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Jesus asks to be glorified that He might glorify the Father, for He has accomplished His work.

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"That You May Grow Thereby..."

A weekly Bible reading plan



John 12-21

The Son of God Glorified

Overview

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"If You Love Me..."

In John 14:6 Jesus told His disciples, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me." So how does one get to the Father through Jesus? It begins with loving Jesus. But what does it mean to love Jesus? Jesus explains several times through His discourse—He repeatedly reminds the disciples that loving Him means obeying Him:

"If you love me, keep my commandments" (Jn. 14:15)

"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father" (Jn. 14:21)

"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word" (Jn. 14:23)

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Loving Jesus is not just a feeling or emotion. It's not just something we say, confess, or put on a bumper-sticker. Love for Christ is shown in our obedience. Simply put, until we love and trust Jesus enough to obey His commands regarding salvation, morality, worship, and all things—we don't **really** love Him.



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