

CHRIST THE DOOR

John 10

INTRODUCTION: Jesus is again in the middle of conflict. This period began in Chapter 7 and goes through chapter 12. Here the religious leaders deny His deity and accuse Him further of blasphemy. This chapter, however is reserved for those close to the heart of Jesus. He call us His sheep and Himself the Good Shepherd.

I. The _____ 1 - 6

Jesus is using one of the simple illustrations of which all Jews were familiar.

1. Jesus talks about relationship

- He uses the shepherd and his sheep
- He us tells how the sheep hear the voice of their shepherd

2. Jesus talks about the sheepfold

- All the shepherds would drive their sheep into a walled sheepfold for nightly protection.

Most sheepfolds would have about 10 foot high stone walls around them, but no door, for the shepherds would sleep at the door to guard the sheepfold.

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want"

1. Not want for provision
2. Not want for protection

3. Jesus talks about the shepherd's voice

- The sheep in the morning would only respond to the shepherd's voice
- They would follow their own shepherd out into the fields

II. The _____ 7 - 21

1. The door 7 - 21 Christ is the door... we are led in and out of the sheepfold.

- Remember the blind man was "cast out" but Jesus took him "in"
- Author Arthur Pink says there are actually 3 doors spoken of in this chapter
 - a. "door into the sheepfold" (v 1) Here the sheepfold refers to the nation Israel
 - Jesus came to Israel the appointed way, John the Baptist opened the door for Him.
 - b. "The door of the sheep" (v 7) This is the door out of Judaism into the liberty of Christ.
 - c. "The door of salvation" (v 9) This door is both in and out and leads us as Christ's sheep to good pastures and blessings of the word of the shepherd.

2. The Shepherd 11 - 15 Here Jesus tells how the Pharisees were hirelings. They would flee and had no concern for the sheep.

- Jesus the _____ SHEPHERD would give us His life for the sheep
- Jesus the _____ SHEPHERD cares for the sheep
- Jesus the _____ SHEPHERD will come again for His sheep

Psalms 24:9 ***"Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in."***

3. The Flock 16 - 21 These are the Gentiles "the other sheep" who were not of this sheepfold. He must bring them in! He will do it through His voice... His Word!
v - 16 ***"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd."***
 - In the Old Testament the sheep died for the shepherd
 - In the New Testament the shepherd dies for His sheep... a new covenant, a new relationship. One body, one church, one people Jew and Gentile

III. The _____

This begins the last half of this chapter.. which is fully 3 months later than the first.

- The Jews are still arguing about what Jesus had said three months earlier
- Here Jesus gives the true description of what real sheep, His people, are:
 1. They hear His voice
 - True sheep live in the Word of God
 2. They know Christ and are known by Him
 - They know the strange voices who call them... but they can tell the difference
 3. They follow Christ
 - Speaks of obedience. Some goats try to look like sheep. But Jesus will some day say to them, "Depart from me, you who work iniquity.. I never knew you"
 4. They have eternal life and are secure in Him
 - We have eternal life, nor just "life" as long as we don't sin.
 - We are in both Christ's hand and the Father's hand
 - We are the Father's gift to the Son... why would the Father take back the gift?

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF REAL SHEEP?

1. Clean animals ... we are cleansed by the washing of the Word
2. Flock together... "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."
3. Sheep are harmless ... they don't bite, they don't kick you.
4. Sheep need a shepherd... protection, guidance, and food
5. Sheep are useful... they provide warmth for the cold, even sacrificing themselves

Jesus quotes: Psalms 82:6 Jesus uses this verse from the Old Testament talking about the judges of their day who were given authority to represent justice on the earth... but they failed. They are not the Most High God, Elohim .. a uni-plural word in Hebrew. El is singular and refers to Jehovah.

Two of the great "I AM's" are in this chapter:

1. "I AM the Door"
2. "I AM the Good Shepherd"

JESUS SPEAKS LIFE

John 11

INTRODUCTION: Here is **the 7th sign** John talks about in his book. He selects this final sign to show how salvation brings life. Let's review the 7 signs again to refresh our minds to John's clear picture of how salvation comes to the sinner.

FIRST THREE MIRACLES show **HOW salvation comes:**

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| 1. Water to wine (2:1 - 11) | Salvation by the WORD |
| 2. Healing of the nobleman's son (4:46 - 54) | Salvation by FAITH |
| 3. Healing of the paralytic (5:1 - 9) | Salvation by GRACE |

FOURTH MIRACLE shows the distribution of salvation:

4. Feeding of the 5,000 show how salvation, Jesus the bread of life, is distributed to all.

LAST THREE MIRACLES show the **RESULTS of salvation:**

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| 5. Stilling of the storm (6:15 - 21) | Salvation brings PEACE |
| 6. Healing of the blind man (9:1 - 7) | Salvation brings LIGHT |
| 7. Raising of Lazarus (11:38 - 45) | Salvation brings LIFE |
- Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

I. He Was _____

A. Unsaved man physically dies. Death is separation.. of the body from the soul, of lost man from God.

- Dead people cannot respond to any physical life, cannot feel, hear, know or see

B. Unsaved man is spiritually dead

- People that are spiritually dead cannot respond to spiritual things

- No interest in God, Bible, Christians, church etc.

