



JOHN 12:27-50, LESSON #37

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John 12:27-33, "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." Therefore, the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

- **My soul is troubled:**

- ✓ Jesus received this crucial hour knowing it was coming, yet it troubled Him because He knew what the agonies of the cross would involve.
- ✓ As a man he was *troubled* at the prospect of a *violent* and agonizing, painful death.
- ✓ It is natural and understandable that God and man *abhors death*:
 - God has implanted that abhorrence in nature and especially man.
 - It is the principle of _____;

Note: It is natural to be cautious and to avoid danger when we know what the consequences might be.

- Knowing this was the crucial hour Jesus could not ask to escape the hour, because He knew that "**for this purpose I (Jesus) came to this hour.**"
- The cross, which had cast a shadow over the entire life and ministry of Jesus, would now become a reality in the experience of Jesus.
- As Jesus thought of the cross just a few days away, His main concern was to **glorify the name** and character of God the Father.
- **This was the third audible Divine testimony to Jesus' status as the Son of God, after the Divine voice heard at His baptism and His transfiguration.**
- **"I have both glorified it and will glorify it again"**: This was assurance from God the Father. Approaching the cross, the great concern of Jesus was to _____ the Father, and He was assured that He already had and would continue to do so.

NOTE: The main reason Jesus agreed and was willing to go to the cross was to "DEFEAT SATAN AND HIS ENTIRE DOMAIN...EVENTUALLY SENDING HIM (SATAN) AND HIS COHORTS TO THE LAKE OF FIRE FOR ETERNITY. THIS

LAST EVENT WOULD END THE CHAOS, PAIN, AND CALAMITIES ON EARTH AND IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

Satan was cast out of any rightful authority over God's people. Jesus knew that the benefit and goal of His work on the cross would go far beyond blessing and salvation to the Jewish people; He would _____ **all peoples to Himself** (That's us...you and me...and all who humble themselves before Jesus and repent of their sins).

The defeat of Satan is vividly described at the cross in Colossians 2:14-15:

"Having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." (Col. 2:14-15, NIV)

What does it mean when Jesus said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake?"

John 12:34-36, "The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?" Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

- This crowd that enthusiastically greeted a political conqueror didn't want to consider His sacrificial death. It didn't fit in with their idea of what a _____ should be.
- Jesus assured them that He would be with them only a short time longer. The light of His earthly ministry was about to go out.
- ✓ *We must believe on Jesus while the light is there...because it won't last forever. God's Spirit will not always strive with man (Genesis 6:3), and we must answer His call while it rings to us.*

John 12:37-41, "But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?" Therefore, they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them."

- Throughout his Gospel, John told us of many signs that Jesus performed that should cause us to **believe in Him** (John 2:11, 4:54, 6:14). Yet many **did not believe in Him**.
- Using two quotations from Isaiah (Isaiah 53:1 and 6:9-10), John explained that this was _____.
- ✓ “He does not mean that the blinding takes place without the will or against the will of these people. These men chose evil. It was their own deliberate choice, their own fault.” (Morris)

John 12:42-43, “Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”

- This late in Jesus’ ministry there were many who believed on Him _____.
- They saw the signs and heard His teaching, **yet** because they were afraid of what others would think and do against them, they would not openly declare (**confess**) their allegiance to and trust in Jesus.
- Jesus had just explained that if anyone served Him, they would receive *honor* from God (John 12:26). **Yet** there were many who **loved** the honor that comes from other men more than the **praise** that comes from God.

John 12:44-50, “Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

- These are the last words in John’s gospel from Jesus to the _____.*
- In this last speech to the multitude, Jesus emphasized the themes of all His previous preaching in John.*
- ONE LAST PLEA...JESUS CRYING OUT AND FIRMLY DECLARING:**
 - A reminder of His teaching,
 - A challenge to decide,
 - A warning to those who decide against Him and,
 - A promise (everlasting life) to those who decide to believe and follow Him.

“I have decided to follow Jesus...No turning back; no turning back!”