

Study questions for John 12 (Part 3) :27-43

- As you look at the collective verses we're studying, what overarching theme would you apply to them?
- In our Sunday morning study we looked at the statement of Jesus in **verse 27** about his soul being "troubled" and we spent time understanding how Jesus became a curse to free us from the consequences of our sin. Why do you believe it's important to try to grasp the depth of what Jesus suffered for us on the cross?
- Why is it important to underscore where death came from and why it was never part of God's original design for mankind?
- How does our Lord's prayer "Father, glorify Your name" in **verse 28** influence the way you look at your own trials and challenges?
- **Verse 29** brought up a discussion about how people react to supernatural phenomena. Why do you think people are so quick to give answers about things they scarcely understand?
- **Read verses 31-33 aloud.** What three things did Jesus say would take place as a result of His sacrificial death on the cross?
- What confusion did the Jews have when listening to Jesus speak of Himself being "lifted up"? (See **12:34**)
- People often ask why Jesus referred to Himself as the "Son of Man." Read **Daniel 7:13-14** and see how the title "son of man" is given prophetically to Messiah.
- In **verses 35 and 36** Jesus exhorted His audience to **walk, believe** and **become**. What was Jesus telling the Jews and how could these verses be used to share the Gospel with an unbeliever?
- What is the message of **verses 37-40**?
- Does "**they could not believe**" (**12:39**) mean that the Jews had no free will to believe? If not, what then is the meaning?
- Many prominent people did privately believe that Jesus was the Christ. What priorities kept them from confessing their faith publicly (**12:42-43**)?