

The Glory & Power of the Cross
John 12:20-36

Introduction

1. John 12:12-19
 - A. Jesus hailed King of Israel.
 - B. Parade of people, palm branches and celebration.
2. Israel didn't understand this Messiah would establish a kingdom.
 - A. His kingdom would be established from the Eternal Throne.
3. First this Messiah must reign on the Throne of your heart.

A seeking world. John 12:20-22

1. This parade of the Messiah just taken place.
2. Everyone wanted to see this Jesus.
3. These Greek pilgrims had come to attend the Passover feast.
4. The people had a misunderstanding of the Messiah glory.
 - A. Let's see this king that will restore Israel.

The cross is the glory of the Messiah. Vs. 23

The cross brings forth fruit. Vs. 24

1. The cross exalted his Son above every name.
1. Jesus word picture revealing His death – Vs. 24
 - A. Before the glory, before fruit can be produced.
 - 1) Death is necessary.

The cross demands man's death to self. Vs. 25-26

1. Christ sacrifice stirs those who follow Christ to sacrifice for Him.
 - A. ***Man must lose his life to bear eternal life.***
 - B. ***Man must serve and follow Jesus to be assured of Jesus' presence and God's honor.***

The cross fulfills Jesus' cause. Vs. 27

The cross glorifies God's name. Vs. 28-30

The selflessness of Jesus. Vs. 28

God's approval and acceptance of Jesus' prayer. Vs. 28

God's heavenly voice was for their belief. Vs. 29-30

The cross judges the world – the prince of the world. Vs. 31

The cross draws all men. Vs. 32-33

The cross reveals the true Messiah. Vs. 34-36