

**ΔΟΞΑ AND RELATED CONCEPTS  
IN THE FOURTH GOSPEL:  
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## SUMMARY

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Many commentators have ably dealt with the concept of glory in the Fourth Gospel and there is consequently an abundance of literature available regarding this topic. These writers have suggested a relatively wide range of concepts associated with the term indicating that the meaning of δόξα, as used by John, is multidimensional in character. In spite of the profusion of literature relatively little has been written on the manifestation of δόξα in the events of the cross and the conclusions of those who have essayed to do so differ considerably. Crucifixion was a painful, humiliating and degrading death reserved for criminals, murderers and rebels and the questions that arise are: Why does John link the crucifixion of Jesus with δόξα? What is the concept behind John's use of the word δόξα? Both questions may be summed up as: What does John expect or want his readers to understand by his use of this word in relation to the events of the cross? In order to answer this question an initial review of several classic writings on the Fourth Gospel dealing with δόξα from different perspectives was undertaken to establish these writers' perceptions of the concepts inherent in the use of δόξα in the Fourth Gospel. This was followed by a survey of the lexicographical background of δόξα. This is focused on its use in the LXX, since NT usage usually follows that of the LXX. The concept of δόξα in the LXX, however, is partly dependent on its meaning in extra-biblical Greek and partly on the concepts of the Hebrew words which are translated as δόξα in the LXX. This consideration of the concepts of δόξα in the Greek Old Testament is supplemented by an inquiry into its use in extra-Biblical literature, particularly the writings of Philo and Josephus. John's use of δόξα in

the Fourth Gospel is examined as are other passages which point to the inherent δόξα of Jesus. Emphasis is placed on the Prologue, Jesus' relationship with the Father, the demonstration of Jesus' power and authority in the σημεῖα, the impact of the Ἐγώ εἰμι statements and the way some people, such as Thomas, reacted to Jesus' words and works. A review of other words which, in some contexts, have similar connotations to that of δόξα is presented. Among these the prime terms are Τιμή / Τιμάω, Ἀναβαίνω, Ἐξουσία, Βραχίων and Φῶς. A more detailed analysis of the Greek word Ὑψίω follows. The use of δόξα in relation to events of the cross is considered in detail. A discussion of the manifestations of δόξα evident in the events of the cross, either expressly or indirectly by what is said or done concludes the examination of the use of δόξα in the Fourth Gospel. This study does not attempt to discuss every text in the Fourth Gospel that speaks of δόξα or δοξάζω, but those that are most closely associated with the events of the cross are studied and discussed.

#### KEY TERMS

- |                        |               |              |          |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|
| 1. Glory               | 2. Lifting up | 3. The cross | 4. Signs |
| 5. The prayer of Jesus | 6. Father     | 7. Honour    | 8. I AM  |
| 9. Authority           | 10. Power     |              |          |

## ABBREVIATIONS

### A. General Abbreviations

AD	Anno Domini
Ant.	Antiquities
BC	Before Christ
BHS	Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia
Cf.	Confer
CD	Cairo-Damascus Document
Ch(s).	Chapter(s)
DSS	Dead Sea Scrolls
Ed(s)	Editor(s)
e.g.	For example
En.	English
esp.	Especially
i.e.	That is
LXX	Septuagint
mss	Manuscripts
MT	Massoretic Text
NASB	New American Standard Bible
NIV	New International Version
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
NT	New Testament
Ode	Odes of Solomon
OT	Old Testament
1 QS	Qumran Rule of the Community (Manual of Discipline)
Tg. Onq.	Targum Onqelos
trans.	translation
Vol (s).	Volume(s)

**B. Abbreviation of the Bible**

Old Testament		New Testament	
Gen.	Genesis	Mt.	Matthew
Ex.	Exodus	Mk.	Mark
Lev.	Leviticus	Lk.	Luke
Num.	Numbers	Jn.	John
Deut.	Deuteronomy	Acts	Acts
Jos.	Joshua	Rom.	Romans
Jdg.	Judges	1 Cor.	1 Corinthians
Ruth	Ruth	2 Cor.	2 Corinthians
1 Sam.	1 Samuel	Gal.	Galatians
2 Sam.	2 Samuel	Eph.	Ephesians
1 Ki.	1 Kings	Phil.	Philippians
2 Ki.	2 Kings	Col.	Colossians
1 Chr.	1 Chronicles	1 Thess.	1 Thessalonians
2 Chr.	2 chronicles	2 Thess.	2 Thessalonians
Ezr.	Ezra	1 Tim.	1 Timothy
Neh.	Nehemiah	2 Tim.	2 Timothy
Est.	Esther	Tit.	Titus
Job	Job	Phlm.	Philemon
Ps.	Psalms	Heb.	Hebrews
Prov.	Proverbs	Jas.	James
Eccl.	Ecclesiastes	1 Pet.	1 Peter
Cant.	Song of Songs	2 Pet.	2 Peter
Isa.	Isaiah	1 Jn.	1 John
Jer.	Jeremiah	2 Jn.	2 John
Lam.	Lamentations	3 Jn.	3 John
Ezek.	Ezekiel	Jude.	Jude
Dan.	Daniel	Rev.	Revelation
Hos.	Hosea		
Joel	Joel		
Amos	Amos		

