



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 12:27-34
From Sermon 7.21.24

Read *John 12:27-34*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: The scene is the same. The discourse is continued. Jesus is still, technically, responding to the Greek's request for an introduction. After laying out the major hurdles of Christianity to the Greco-Roman mindset, Jesus directs all groups to His destiny with Calvary's cross. Here, each party will chime in with their view and response to the Messiah dying a criminal's death.

1. From Sunday: It is Paramount that Jesus Resurrects. See *1 Corinthians 15:14-19*
Therefore, it's equally crucial that He Dies. See *Romans 14:9*

2. How does Holy God reconcile sinful man? He cannot just compromise His holy nature = just forgive/excuse. Death still is required. So, He'll arrange for and accept the substitute of the sinless One on the Cross. = A new Adam/representative.

3. How do you view the cross of Christ? Tragic or beautiful? Needless or Necessary? Defeat or Victory?
Various personal answers

4. The Unity and Consistency of Scripture:

- Everything in the Old Testament points forward to the Cross.
- The main focus of all 4 Gospels is the Cross.
- The New Testament points back to the Cross.

5. Re-read *John 12:27*. What three aspects of the cross "dismayed/troubled" Jesus? Discuss.

- The Shame—Jesus would be put on put trial with a public execution. The condemned were killed naked and with their crime spelled out. Bearing sin He never committed.
- The Pain—The intentional agony of being scourged and beaten. The long, torturous death of crucifixion—thorns, nails, thirst, exposure, breathing...
- The Separation—The main cause of Christ's anguish. Separated for the first time in eternity from the Father and the Spirit. The Father's full wrath poured for us. See *Matthew 27:45-46*

6. In verse 31 (re-read), Jesus called Satan "the ruler of this world". Explain. When Adam fell in Genesis, man handed the dominion of Creation over to the devil. He is the prince of the air and the one who bestows kingdoms and rule. See *Luke 4:5-8*

6a. In what 3 ways is Satan defeated by the cross?

- Defeating the fear of death in the people of God, going forward. See *Hebrews 2:14-15*
- Eventually, he'll be kicked out of his access to heaven.
- His final destiny with the Lake of Fire