

**The Main Attraction**  
**John 12:27-33**

27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die. NKJV

Read quote from James Montgomery Boice Vol 3, page 951, bottom of page.

- I. Now is the judgment of this world;
  - A. Not since the beginning of the world will mankind have such an opportunity as they would have in the next few days.
    - 1. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and by the curse plunged mankind into centuries of sin and darkness.
    - 2. But these two, the Gentiles and the Jews, will conspire together to put to death God's own Son.
    - 3. And although they intend it for evil, God intends it for God.
  - B. But now God's perfect Son has kept the whole law and thereby condemns all those who do not.
  - C. And as mankind's greatest act of rebellion they will crucify the sinless, gentle Son of God
- II. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out.
  - A. Satan, the person behind the stage, will not have the victory but will bring about his own defeat.
  - B. Through the crucifixion Jesus will win multitudes from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light.
  - C. And although Satan has been greatly wounded, he will one day make a great comeback for a short time and then will be neutralized for a thousand years before he is finally cast into the lake of fire.
    - 1. But this is the beginning of his downfall.
- III. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.

- A. And I, if I
1. We must never forget that Christianity is about Jesus Christ.
    - a. Worship is about Jesus,
    - b. The song service is to be about Jesus.
  2. The I here is as empathic as it could be.
    - a. In some churches Christianity has become a philanthropic organization for the relief of the poor.
    - b. And although Jesus is pleased with that, worship had be our main business.
    - c. The YMCA and the YWCA, which once mainly conducted Bible studies and were concerned about winning people to Jesus, today have almost none of Christ left in them.
    - d. The Red Cross that was begun as a Christian organization has become a totally secular organization.
    - e. Many of the churches who are drying up across America have little of Christ left in them.
- B. If I am lifted up from the earth.
1. *This He said, signifying by what death He would die.*
  2. He subjected Himself to the most painful humiliating death mankind had devised.
  3. He willingly laid down his life, no one took it from Him.
- C. Will draw all people unto me.
1. Jews and Gentiles
  2. Rich and poor
  3. Intellectual and illiterate
  4. Royal and common
- D. Will draw all people unto me.
1. Christianity is a very personal faith.
  2. Your faith cannot be your parent's faith or your grandparents' faith, it must be your own.
  3. If you come to the church and not to Jesus, then you are lost.
  4. If you come to the pastor but not to Jesus, then you are lost.

5. If you come to a membership class but not to Jesus then you are lost.
- E. Will draw all people unto me.
  1. Jer 31:3 The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you. NKJV

Do you know what Jesus is talking about here?

If not then you need to find out.

It is a matter of eternal consequence.