

# Glory



## Part 4

# The Glory of the Cross

Series So Far:

Glory – radiation of His Holiness

Revealed in His Presence, Manifest in creation, Demands our response

Encounters with God's Glory induced – fear, awe, wonder, worship, dread, respect, repentance, conviction, terror

Central theme in Scripture – God's Glory

Dilemma – Cannot see the Glory of God and Live

- Moses, Isaiah – God is Holy – We are Not

Request – teach me your ways, show me your Glory

Response – revealed and veiled

Today –Glory and the Cross

Story of The Cross –

- Luke 22:39-46 – Jesus Prays in Garden
- Luke 22:47-53 – Jesus Arrested
- Luke 22:54-62 – Jesus Betrayed by Peter
- Luke 22:63 – 23:25 – Jesus Before Pilate – Condemned though Innocent in eyes of Law
- Luke 23:26-43 – Jesus Mocked and Crucified
- Luke 23:44-49 Jesus Dies

*"It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup> The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." <sup>48</sup> When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. <sup>49</sup> But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things."*

## 1. The Dichotomy

- How is something so terrible a “radiation of God’s Holiness”?

### a) Human Perspective

- moment is terrifying

i) Jesus is Loved

ii) Jesus is Lauded

iii) Jesus was Longed For

Yet .....

\* Captured & Convicted

\* Tortured & Abused at hands of Enemies

\* Sentenced to Death & Hung on Cross

\* Followers Fled or Turned on Him

## b) God's Perspective

- moment was long awaited – mankind groaning for redemption
- created mankind for relationship – sin a barrier
- Loved us – made a way for us to be redeemed
- chose a people, revealed his plan, sent His Son, crucial moment – the plan to take our sin, and make payment
- Satan thought He was destroying Yet.....
- \* Justice Fulfilled – payment for sin complete
- \* Power of Sin and Death Broken
- \* Personal Relationship Possible



## 2. The Mystery

- The moving of the presence of God from a place to people

### a) Human Perspective

- presence of God associated with a place
- Mountain & Moses
- Ark of the Covenant
- tent of Meeting
- Tabernacle – priests and system of sacrifices
- Temple – House of God
- Holy of Holies – elaborate cleansing rituals – yearly sacrifice
- \*Presence of God – related to a Place only for the Holy

## b) God's Perspective

- desired to be with people – holiness demanded separation
- now sin no longer covered by sacrifice – but atoned for
- payment in full – redeemed sons and daughters
- heirs and joint heirs with Christ – full inheritance
- all High Priests – able to be in presence of God through Jesus work on Cross making us Holy
- veil torn apart – no need any longer
- able to have indwelling Spirit of God – guided by heart love relationship not rules and regulations
- mystery – God in us effecting his work – we can be unveiled reflections of His Glory



## 3. The Invitation

### a) Hear the Truth

- problem of Sin real
- love of God recorded and evident
- the plan for redemption executed in Jesus work on cross
- it is possible for you to experience & radiate God's Glory

### b) Respond to the Truth

- repent of self and sin
- accept the work of Jesus on a Cross for yourself
- invite the Holy Spirit of God to indwell and empower
- begin as a disciple to discover, demonstrate and duplicate

## c) Reflect the Truth

- The Love of God is evidence towards you
- The Work of God is available in you
- The Wonder of God is to be seen through you
- \* Takes your surrender and participation\*

## So What

### Communion

#### 1. Personal Participation has Parameters

- have I heard the gospel and responded with acceptance?
- is there sin I need to address to align myself to God?

#### 2. Personal Participation Brings Reminder

- remembering the Love God has for me
- remembering the cost of sin
- remembering whose child I have become

#### 3. Personal Participation Brings Renewal

- in trusting God with my life and decisions
- in choosing to be a vessel that His Glory is seen in