

Christ's Drawing Power

John 12:32-33

Intro: My friends hunting boots with bright red shoe laces!

Text Focus Attention on the center of faith: the cross

-Paul declared that He knew nothing except Christ and His crucifixion

-John "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness so must the Son of Man be lifted up that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life."

****The Cross is the center of Christ's drawing power!

**** lifted up

Lifted up = Elevated

A bishop is elevated glory

Crucifixion = degradation not elevation

Think The Electric chair

Crown His failure - His Success!

Degradation - His elevation

Cross - crown

Philippians 2:5 -11 “Obedient unto death, even the death of the cross”

WE GO UP BY GOING DOWN! Prayer and humility

****** Draw**

Jesus Drew men before He died.

At the cross – His followers left!

The cross is a magnet that unites us

The cross draws us!

****** All men (people)**

Not just the Jews!

God so loved THE WORLD!

The scope of redemption is total!

SBC history didn't count slaves counted by race

The Cross overcame history!

******From the Earth**

V,33 seems to confine the cross

Cannot be confined It is the Cross that stands

Always remember Christ

**ILL. War protesters that burned themselves.
Can't remember their names!**

From the earth – lifting up to new life

Also means the resurrection!

**LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH The grave
cannot hold us we will be lifted up to a new
life that lasts forever, and will not decay**

**ETERNAL LIFE FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE IN Jesus
Christ, our risen Savior.**