- God warned Adam that sin brings death

Satan's lie, "Ye shall not die". Genesis 4 - Cain kills Able, Genesis 5 - Men began to die

II. He Was _____

There were three resurrections that Jesus did:

1. Little girl (just died) Lk. 8 - but corruption had not yet set in

2. Young man (dead several hours) Lk. 7 - outward corruption had just began

3. Older man (dead for days) Jn. 11 - great outward corruption

All three were dead.. the difference is the degree of corruption.... degree of decay.

III. He Was _____

A. The sisters - All they could do is weep and regret that Jesus was not there...hopeless

B. The Savior - It takes resurrection life to give life!

1. How did Christ give life? THE SPOKEN WORD "Lazarus Come Forth"

2. Why did Christ give him life?

- Because of His love for Lazarus

- Because of the glory of God through the miracle

3. Meaning of Christ giving life? Life is a person - Jesus Christ

4. How are sinners raised? Hearing the voice of God

5. What kind of life do we receive? Eternal life (John 5:25)

Remember the theme verse of John? John 20:31 ***"but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."***

IV. He Was _____

Colossians 3:1 - 8 ***If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him."***

1. To be risen with Christ means to identify by Faith with Jesus resurrection power to newness of life.
2. We put off by faith and put on by faith.

V. He _____ to Others

1. Lazarus was a walking miracle just like you and me.
2. A great crowd gathered on Palm Sunday because they heard of the miracle of Lazarus.

VI. He was _____

- The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection.. but Lazarus was proof
- Lazarus was LIVING proof of the deity of Christ

VII. He _____ with Christ

- He feasted with Christ in John 12:1 -2 ***"Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead,[a] whom He had raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him."***

- We are made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus Eph. 2:5 - 6 ***"Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"***.

LESSONS:

1. Picture of the coming of Christ and the resurrection. Mary and Martha are living saints
2. Picture of how Mary and Martha came to meet Christ.. we shall in the air
3. Picture that divine delays are for the glory of God!
4. Jesus wept... He felt the sorrow of man and He loved Lazarus

THE ANOINTING OF CHRIST

John 12

REVIEW OF THREE PERIODS OF CHRIST Ch. 1 - 6

1. Period of _____ - "Mine hour is not yet come"
 - How Jesus related to the disciples, the Jews, the Samaritans, the Jewish leaders and finally the multitudes.
 - Crisis # 1 They would not walk with Him

2. Period of _____ - "No man laid hands on Him for His hour had not yet come"
 - Conflict over Moses, Abraham, His Sonship, and His power
 - Crisis # 2 They would not believe on Him - John Chapter 12

3. Period of _____ "Jesus knew His hour had come"
 - Jesus prepares the disciples for His death
 - Crisis # 3 They crucified Him

INTRODUCTION: Chapter 12 concludes the second period of conflict. Here Jesus spends intimate time with His disciples and friends. Mary anoints Jesus in preparation for cross.

I. CHRIST AND HIS _____ : 12:1 - 11

- A. People Jesus loved on earth. Here were gathered 17 people at Simon's home. This is likely Simon the leper whom Jesus healed.
- It was at Bethany at a time of feast.
 - Martha was serving in the kitchen... without conflict. She had learned the secret of finding and operating in her gift. Mary was at the feet of Jesus. (before Martha was concerned about many things.. but now at peace with her role)
 - Luke 10:38-42 - Here she was feeding only 4 people... but anxious

THE THREE PICTURES OF CHRIST'S CLOSE FRIENDS

Martha pictures those who _____ for Christ

Mary pictures those who _____ Christ

Lazarus pictures one who _____ for Christ

- Judas created a conflict over the cost of the anointing oil. He thought the money better spent helping the poor, but his real motive was to buy a retirement property for himself. Acts 1:18 Judas bought a field.. "Estate" in the Greek. Judas gained the world, but lost his soul.

- Mary a picture of devotion and love.
 1. She gave her best... had saved a lot of money for this occasion
 2. She gave showed her love to Jesus before He died
 3. She gave lavishly in spite of criticism
 4. Christ honored her and defended her

John 12:7 But Jesus said, ***“Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. 8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.”***

II. CHRIST AND THE _____ 12:12 - 36

John now brings in the Gentiles, because the Jews had rejected Jesus.

