



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 12:27-36 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#) are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. Since Jesus is the Son of God, why do you think His soul was troubled about His coming crucifixion and death?

Jesus is the Word made flesh. Jesus is fully God and fully human. As fully man, Jesus had a human soul and body, and He was tested in all ways as we are, but He chose to never sin. His soul was troubled; therefore, He fully understands by personal experience human emotions, temptations, and weaknesses even when it comes to future suffering and death (even the death of friends as well as himself).

2. Did Jesus pray to the Father that He would not die? If not, why not? How did Jesus pray to His Father?

No. He knew that He came to die in perfect agreement with His Father. He prayed aloud for the glory of His Father, that His Father would glorify His name. He prayed aloud for the sake of the crowd.

3. What or who is the ruler of this world? What is his destiny?

The ruler of “this world,” not the ruler of “the world,” is the devil. The devil can be driven out of those he possesses and will ultimately be driven out of the world to be sent to the place prepared for the devil and his angels.

4. What did Jesus mean when He said that He would be lifted up from the earth? What else might He have meant that He did not tell the crowd?

He meant that He would be crucified. He did not explain to the crowd or His disciples at that time that He would also ascend into heaven and believers in Him would someday be drawn into heaven too to be with Him.

5. As the Son of Man, how did Jesus describe himself to the crowd?

He is the Light for people to believe and believe in, and if they do, they will become children of Light (children of Truth).

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