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**28**Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”

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**“Now Is My Soul Troubled”**

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INTRO:

Have you ever had something coming up which so consumed your attention and emotion that you could think of little else for days? For example, think about a bride getting ready for her wedding day. It seems that for months all anyone in the family can think about is all the details which have to be taken care of before the “big day” arrives. There is a parallel of sorts between such a major event in a person’s life and what we find our Lord facing in John 12. While a wedding is a joyous event with very little sorrow attached, our Lord faced an event which involved great joy as well as great sorrow. The joy we find in **Hebrews 12:2** “**Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**” The sorrow we begin to see as we observe Him in John 12:27.

We observed a definite change in the flavor of John’s Gospel as we entered chapter 12. Remember we noticed how up until this chapter John recorded “**His hour had not come.**” Now at verse 23 everything changed. Jesus announced, “**The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.**” The hour has come. As we move into verse 27, our Lord spoke about the significance of that hour. We will explore what He said in two parts.

**I. The Beginning of His Suffering (v. 27-30)**

**II. The Effect of His Suffering (v. 31-33)**

## I. The Beginning of His Suffering (v. 27-30)

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A. The thought of the cross brings to the surface our Lord’s feelings and emotions at facing this culminating point of His earthly ministry. What was going on in our Lord’s heart at this point?

1. This statement is a parallel to our Lord’s statement in the Garden of Gethsemane. ***“And He said, ‘Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will’” Mark 14:36.*** Jesus was not shrinking back from the specter of the physical suffering connected to crucifixion. He still was troubled by the spiritual anguish He was about to suffer.

2. I do not think the physical suffering was what caused our Lord’s spirit to be troubled. He did not suffer unlike others physically on the cross. However, He suffered as no man ever suffered because of the spiritual burden of being made sin for us.

3. Remember ***2 Corinthians 5:21? “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*** Does anyone understand what it means for One who is infinitely holy, who had never sinned or had anything to do with sin to suddenly be made sin for us? Remember who this Savior is! He is the God-man. How can we begin to understand what it was like for He who knew no sin, but who despised sin, to be made sin for us? He was made our sin so that when the Father poured out His wrath against our sin upon Him, His righteous anger was satisfied. Isaiah said it prophetically in ***Isaiah 53:6 “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”*** Again, in ***verse 5***, he says: ***“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”***

4. The Apostle Paul stated this truth almost clinically in ***Romans 8:3 “For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh.”*** What the law could not do, God the Father did in His Son. He accomplished the expiation of the penalty of sin. He gave us the ability to be righteous both positionally and practically!

5. Was this our Lord expressing His human fear of death? No! It was His divine hatred of sin which caused His spirit to become so troubled at the thought of being made sin for us. Why does the Holy Spirit record this? God was not neutral in the process of salvation and Jesus did not go to the cross without concern. What the Lord Jesus did for us shows us how deeply He loved us!

B. Our Lord’s struggle with the specter of the cross does not take long. He immediately returned to the ultimate purpose of His incarnate existence, that is to bring glory to the

Father. ***“Father, glorify Your name. Then a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘I have both glorified it and will glorify it again’” (verse 28).***

1. This poses a question to us. What is the ultimate goal of our existence? Do we live to bring glory to God or do we exist to feed our own lusts? In ***Colossians 1:16-18***, Paul told us why everything was created. ***“For by Him (Jesus) all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”*** The Father created everything and designed creation so that in everything the Lord Jesus Christ would have preeminence -- first place. Do you understand the importance of all of this? Kathy plays a Chopin nocturne beautifully. When I add notes that the creator did not design into the piece, I create discord and tension. But when it is played as the creator designed it to be played, the result is beautiful! It is that way with our lives also. This is why it is so important we live to glorify God!

## II. The Results of His Suffering (v. 31-33)

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***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.”***

A. Having talked about the beginning of His suffering, He then tells us about the results of His suffering. The cross of Christ provided us many positive benefits that we think of all the time. Things like (1) He purchased our salvation so we can live forever with the Lord Jesus who bought us. (2) It also made a way of access for us directly to God the Father. We need no priest or other intermediary. We can go directly through the Lord Jesus into the very presence of God. As the writer of Hebrews put it: ***“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” Hebrews 4:16.*** But our Lord, thinking about His death on the cross, thought in terms of some results we seldom think about.

B. The first result of His suffering is found in verse 31. “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.” The present world is judged. How does this happen?

1. First, the world is judged because His coming and death will divide the people in two categories. ***“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. r everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” John 3:19-21***

2. Second, the world is judged because the very act of crucifixion shows the ultimate rebellion of the creation against its Creator. Who could possibly accuse God the Father of being arbitrary in condemning the world after the world killed His only Son?

C. **Verse 31** records the second result of His suffering. ***“Now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”*** Here we learn that in His death, the prince of this present world is cast out. Satan is the prince of world. The supreme irony of Calvary was that just when it looked like Satan was enjoying his greatest triumph, he actually suffered his worse defeat. After Calvary there is no hope for Satan. God uniquely glorified Himself and defeated once and for all the schemes of the devil. **1 John 3:8** ***“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”***

D. We find in verse 32 the final effect of His suffering. ***“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.”*** The last effect is that He will draw all kinds of people unto Himself.

While Jesus died to judge this present world, He also died that the prince of this world might be cast out. Yet, ultimately, He died that He might bring us to God the Father. He will draw all kinds of people unto Himself. Not just Jews, but Jews and Gentiles in order that He might take a people for His name.

Has He saved you? Do you have access to the Father through Him? If you do, then we need to hear the admonition of the writer to the Hebrews and draw near to Him and serve Him. If you have not received the Lord as Savior, will you do so today?

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