



Sermon Series: John - The Word of Life - Part 41

Message: "My Troubled Soul"

Text: John 12:27-36

Date: 10/23/2022

- ★ John's purpose for writing was to connect people to Jesus! (John 20:30-31)
- ★ John was writing to Jewish Christians being kicked out of their synagogues (John 9:22)

Psalm 6:1-4

- This psalm is reflected in the words of Jesus in John 12:27

John 12:27

- Remember "The hour has come" (v23)
- Jesus was 100% fully God and human - He felt what we feel!
- Compare with Jesus praying in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-39)
 - (v37) "troubled" = feelings of hopelessness
- There was a *purpose* for the death of Jesus (to save people from their sins)

John 12:28-36

- (v28) glorified in the life and ministry of Jesus
- (v28) glorified again in the death and resurrection of Jesus
- (v31) "the prince of this world" = Satan
- (v32) "lifted up" = the crucifixion *and* the resurrection
- (v32) "all people" = Jesus isn't saying that in the end all people will be saved. He's saying that salvation is for both the Jews and Gentiles.
- The Messiah (Jesus) came to conquer death so that people would have life
- (v36) "believe" = trust in Jesus continually; don't give up on your faith

Psalm 6:4

- "unfailing love" (Hebrew, *hesed*) = a kind of covenant love

Psalm 109:21-22, 26

- (v22) "wounded" = David's wounded heart is the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek word Jesus used for His troubled soul
- (v26) "unfailing love" (*hesed*)
- See also 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 about comfort

Reflection: Are we willing to say to Jesus: "*Not my will Lord, but Yours be done.*"

- Going Deeper -

For individual or small group study

1. **READ Psalm 6:1-10.** When we feel like our “soul is troubled,” remember this prayer of David. What verses in here seem to resonate with you the most? How does this Psalm help you to trust the Lord?
2. **READ Matthew 26:36-46.** What human feelings is Jesus experiencing in these verses? Why do you think Jesus would go off and pray, but then He’d return to His disciples (He did this three times)? How are the emotions welling up in Jesus different than what His disciples were feeling?
3. **READ John 12:27.** Jesus isn’t looking to be saved from His impending crucifixion. Instead, He’s wanting to obey the Father’s will. Has there been a time in your life when you’ve felt God leading you down a difficult path? What did the Lord teach you during that time?
4. **READ 2 Corinthians 1:3-7.** How might our “troubled souls” benefit others? How have you seen this in your life?

Recommended Resources

- *NIV Faithlife Illustrated Study Bible*, christianbook.com, <https://bit.ly/3kxieXw>
- “Overview: John 1-12” by Bible Project, search on YouTube