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The Effects of the Cross

John 13:31-38

A major shift is about to occur in the lives of the disciples. For three years, they walked beside Jesus and listened to Him teach. In a few short hours, the cross will change all of that. He will not be with them any longer. Far from being an accident, the cross is the intentional plan of God and why Jesus was sent. The cross changes everything.

Additional Verses:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Romans 3:23

Hebrews 1:1-3

2 Peter 1:17

Outline:

1. The cross and the glory.

2. The cross and the disciples.

New commandment

New standard

New community

New sign

3. The cross and the covenant.

Study Questions:

1. Define God's glory. Why is there glory in the cross? How does this contrast to the way the world views the cross?

2. What are the "news" given to believers? How are we empowered to accomplish the "news?"

3. How do you demonstrate love to one another? How does the world interpret this love?

4. How does the cross inaugurate the New Covenant? What are the benefits of the New Covenant for believers?

5. How does the New Covenant lead us to the Lord's Supper?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?