“GLORIFY THY NAME”
John 12:20-33

QUICK FIX FAITH

“The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified” (John 12:23).

Three critical questions:

What do you want?

What will it cost?

Are you willing to pay the price?

The beginning of the end.

From this point forward, everything is different!

Cake Mix Religion/Cheap Grace

Many people try to “package” or “promote” the Christian faith as “easy”
so people will “buy” into it.

“All you have to do is turn to Jesus.”

“All you have to do is ask for what you want in the name of Jesus and it
will be done for you.”

DYING RIGHT

*“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” (John 12:24).*

How easy is this?

Jesus never presented a quick fix faith. He talked about what God can do
for us, but he talked even more about what we must do for God.

When he says that he will be “glorified” what he means is “crucified.”

If we are to receive the ultimate joy, we must be willing to pay the
ultimate price.

We are very familiar with the concept of dying in order to live.

We go to gyms and workout trying to lose our old bodies and gain new ones.

We try to lose addictions in order to gain our health.

We do it for our education and vocation.

We do it as parents.

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE?

*“He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it
for eternal life” (John 12:25).*

What are you willing to sacrifice for your spiritual life? What do you need to
sacrifice? Pride ...Selfishness...Stubbornness...Exclusion...Fear ...

Stuck in the truck.

Life is risky business. All of us stand in harms way every day!

The Hermit Crab.

Jesus is inviting you this morning to live a new life. Are you willing to take the
risk and die in order to live?

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Prayer Concerns: *Burney Biesel, Melvin Dowling, Albert Fowlkes, Deborah Hendrix, Mack Kerr, Joe McDowell, Anne Miller, Vicki Page, Rachel Parker, Joe Tidwell, Jr., Ray Billings, Kenneth Blackburn, Cledus Creel, Betty Crenshaw, Jimmy Eubanks, Angela Fisher, Ed Gatlin, Nancy Godsey, Dorothy Hufstutter, Kristi Jackson, Jeff Joyner, Ave Grace Keleher, Judy Malaquias, Catherine Mattheus, Margaret Moore, Macy Morgan, Taylor Murray, Judy Owen, David Petrie, Patrick Ramage, Florine Rickeman, Mary Elizabeth Roberts ...*

Christian Sympathy is extended to *Marcia Van Sant and family* in the death of her grandmother, *Leslie Armstrong*, who died on Friday, March 24.

PASTORAL PRAYER

O God, you have created us for yourself and for one another. You are Lord above all lords and God above all gods; and you are our Lord and our God. You are the light unto our path; were it not for you, we would dwell in deep darkness. You are the strength of our life; were it not for you, we could not resist the powers of evil. You are the hope of our tomorrows; were it not for you, we would break under the load of our yesterdays.

As we bow before you, dear Lord, refresh our memories. Let us not forget where we are, whose we are, or the reason for our gifts. Remind us that the land in which we live, is your land; that the people among whom we dwell, are your people; and that the gifts we have are given to make us one in our worship of you and our service to one another.

Loving Creator, you have commanded us to do unto others what we would have them do unto us. Enable us to give to others the greatest gift others have given us. Face to face with the tensions within, troubles without, and threats on every side, help us follow the example of those who turned neither inward nor outward but upward. When our neighbors ask us for guidance, let us introduce them to our Guide, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

JOHN 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. 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. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him.

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die.

SERMON SCHEDULE

In the Sanctuary:

April 9	<i>Now It Begins</i> Mark 11:1-10	Palm Sunday
April 10-14	Services at Noon Each Day	Holy Week
April 16	<i>Speechless</i> Mark 16:1-8	Easter Sunday
April 23	<i>Touch the Wounds</i> John 20:19-31	2 nd Sunday of Easter
April 30	<i>Seeing Is Believing</i> Luke 24:36-48	3 rd Sunday of Easter

On the Radio (1450 AM):

April 9	<i>The Week That Changed the World</i>	Luke 19:28-40
April 16	<i>Touched By Life</i>	John 20:1-18
April 23	<i>Our Joyful God</i>	John 15:1-11
April 30	<i>Hurry Sickness</i>	Luke 8:9-15