

COMMITMENT TO THE CROSS
(John 12:27-34)

- I. The Agitation of Jesus' SOUL (John 12:27-28a)
 - A. Indicates inner TURMOIL over what was COMING
 - 1. His distress was not a momentary FLINCHING from the CROSS
 - 2. His distress was not a deep-seated FEAR of the CROSS
 - 3. His distress was not an unwillingness to BEAR our SIN
 - 4. Jesus is distressed by the coming STRUGGLE
 - B. MOCKS the idea He might ask the Father to "SAVE Me from THIS HOUR"
 - C. Affirms that His purpose in COMING was for "THIS HOUR"
 - D. Calls on the Father to GLORIFY His own NAME
- II. The Response of Jesus' FATHER (John 12:28b-29)
 - A. States that He HAS and that He WILL AGAIN
 - 1. It's an affirmation that Jesus has FULFILLED the Father's WILL
 - 2. It's a promise that Jesus will RETURN to the Father's PRESENCE (cf. John 17:1-5)
 - B. Is perceived DIFFERENTLY by various listeners
 - 1. Some heard only THUNDER
 - 2. Some thought an ANGEL had spoken to JESUS

- 3. Evidently the disciples UNDERSTOOD
- C. Was for the DISCIPLES' benefit, not His
- III. The Expectation of Jesus' TRIUMPH (John 12:30-33)
 - A. Would bring JUDGMENT upon the "WORLD"
 - B. Would "CAST OUT" the RULER of this world
 - C. "Will DRAW all men to" HIMSELF
 - 1. God's "drawing" is not just an INVITATION, it is EFFECTIVE
 - 2. He cannot mean EVERYONE will be SAVED
 - 3. If "all men" is universal, He means EVERYONE will know He is LORD
(Phil. 2:10; cf. Isa. 45:23; Rom. 14:11)
 - 4. Probably means that salvation would not be limited to JEWS but would be extended to "ALL MEN"
- IV. The Collapse of Jesus' POPULARITY (John 12:34)
 - A. Had expected Christ to "REMAIN FOREVER"
 - B. REJECTED Jesus as the "Son of Man"