Exegetical Notes, John 13:31-38 "Glorified"

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Verses 31-32

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, ^[a] God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

- Once Judas had left the upper room, Jesus declare that his glorification had begun. He meant that the purpose for which God had sent him to earth was about to be completed according to the plan of God.
- Jesus declared that his glorification would happen at once, things would no longer be delayed.

Verse 33

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

• Jesus told his disciples that he would not be with them much longer. His glorification would take him back to the Father.

Verses 34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

• Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as he had loved each of them. This would be the distinguishing feature of his followers.

Verses 36-38

Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

³⁷ Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

³⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!

- Peter asked Jesus to tell him where he was going. Jesus told Peter that he could not follow Jesus to this place now, but would follow him later. Peter protested that he would follow Jesus anywhere, even laying down his life for Jesus, if necessary.
- Jesus then told Peter that he would deny Jesus three times that very day.

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