- Jews said, "Show us a sign"
- Gentiles said, "Show us Jesus"

John 12:20 Greeks said the Philip ***“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”*** Philip led these Greeks to Andrew who led them to Jesus.... Andrew is always leading people to Jesus.

Jesus speaks of His death in two pictures....

1. Seed in the ground. John 12:23-25

“The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life”

2. Cross lifted up. John 12:32

“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself. This He said, signifying by what death He would die.”

III. CHRIST AND THE _____ 12:37 - 50

Jesus gives a warning about letting salvation pass you by. John 12:35

“Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

John constantly uses the picture of LIGHT and DARKNESS - John speaks of four kinds of darkness that men can enter into:

1. _____ Darkness - John 1:5 ***“But darkness did not comprehend it..”***
2. _____ Darkness - John 3:19 ***“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”***
3. _____ Darkness - John 12:39 - 40 ***“Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes...”***
4. _____ Darkness - John 12:46 ***“I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”***

What are the results of the Jews repeated rejecting Jesus grace and love?

1. They DID NOT believe, even though they had seen the signs & heard the words.
Vs. 37 ***“But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him”***
2. They COULD NOT believe. Vs. 39 ***“Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again..”***
3. They SHOULD NOT believe. Vs. 40 ***“Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.”***

WASHING THE DISCIPLES FEET

John 13

INTRODUCTION: We have now moved into the last section of John gospel.. period of Crisis. John introduced the thought all the way back in John 1:11-12 **"He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God to those who believe in His name."**

- He now leaves public ministry and gathers privately with his disciples.
- He came unto the world, but "His own" nation did not receive him so He now retreats "to His own" disciples to prepare them for what is coming.
John 13 - 17 is His private message to "His own" disciples "Whom He loved to the end"
- Judas was about to betray Jesus, yet Jesus washed his feet
- Jesus understood the times and season and His purpose. v - 3

I. A Lesson on _____

- Foot washing is not an ordinance, but an example. (v - 15) **"I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."**
- In this culture and slaves did the foot washing of those who come into the home.
 - A. The disciples had been debating about who is the greatest in the kingdom
 - B. The beautiful pictures of this event: Defined by Paul in Philippians 2:5 - 11
"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

- Jesus took off His outer garment of glory and become flesh - Speaks of His **incarnation**
- Humbled Himself and washed the feet of the disciples - Speaks Of the **cross**
- Put His garment back on - Speaks of the **resurrection**
- Sat down - Speaks of His **ascension** and **enthronement** as King of Glory.
"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." I Peter 5:6

II. A Lesson on _____

Jesus is teaching on difference between sonship and fellowship.
_____ is a washing completely in the blood of the Lamb. A once experience of salvation and cleansing. Peter is here considered in **UNION** with Christ through faith.
"He that has been washed all over does not need to do anything more than clean his feet".
_____ is a daily washing of the word...the feet only need cleansed from the impurities of life that we pick up daily.

Peter is here considered out of **COMMUNION** with Christ because of losing fellowship.

Jesus rebuked Peter for asking to be washed all over again... Salvation is secure

I John 1:8 - 9 ***"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."***

Old Testament Priests are a type of cleansing:

- Exodus 29:4 Priest washed all over, cleaning for office
- Exodus 30:17 - 21 Daily washing for service.. hands and feet

How are we washed today: Ephesians 5:25 - 26 ***"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word."***

"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you." John 15:3

III. Lesson on _____

A. Judas deception - Pretending to be a disciple

- Jesus knew from the beginning who it was that would betray Him.. John 6
- Jesus washed Judas's feet, now he would raise up his heel against Christ.
- Satan first plants the seed in the heart, then enters the body to perform it!
- Jesus prepared their hearts for what was coming....
- Steps to betrayal..... Rejecting Jesus grace
 - Jesus washed Judas feet
 - Jesus quoted the word
 - Jesus gave the warning
- It was "NIGHT", showing the darkness of Judas's heart and darkness of Satan's control. "Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil."

B. John's perception - Love again reigns. Intimacy with Christ get's the answers.

- Even Peter recognized that John would be told the answer

"Simon Peter therefore motioned to him (John) to ask who it was of whom He (Jesus) spoke." v - 24

C. Peter's declaration. ***"Lord, why can I now follow You now? I will lay down my life for your sake"***. v - 32

Jesus was preparing Peter for His betrayal. ***"Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow me afterward."***

Jesus warned Peter about his self boasting.....

PREPARATION THROUGH COMFORT

John 14

INTRODUCTION: God is a God of all comfort. He understands the distress of your heart. Even though Jesus was troubled in His spirit because of what was coming, He was sensitive to make sure His disciples were comforted in their troubled hearts. “Let not your heart be troubled...” was His response. He directed them to the Father and their faith in God’s plan and purpose.

