

## THE ATTRACTION OF JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED! / JOHN 12:32

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me,"

"This He said signifying what death He should die."

AND BY THE WAY: John 10:18--

To Nicodemus, JESUS SAID: (John 3:14) "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

To the Jews: John 8:28: "When ye have lifted up the Son of Man, then shall ye know that I am He."

THE CROSS OF JESUS: THE PLACE OF DEEPEST SHAME AND HUMILIATION...

AND YET: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me,"

**CONSIDER THIS:** If Christianity had come from man instead of from God THE CHIEF attraction would not have been reserved for THE CROSS.

MULTITUDES DESPISE THE WAY OF THE CROSS! Galatians 6:12-14

BUT EVEN SO, JESUS SAID that as THE Crucified ONE, He WOULD attract the souls of men!

AND SO: ACTS 2:22-24; 36

1 COR. 1:23: "We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews an offence, and to the Greeks a folly; but to them which are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

1 COR. 2:2: "I determined," he says to a local church, "not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

Gal. 6:14-- GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY, OR BOAST ABOUT ANYTHING OR ANY BODY... EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_!

## **The resurrection is vital: 1 Cor. 15: 13-19**

NEVERTHELESS, JESUS SAID: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me,"

THEREFORE, PAUL PREACHED:

"We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews an offence, and to the Greeks a folly; but to them which are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." "I determined," he says to a local church, "not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." "GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY, OR BOAST ABOUT ANYTHING OR ANY BODY... EXCEPT THE CROSS!"

WHY JESUS WANTS US TO REMEMBER HIS DEATH:

**1. Therefore KNOW THIS:** "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me,"

**2. Therefore PREACH THIS:** "We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews an offence, and to the Greeks a folly; but to them which are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

**3. DEAR CHRISTIAN, PREACH THIS TO YOURSELF: Galatians 6:14**

**4. AND DO THIS: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26**