

# At the Cross

Jesus Died to Show Us God

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## John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

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

## John 1:18

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made Him known.

## Romans 3:25-26

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished — he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

## 1 Corinthians 1:17-25

## John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

## Romans 5:8

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

# Discussion Questions

Can you think of a time you learned something about an individual that changed your view of the person?

Can one event or one statement or one fact help you understand the person in a whole different way?

Has your image of God changed throughout your life?

How has it change?

Does it continue to change?

Where is the best place to look to understand or get to know God better?

How does that work?

What does Jesus suffering and dying on the cross tell us about God?

Is it what you always thought about God?

How does looking at God through seeing Jesus on the cross inform your faith?

How does it change how you live your faith each day?

How does it change how you talk about God to others?