

Sermon Title – “The Legacy of the Uplifted Cross”

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Scripture Reading: John 12:30-33

It was now the _____ week of Christ’s public ministry. At the start of that week, He revealed Himself as the _____-awaited Messiah in what become known as the triumphal entry. The plot among the chief priests to take the _____ of Christ was gaining ground, and they also plotted to kill _____ because of the recent miracle Christ performed in raising him from the dead that proved to all that Jesus was indeed the I AM – He who is the resurrection and the life. But they were blinded by hate and the sense of _____ their influence over the people. They _____ for an opportunity to carry out their scheme. But while they were blinded, many came to see the _____ of truth, and when Christ was ultimately _____ up on the cross, what they hoped would show Christ as a _____, instead made Him the _____ from sin for all who would believe. What other _____ can we _____ from the uplifted cross? Let us open God’s word in prayer.

The Enduring Legacy of Christ on the Cross

1. What is significant about the Greeks _____ to see and talk with Jesus? *Jn. 12:20-22*
2. What _____ legacy would result, based on Christ’s analogy of grain? *Jn. 12:23-24*
3. What _____ noise came as assurance for some but confusion to others? *Jn. 12:27-30*
4. What Old Testament story is _____ to the uplifted Christ? *Jn 12:32-33; 3:14-15*
5. How was _____ end sealed by this act of Christ’s crucifixion? *Jn. 12:31*

“Now is the judgment of this world,” Christ continued; “now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all unto Me. This He said, signifying what death He should die.” This is the crisis of the world. If I become the propitiation for the sins of men, the world will be lighted up. Satan's hold upon the souls of men will be broken. The defaced image of God will be restored in humanity, and a family of believing saints will finally inherit the heavenly home. This is the result of Christ's death. The Saviour is lost in contemplation of the scene of triumph called up before Him. He sees the cross, the cruel, ignominious cross, with all its attending horrors, blazing with glory. But the work of human redemption is not all that is accomplished by the cross. The love of God is manifested to the universe. The prince of this world is cast out. The accusations which Satan has brought against God are refuted. The reproach which he has cast upon heaven is forever removed. Angels as well as men are drawn to the Redeemer. “I, if I be lifted up from the earth,” He said, “will draw all unto Me.”

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May we be part of Christ’s lasting legacy!