

## *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for January 21-22, 2006**

**"The Effects of the Cross"**

**John 12:27-30**

The effect of Christ's words about the cross upon Himself (John 12:27-30).

The word "troubled" (TARASSO) is a strong verb signifying revulsion, horror, anxiety, agitation (John 12:27).

Though Jesus was deeply troubled by the cross, He knew that He personally did not have any other option (John 12:27).

The prayer that Jesus introduced in John 12:27, "Father, save me from this hour," was hypothetical.

Jesus could not pray this hypothetical prayer, "save me from this hour," because He knew His Father had sent Him into this world to suffer "this hour."

Jesus wanted His death on the cross not only to be an expression of obedience to His Father's will, but the very means by which His Father's name would be glorified (John 12:28).

When Christ asked His Father to glorify His name, He was asking His Father to put His own personal divine attributes on display.

Christ's Father responded to His Son's prayer by assuring Him that just as His life had displayed His divine attributes, so would His death.

God's divine attributes were put on display through His Son because there was nothing in Christ's life or death that did not directly flow from His Father (John 5:19).

Though the multitude heard the response of the Father to His Son's prayer in John 12:28, the response was totally unintelligible to them (John 12:29).

The audible response of the Father to the prayer of His Son benefited the disciples of Christ because it helped them to view the cross properly, or in other words as glorious (John 10:30).

If Christ's Father views the cross of His Son as glorious, then we, as the followers of Christ, need to view His cross in the very same way.