



- A. We boast in weakness
- B. We rest in the power of the cross (1 Corinthians 1:18, 25)

JOHN 12:27–34

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. 34 So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”



SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Who is the most powerful person you have ever known? What was it like to be around them? How did people typically react to being around them?
2. What did the people expect Jesus to do with His great power? Was the way Jesus displayed His power countercultural? How so?
3. How did the crucifixion of Jesus actually reveal His great power? How could something so humiliating and gruesome actually glorify Jesus?
4. What does it look like to live a cruciform life? What might it cost you to live such a life? How might your neighbors, friends, or family treat you if you were to walk as Jesus did?