Obad.	Obadiah	
Jon.	Jonah	
Mic.	Micah	
Nah.	Nahum	
Hab.	Habakkuk	
Zeph.	Zephaniah	
Hag.	Haggai	
Zech.	Zechariah	
Mal.	Malach	

### c. Abbreviations of Reference Works

<i>ABD</i>	<i>The Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> . Ed. D. N. Freedman. Vols. 6. New York: Doubleday, 1992
<i>ATR</i>	<i>Anglican Theological Review</i>
<i>ATRS</i>	<i>Anglican Theological Review Supplement</i>
<i>BT</i>	<i>The Bible Translator</i>
<i>BTB</i>	<i>Biblical Theology Bulletin</i>
<i>BZNW</i>	<i>Beiheft zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
<i>CBQ</i>	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
<i>DCH</i>	<i>Dictionary of Classical Hebrew</i>
<i>EDNT</i>	<i>Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament</i> . Ed. H. Balz & G. Schneider. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. 1994
<i>EmJ</i>	<i>The Emmaus Journal</i>
<i>ET</i>	<i>Expository Times</i>
<i>HALOT</i>	<i>The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament</i>
<i>IDB</i>	<i>The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i> . Ed. G. A. Buttrick Vols. 4. New York: Abingdon Press. 1962
<i>Int</i>	<i>Interpretation</i>
<i>ISBE</i>	<i>The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia</i> . Ed. G. W. Bromiley. Vols. 4. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. 1982



<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JETS</i>	<i>Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society</i>
<i>LTJ</i>	<i>Lutheran Theological Journal</i>
<i>NBD</i>	<i>The New Bible Dictionary</i> . Ed. J. D. Douglas. London: Inter-Varsity Press. (1962) 1974
<i>NIDNTT</i>	<i>New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology</i> . Ed. C. Brown. Vols. 4. Cumbria: Paternoster Press. 1986
<i>NIDOTTE</i>	<i>New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology &amp; Exegesis</i> . Ed. W. A. VanGemeren. Vols. 4. Cumbria: Paternoster Press. 1997
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
<i>NovTSup</i>	<i>Supplements to Novum Testamentum</i>
<i>NTF</i>	<i>Neutestamentliche Forschungen</i>
<i>NTS</i>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
<i>NTSSA</i>	<i>Journal of the New Testament Society of South Africa</i>
<i>RSR</i>	<i>Religious Studies Review</i>
<i>SBLSP</i>	<i>Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers</i>
<i>TDNT</i>	<i>Theological Dictionary of the New Testament</i> . Ed. G. Kittel and G. Friedrich. Eng. Trans. G. W. Bromiley. Vols. 10. Eerdmans: Grand Rapids. 1964-1976
<i>TDOT</i>	<i>Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament</i> . Ed. G. J. Botterweck & H. Ringgren & Heinz-Josef. Fabry. Eng. Trans. E. G. David. Vols. 7. Eerdmans: Grand Rapids. 1995/1978/2001
<i>ThE</i>	<i>Theological Educator: A Journal of Theology and Ministry</i>
<i>TLNT</i>	<i>Theological Lexicon of the New Testament</i> . By Ceslas Spicq. Ed. & Trans. Ernest, J. D. Vols. 3. Peabody: Hendrickson Publishers.
<i>TLOT</i>	<i>Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament</i>
<i>TS</i>	<i>Theological Studies</i>

<i>TWOT</i>	<i>Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament</i> . Ed. R. L. Harris. et al., Vols. 2. Chicago: Moody Press. 1980
<i>VKGNT</i>	<i>Vollständige Konkordanz zum Griechischen Neuen Testament</i> . Vols. 2. (Spezialübersichten). Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. 1978
	<i>Vollständige Konkordanz zum Griechischen Neuen Testament</i> . Vols. 2. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. 1983.
<i>WBC</i>	Word Biblical Commentary
<i>WTJ</i>	<i>Westminster Theological Journal</i>
<i>ZNW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
<i>ZPEB</i>	<i>The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible</i> . Ed. Tenney, M.C. Vols. 5. Michigan: Grand Rapids. 1975

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