

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18, 2018

St. John 12:20-33, Jesus' Road to Glory Led Through the Cross

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Dear friends in Christ Jesus,

- The road to the Final Four began this past week.
- Four teams will get a shot at glory.
- In a few days after our text, Jesus would get his shot at glory.
- **Jesus' Road to Glory Led Through the Cross.** Jesus' death would give life to many. Jesus' death would give glory to his Father.
- Many people are looking for something though not sure what.
- Some Greeks who had heard about Jesus were looking for him in Jerusalem.
- Had Jesus not died, he never would have had a living body.
- Jesus lays those options before his servants.
- Jesus' road to glory led through the cross.
- Jesus' death also would give glory to his Father.
- Jesus used his commitment against Satan's attacks.
- His redemption of the entire world would give glory to his Father.
- God the Father spoke not to strengthen Jesus, but to tell the world his Son's death would glorify the Father.
- This was the hour for Jesus to drive out Satan.
- It is from the altar of the cross that Jesus draws all men to himself.
- We heard last week how Jesus was lifted up like the bronze snake in the desert.
- Just like a seed must 'die' for new life to come from it, Jesus had to die to give life to the many.
- God the Father kept his Son steady on the road to glory that led through the cross.
- We who serve Jesus follow him to glory through his cross.
- The Father honors us who serve his Son also to his glory.
- We do not know, and some of you probably don't care, who wins March Madness.
- Jesus' victory brought glory to his Father and to us. Amen. <SDG>