

**“The Christ of the Passion:  
Master and Commander—The Far Side of the World”**

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☞ **John 12:32, 33—the \_\_\_\_\_ cross in all of Scripture.**

- ▼ *New Living Translation:* “And when I am lifted up on the cross, I will draw everyone to myself.”
- ▼ How high a cross would it have to be for the Islamic world to see it and be drawn to Jesus?
- ▼ Re: “The Passion of the Christ” the words of Gamaliel: ““Let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found to be opposing God!”” (Acts 5:38, 39)

☞ **John 12:32 is the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission in John.**

- ▼ Where am I to go (my mission)? “All \_\_\_\_\_.”
- ▼ What am I to do (my message)? “Lift high My \_\_\_\_\_.”
- ▼ GO 2ALL and tell them the \_\_\_\_\_ story.
- ▼ His commission is a command: “You \_\_\_\_\_ Me up, and I’ll \_\_\_\_\_ them in.”

☞ **So how shall we lift him up—we who have been to the cross?**

- ▼ **John 12:20-26**
- ▼ “And \_\_\_\_\_ I am, \_\_\_\_\_ will my servant be also.”
- ▼ And where is Jesus today?
  - **The same place Jimmy Carter was on Tuesday.**
    - ▼ The greatest problem the world faces today is the growing \_\_\_\_\_ between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - ▼ 1.2 billion people live on \$\_\_\_\_\_/day or less.
    - ▼ One half of the world lives on \$\_\_\_\_\_/day or less.
  - **Luke 19:41—Benton Harbor is in the Bible!**

- *Desire of Ages*: “Many feel that it would be a great privilege to visit the scenes of Christ's life on earth. . . . But we need not go to Nazareth, to Capernaum, or to Bethany, in order to walk in the steps of Jesus. We shall find His footprints beside the sickbed, in the hovels of poverty, in the crowded alleys of the great city, and in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation. In doing as Jesus did when on earth, we shall walk in His steps.” (640)
- Jesus, walking the streets of Benton Harbor? To risky—too iffy—too “not me!”
- John R. W. Stott: “Where is the spirit of adventure, the sense of uncalculating solidarity with the underprivileged? Where are the Christians who are prepared to put service before security, compassion before comfort, hardship before ease? Thousands of pioneer Christian tasks are waiting to be done, which challenge our complacency, and which call for risk.” (*The Cross of Christ* 288)
- “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates her life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” (John 12:25)
- ▼ “For unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” (John 12:24)
- ▼ *You must \_\_\_\_\_ yourself in the furrow of this dying world's need.*
  - Albert Schweitzer: “I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.”
  - *Desire of Ages* concurs: “Where there is no active labor for others, love wanes, and faith grows dim.” (825)

*“Where I am, there will my servant be also.”*

Answers: tallest, Gospel, people, cross, John 3:16, lift, draw, where, there, divide, rich, poor, 1, 2, bury