

John 13:31-35

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³¹When Judas was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in himself and will glorify him immediately. ³³Little children, I’m with you for a little while longer. You will look for me - but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now - ‘Where I’m going, you can’t come.’ ³⁴“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. ³⁵This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 148

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¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord, in the heights!

²Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts!

³Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

⁴Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created...

⁶who established them for ever and ever, and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps...

⁸fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling God’s command!

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones, for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the Lord!

Acts 11:1-18

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God and concluded, “So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life.”

¹The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God’s word. ²When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. ³They accused him, “You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!” ⁴Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. ⁶As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals - including wild beasts - as well as reptiles and wild birds. ⁷I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’ ⁸I responded, ‘Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹The voice from heaven spoke a second time, ‘Never consider unclean what God has made pure.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. ¹¹At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man’s house. ¹³He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. ¹⁴He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.’ ¹⁵When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. ¹⁶I remembered the Lord’s words: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised