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|  | The Cross of Christ  Talk 4: Lift high the Cross |  |
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*"I am what I am an’ I’m not ashamed”.* Rubeus Hagrid*, The Goblet of Fire,* J. K. Rowling

**INTRODUCTION**

**A. THE HUMILIATION OF THE CROSS REVEALS THE GLORY OF GOD**

*John 12:20 - 33*

*“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*

Glory



*Exodus 34: 5 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD.  6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,  7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”*

*John 1:14 We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

The hour

**Implications**

People of glory

Theology of glory

**B. THE FOOLISHNESS OF THE CROSS REVERSES THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD**

*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

**The wisdom of the world**

**The foolishness of the cross**

**Implications**

Don’t change the message

Decide to be a fool for Christ

*Matthew 11:25 “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.*

**C. THE SELF-SACRIFICE OF THE CROSS REDEFINES GREATNESS AS SERVICE**

*Mark 10:35-45*

*Daniel 7: 13 In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.*

**Implications**

Serve in order to lead

Lead in order to serve

Lose in order to win

**Response:** write down one idea that you would like to think more about