

John 12:27-33

Verse 27

- The Greek word for troubled in this verse means agitated, disturbed, horror. Jesus is troubled and moved within Himself as He contemplates taking upon Himself the wrath of His Father for the sins of His people. He made Him who knew no sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (**2 Corinthians 5:21**).
- Jesus has a pre-Gethsemane, Gethsemane:
 - **Matthew 26:36-42** Then Jesus *came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and *said to His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.³⁸ Then He *said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.”³⁹ And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”⁴⁰ And He *came to the disciples and *found them sleeping, and *said to Peter, “So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour?⁴¹ Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”⁴² He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.”
- The cup could not pass from Jesus, and neither could this hour as His substitutionary death was the only way for those whom the Father had given Him before the world was to be redeemed. Christ would submit to the will of the Father.

Verse 28

- In the death of Jesus, the Father and His name was glorified. Christ came to do the will and the works of the Father and was obedient to the Father even unto death. In the death of His Son, the Father was glorified as the Son was exequating the Father. When His Son is honored, the Father is honored. When His Son is glorified, the Father is glorified. When one believes in the Son, they believe in the Father. He would be glorified in His justice and wrath displayed toward His Son on the cross. He is glorified in His Son’s obedience to Him to complete His mission to redeem those whom He had given to the Son. He would be glorified as Christ would triumph over Satan and break his power via the cross fulfilling the promise in **Genesis 3:15**.
 - **John 17:1-5** Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,² even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to ^[a]all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.³ This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.⁴ I glorified You on the earth, ^[b]having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.⁵ Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- The Father responds to Jesus with an audible voice in response to Him petitioning that the Father glory His name by declaring that He has glorified it and will glorify it again.
- There are three times in the life of Christ on earth where the Father audibly responded to the Son.
 - In this verse (**John 12:28**)-Near the end of His ministry
 - At Jesus’ Baptism (**Matthew 3:17**)- Beginning of His ministry
 - On the mountain when Jesus was transfigured (**Matthew 17:5**)-During His ministry

Verse 29

- Those who were present that day had different opinions on what they heard. Some thought that it was thunder, while others thought an angel had spoken.

Verse 30

- This verse is similar to Jesus' response in **John 11:41-42**. The response from the Father was to be a sign that Jesus was sent from the Father and His death on the cross was His mission from the Father.
 - **John 11:41-42** So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴²I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the ^[a]people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.

Verse 31

- The death of Christ was judgment upon sin and the world.
- Through the death of Christ, the power of Satan was broken, and he was defeated (**Col 2:15**).
 - **Hebrews 2:14** Therefore, since the children share in ^[a]flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
- He would be cast out and bound (**Revelation 20:3**) and through the cross, the gospel would spread to all the nations (Gentiles) after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:8**).

Verse 32

- Jesus being lifted up on a cross means that He would draw all men to Himself.
- This can not mean every single human because **John 6:44** states that those who are drawn are raised up on the last day. If this verse means that Jesus will draw every single person, then everyone is in Heaven as this speaks to universalism.
- The drawing of "all men" refers His elect from the Jew and the Gentiles.

Verse 33

- Being lifted up refers to the death He would undergo which was crucifixion.
 - **John 3:13-16** No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. ¹⁴As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; ¹⁵so that whoever ^[a]believes will in Him have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that He gave His ^[b]only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Jesus knew that He could not be saved from this hour as it was for this hour that He came. He knew the anguish, horror, and pain that was to come, but for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross (**Heb 12:2**). He endured the cross so that He would see the fruit of His harvest. His harvest includes Jew and Gentile as Him being lifted up would result in Him drawing all men. This hour would result in a triumph over sin and the enemy. What looked like a victory for the world and for Satan was rather a cosmic triumph over them, as God would be glorified. As Jesus said "Father, save Me from this hour? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name." Hallowed be Your name!

