

ONE MORE THING

Part 1: For This Purpose

NOT JUST WHAT WE BELIEVE

- ❖ **Christianity is more than a belief system**
 - ◆ More than just a list of rules and do's and don'ts
 - ◆ More than just a competing world view
 - ◆ Christianity is about a real person
- ❖ **Christianity is placing our trust in the person of Jesus** *(2 Timothy 1:11-12 NLT)*

JESUS SHARES INSIGHT ABOUT HIS IMPENDING DEATH *(John 12:27-33 NKJV)*

- ❖ **Jesus experienced the troubling pressure of a looming death**
 - ◆ Knew He would have to die and knew how
 - ◆ He did not avoid the pressure nor take it out on His disciples
 - ◆ Jesus did not breeze through the cross - He fought through the cross
- ❖ **Jesus knew His purpose**
 - ◆ To deliver mankind from the authority of Satan and reconcile man to God
 - ◆ So He did not pray to get out - but to glorify God
- ❖ **God spoke as a confirming witness but not everyone recognized God speaking**
 - ◆ This amazing supernatural event was for the benefit of the people around Jesus
 - ◆ Some passed it off as thunder - purely natural, not God
 - ◆ Some said an angel - supernatural, but not God

WHAT WE CAN TAKE AWAY FROM THIS SNAPSHOT OF JESUS

- ❖ **Not everyone will recognize God's working - but just keep going**
 - ◆ Some friends and family will view the change in your life as maturation
 - ◆ Some will see His miracle power as willpower or chance
 - ◆ But your life can be a sign to those around you of God's reality
 - ◆ Ask God to open our eyes and ears - we don't want to think it thundered
- ❖ **One of your greatest pursuits is to grasp God's purpose for your life**
 - ◆ You were meant to glorify God with your life *(Colossians 1:10 NKJV)*
 - ◆ The stronger your sense of purpose the greater your ability to handle the negatives
- ❖ **We have a Savior who is not indifferent to pressure and pain**
(Hebrews 4:15 NKJV)
 - ◆ He is still moved with compassion for people - which includes you
 - ◆ He can help us fight through the troubling events of life
 - ◆ We don't have to avoid pressure or take it out on others