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GOSPEL
JN 12:31-32

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I WILL **DRAW ALL** TO MYSELF

Claudio Pastro

"Now is the judgment of this world; now the prince of this world will be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all to myself."

Being lifted up suggests glory. The great ones of this earth are raised on a pedestal: the great stars of show business, sports and politicians in their official photos. Jesus' pedestal, on the other hand, is the scaffold of the cross. Lifted up on it, he is the light placed on the candlestick that sheds light on all nations. It is the opprobrium of the cross that horrifies and fascinates at the same time, attracting the sighs and hopes of every man on earth. In it the glory of God mysteriously shines forth; in it every man finds his place and his home.

Lifted up



Christi Marcheschi - UNSPLASH

*I love you, Jesus,
you who have been lifted up
defenceless, naked,
exposed to humiliation,
to derision,
to mockery.*

*I love you, crucified Lord,
because I know that on the day
that you were lifted up,
you were thinking of me and my salvation.
Amen*