

(1) How does our passage (esp. vv. 27-28) help you understand and appreciate God's sovereignty over human affairs, especially the life and death of Jesus? If nothing could happen to Jesus until "his hour had come," what does this say about the influence God exerts over the wills and actions of those who would have liked to kill him at any time?

(2) What are some of the ways that the Father was glorified in and through Jesus during his earthly ministry?

(3) Have any of you ever heard the "audible" voice of God, as it occurred in John 12:27-36? If so, describe it. Have you ever heard the "internal audible" voice of God? If so, describe it.

(4) What are the many ways in which the death and resurrection of Jesus defeated and/or judged Satan and the demonic hosts? If Satan was judged ("disarmed", etc.) at the cross, how is it that he still "prowls" about like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour? How do we reconcile his judgment at the cross with his on-going efforts to destroy Christians and the Church?

(5) In the NT, we who believe in Jesus are called many things: beloved, children of God, the church, the redeemed, etc. What does Jesus mean in v. 36 when he describes us as "sons of light"? What are the unique elements entailed by this reference?