

# The Gospel of John

## The Passion of Christ John 12-21



John 12:27-36

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### *THE VOICE FROM HEAVEN*

#### **Introduction:**

#### **I. THE SON'S REQUEST (12:27-28a)**

##### A. His Distress (vs. 27)

“now My soul has become troubled”

“what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour?’ ”

“But for this purpose I came to this hour.”

##### B. His Desire (vs. 28a)

“Father, glorify Your name.”

#### **II. THE FATHER'S RESPONSE (12:28b-29)**

##### A. His Declaration (vs. 28b)

“then a voice came out of heaven, ‘I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.’ ”

##### B. The Crowd's Description (vs. 29)

“so the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered”

“others were saying, ‘An angel has spoken to Him.’ ”

#### **III. THE SON'S REVELATION (12:30-33)**

##### A. His Deity (vs. 30)

“This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.”

##### B. His Defeat of Satan (vs. 31)

“now judgment is upon this world”

“now the ruler of this world will be cast out”

##### C. His Death (vs. 32-33)

“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

“But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.”

#### **IV. THE CROWD'S REACTION (12:34)**

##### **A. Their Doctrine (vs. 34a)**

“the crowd then answered Him, “We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever”

##### **B. Their Dilemma (vs. 34b)**

“how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up?’ ”

“Who is this Son of Man?”

#### **V. THE SON'S REPLY (12:35-36)**

##### **A. His Definition (vs. 35)**

“So Jesus said to them, ‘For a little while longer the Light is among you.’ ”

“Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.”

##### **B. His Directions (vs. 36a)**

“While you have the Light, believe in the Light so that you may become sons of Light.”

##### **C. His Departure (vs. 36b)**

“These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.”

#### **Conclusion:**

- 1) Be careful about how you ask questions of the Lord.
- 2) Be careful that you allow God to confront your sin and that you do something about it when He does.
- 3) Be careful that you believe in Christ while you still can.

#### **Food for Thought:**

- 1) What do Jesus' words in vs. 27 (“My soul has become troubled”) teach us about His nature?
- 2) Discuss what is meant by “if I am lifted up from the earth” in vs. 32. Why is this so deeply significant?
- 3) What is right about the crowd's response? What is wrong about it?
- 4) What does it mean to “walk in darkness” vs. “walk in the Light”? How do you do that?