

January 15, 2023 John 12:27-36a "Joyful Anguish"

John 12:36
While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.



(from the previous passage)

John 12:23
And Jesus answered them,
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

The very reason Jesus came to us is coming to a conclusion. In just a few days he will be brutally executed.



John 12:27-36a

²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.



³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."



Joyful Anguish

John 2:4
And Jesus said to her,
"Woman, what does this have
to do with me? My hour has
not yet come."

27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

Hebrews 12:2

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



Joyful Anguish

27 "Now is my soul troubled.
And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

Matthew 26:39

And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Joyful Anguish



The Light of Jesus

36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.

Genesis 1:3
And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

John 1:4
In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



The Light of Jesus

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Light Purifies

Judgement = "Kreesis" / Justice

Isaiah 6

Mark 15:33
And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.



The Light of Jesus

John 3

¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Light Attracts

Children of Light
Draw all people

Light Repels

"Hates"

"Exposed"

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.



The Glory of Jesus

²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

Glory:

"to cause the dignity and worth of some person or thing to become manifest and acknowledged"

2 Corinthians 4:17

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,



The Glory of Jesus

Hebrews 4

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



Living Light

"³⁵ The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

Believe

Walk

Become

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Benediction

A 4000 years old tradition of giving a corporate blessing over God's people.

Revelation 22

⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

