

The Greatest Mission



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cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from
the earth, will draw all men unto me.
This he said, signifying what death he
should die.***

“The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?”

(John 12:31-34)

Introduction [2 mins.]

“Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.”

(Lamentation 1:12)

I. The Unstoppable Mission [5 mins.]

***“Now is the judgment of this world:
now shall the prince of this world be
cast out.”***

(John 12:31)

A. In the wilderness, Satan failed to stop the mission!

“And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.”

(Luke 4:13-14)

B. In the Garden, The Pharisees failed to stop the mission!

***“And Pilate asked him again, saying,
Answerest thou nothing? behold how
many things they witness against
thee.”***

(Mark 15:4)

C. On the cross, sin failed to stop the mission!

No man taketh it [my life] from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”

(John 10:18)

II. The Greatest Mission [5 mins.]

***“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
will draw all men unto me.”***

(John 12:32)

A. And so, he sends you first to your family and friends.

“Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.”

(Mark 5:19)

**B. And so, he then sends you into all
the world.**

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

(Mark 16:15)

III. The Conquering Mission [5 mins.]

***“This he said, signifying what death
he should die.”***

(John 12:33)

A. Hew was lifted up!

*And I, if I be **lifted up** from the earth,
will draw all men unto me.”*

(John 12:32)

B. He obtained the keys!

*“I am he that liveth, and was dead;
and, behold, I am alive for evermore,
Amen; and have **the keys** of hell and
of death.”*

(Revelation 1:18)

C. He made us victorious!

*“And they **overcame him** by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”*

(Revelation 12:11)

Conclusion

The mission... is a man! [5 mins.]

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