

# The Departure of Jesus from This World

## John 13:31–38

### 1. *Jesus' death brought a threefold glory*

- a. The Son of Man's glory:  
The cross
- b. God's glory: Jesus' obedience
- c. Jesus' glory: The resurrection

31 When he was gone,  
Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified  
and God is glorified in him.

32 If God is glorified in him,  
God will glorify the Son in himself,  
and will glorify him at once.

### 2. *Jesus' death demanded a new commandment*

- a. The reason:  
His departure from the earth

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.

- b. The new commandment:  
To love as Jesus loved

34 "A new command I give you:  
Love one another.  
As I have loved you,  
so you must love one another.

- c. The mark of a true disciple:  
Love

35 By this all men will know  
that you are my disciples,  
if you love one another."

### 3. *Jesus' death revealed stumbling loyalty*

- a. Cause 1:  
Misunderstanding Jesus' death

36 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."

- b. Cause 2:  
Carnal commitment

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