



November 16th, 2025

“For This Purpose I Have Come”

John 12:27-36

1. Discuss the Chesterton quote and the opportunity we have to “do it again” every Sunday (and every day, for that matter):

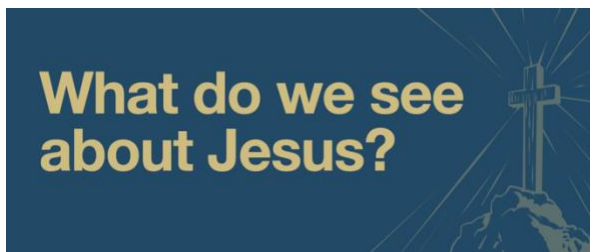
Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, "Do it again"; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony.

It is possible that God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we. The repetition in Nature may not be a mere recurrence; it may be a theatrical encore.

~ G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy* (1908)

2. How did the sermon encourage, comfort, or challenge you?
3. How can we follow Jesus’ example so that, instead of praying “Father, save me from this hour,” we learn to pray “Father, glorify Your name” when God leads us into difficult circumstances?
4. What does it mean that “the ruler of this world will be cast out”? How does Colossians 2:14–15 help explain the defeat of Satan at the cross?

5. How is Jesus being “lifted up” referring both to His crucifixion and to His exaltation? How does seeing the cross as glory shape the way we understand suffering and sacrifice?
6. Why do you think Jesus makes one more urgent appeal to the crowd? (vs. 35-36) What does it mean to “become sons of light”? (see also- John 1:11-13)
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Jesus has absolute clarity on what His purpose is: to judge the world, cast out its ruler, and – through the cross- draw all people to Himself

Respond to the sermon:

- **Head:** What did you learn / what were you reminded about who Jesus is?
 - **Heart:** What specific steps can you take to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ?
 - **Hands:** What ways can you live differently because of these truths?
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