

John 13:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

Analysis

Now is the Son of man glorified (νῦν ἐδοξάσθη ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, nyn edoxasthē ho huios tou anthrōpou)—the aorist passive verb edoxasthē (was glorified) treats Christ's coming suffering as already accomplished. In John's theology, the cross is not humiliation but glorification (John 12:23-24). The betrayal sets in motion the Passion that reveals God's glory: holy justice satisfied, infinite love displayed, Satan defeated.

God is glorified in him—the Father's glory and the Son's glory are inseparable. Christ's perfect obedience unto death (Philippians 2:8) glorifies the Father by vindicating His righteousness and demonstrating His love (Romans 3:25-26). The cross is the theater of divine glory.

Historical Context

Jesus spoke these words immediately after Judas departed—the wheels of betrayal now in motion. Within 18 hours, Jesus would be crucified. Yet He speaks of glorification, not tragedy. This reflects the Jewish concept of kabod (glory, weightiness)—God's essential worth made visible. The cross would reveal God's character most fully.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does viewing the cross as glorification rather than humiliation change your understanding of Christ's sacrifice?
2. What does it mean that God is glorified when His Son suffers—how do justice and love intersect at Calvary?
3. In what ways does Jesus's embrace of suffering for glory challenge your response to trials?

Interlinear Text

Ὅτε	ἐξῆλθεν	λέγει	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	Νῦν	ἐδοξάσθη	ὁ	
when	he was gone out	said	G3588	Jesus	Now	glorified	G3588	
G3753	G1831	G3004		G2424	G3568	G1392		
υἱὸς	τοῦ	ἀνθρώπου	καὶ	ὁ	θεὸς	ἐδοξάσθη	ἐν	αὐτῷ.
the Son	G3588	of man	and	G3588	God	glorified	in	him
G5207		G444	G2532		G2316	G1392	G1722	G846

Additional Cross-References

John 14:13 (Glory): And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

1 Peter 4:11 (Glory): If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

John 7:39 (Glory): (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Acts 3:13 (Glory): The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

Acts 2:36 (References Jesus): Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Ephesians 3:10 (References God): To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

John 16:14 (Parallel theme): He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 11:4 (Glory): When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

John 12:23 (Glory): And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

1 Peter 1:21 (Glory): Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.