

John 13 — Glorified, Starting Now

John 13:31–35 (with 12:23–24 · 12:32–33 · 17:1–5 · 1 John 3:16) · For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

The betrayer has just walked out the door, and Jesus has hours to live. That’s the moment — verse 31 — when he says, **“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.”** Now. Not after the resurrection, not at the ascension — now, with the arrest already in motion. In two verses John stacks the word “glory” five times, and Jesus aims every one of them at a Roman execution. He’d already told us what he meant back in 12:23: *“unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone.”* So when Jesus talks about glory, he’s not talking about a throne room. He’s talking about a cross. And then, in the same breath, he turns to the eleven: **“A new commandment I give to you... just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another”** (13:34). The command to love isn’t new — Leviticus said it. What’s new is the measuring stick: *just as I have loved you*. He’d just knelt on that floor with a towel, hours from the cross. If you want to know what Jesus means by love, look at what he calls glory.

GO DEEPER — STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **John 12:23–33**, **13:31–35**, and **17:1–5** in one sitting and mark every “glory” and “glorify.” Notice what “lifted up” means — John tells you plainly in 12:33, “he said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.” Then write one sentence: what does Jesus think glory is? If your sentence doesn’t have a cross in it, read them again. Then put 13:34–35 beside **1 John 3:16** and ask what “just as I have loved you” actually costs you this week.

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in John: 13:31–35 · 13:30 · 12:23–24 · 12:27–28 · 12:32–33 · 17:1–5 · 3:14 · 8:28 · 7:39 · 15:13

Other Gospels: Mark 10:35–45 · Matthew 20:20–28 · Luke 24:25–26

Rest of Scripture: Leviticus 19:18 · Isaiah 52:13–53:12 · Philippians 2:8–11 · 1 John 3:16 · Hebrews 12:2

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

The Glorification of the Son of Man

Ligonier Ministries (Tabletalk)

<https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/glorification-of-the-son-man>

On John 13:31–33 — why the moment Judas walks out the door is the moment Jesus calls himself glorified.

As I Have Loved You, Love One Another

John Piper — Desiring God

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/as-i-have-loved-you-love-one-another>

A sermon on John 13:31–38: the new commandment is new in measure, not content — “as I have loved you.”

Expository Thoughts on John — Chapter 13

J.C. Ryle — GraceGems

<https://www.gracegems.org/Ryle/j13.htm>

Ryle on how the cross glorified both Father and Son, and why brotherly love is “the test of Christianity.”