“But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; For You have been my defense And refuge in the day of my trouble.” Psalms 59:16

THE SETTING:

1. Peter had just been rebuked in front of the other disciples... Peter was their leader.
2. Christ Himself had revealed His own inward burden John 13:21 **“When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.”**
3. He was announcing to them that He was leaving them. “It is necessary for you that I go away.” This was an astounding announcement to those He was walked closely with 3 ½ years.

Jesus gives them 5 reasons why He must leave:

- I. To Prepare _____ for them 14:1 - 6
 - A. Heaven is a real place... not a state of being. Mansions means “abiding places” We will have a dwelling place in the New Jerusalem descending out of heaven over the earth. This will give us access to planet earth and we will help restore the earth to it’s original purpose.

B. Heaven is a beautiful place.... Revelation 21:4 talks about what will not be there:

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” There will be no curse there, no Satan to buffet us, no fear of death... just joy in His presence!

- II. To reveal _____ to them. 14:7 – 11

A. The revelation of the Father. Jesus said, *“He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.”*

Col. 1:19 **“And it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell”**

Eph.1:22b-23 **“..the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”**

- B. The authority of the Father.
Jesus always did the Father’s will
Jesus always did the Father’s work

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Jesus always spoke the Father's words

Jesus said, "The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works." V – 10

III. To grant them the _____ . 14:12 – 14

A. The revelation of the power. *"The works that I do, you shall do also, and greater works than these shall you do, because I go to the Father."* V - 12

B. The revelation on how to pray. ***"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."*** V– 13 & 14

- Pray in His name

- Giving Him the glory (here the Father is glorified in the Son)

IV. To send them the _____.

Jesus first talked about going from earth to heaven. "Preparing a place for us"

Here Jesus talks about heaven coming to earth, "through the presence of God's Spirit"

1. Obedience to the word prepares us for His visitation

2. The "Comforter" Paraclete (one who goes along side to help) will come

3. He will abide with you. We must abide in Him Abide means "to remain in"

4. He is the Spirit of Truth

5. He now goes from being "with" them to being "in" them.

6. His presence is now going to abide with us through the Spirit. "I will come to you".

V. To grant us _____

1. Peace by understanding Christ' words to us.. "bring to remembrance all things.."

2. Peace by Christ's transmitted authority. "Peace I give to you..." It's a gift!

3. Peace by revelation. They were getting the message before it happened!

- This would release their faith

- Christ would not talk more about it... didn't want to reveal more to Satan's plan.

Jesus ties it all together with the declaration of His obedience and love for the Father and the Father's love for Him.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

1. His Peace is available to His own in all circumstances

2. His Presence is through the Spirit in our lives

3. His Power is available to do "greater works"

4. His Plan is perfect, even if we don't understand everything at the time

5. His Providence is seen through simple trust in His love

POWER OF ABIDING

John 15

INTRODUCTION: Jesus often taught on the vine and God refers to ancient Israel as a vine or vineyard. Isaiah 5:1 – 7. God calls Israel a “noble vine” and when she rebelled a “empty vine” Jer. 2:21 & Ezek. David sang, “Thou has brought a vine out of Egypt” Psa 80:8

Israel had become fruitless and barren, so Jesus declares the last of the 7 “I Am’s”. Jesus said, ***“I am the true vine and My Father is the husbandman”***. V – 1

This chapter is all about right relationships....In fact the success in life is understanding and building RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS!

I. Our relationship with _____. 1 – 8

We have a living vital attachment to the power of God through Christ

Key word, “In Christ” Verses, 4, 5, 6 & 7

The greatest chapter in the bible about “In Christ” is Ephesians 1

- All Blessings are “In Christ” v - 3
- We are Chosen “In Christ” v – 4
- We are adopted “In Christ” v – 5
- WE are accepted “In Christ” v – 6
- We have redemption and forgiveness “In Christ” v – 7
- God will finally gather all things “In Christ” v – 10

WHAT DOES THIS VITAL RELATIONSHIP PRODUCE? FRUIT!

To abide means “to remain in His presence” It is a mental, spiritual mind-set upon the person and presence of Jesus throughout the day!

The Blessings of abiding: Much fruit, answered prayer, His amazing love, His joy in us,

II. Our relationship with _____. 9 – 17

A. Pattern of Love ... ***“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you..”***

Therefore, ***“Abide in my love”***. This is loving by faith and trusting my faith.

B. Proof of our love. “If you keep my commandments you love me..”

What is the fulfillment of all the commandments? ***“Love the Lord your God will all your heart, soul and mind....then you neighbor as yourself.”***

C. Practice of our love.

- Lay down our lives for our friends
- Practice Christ’s presence for our friends
- Receive revelation from Christ for our friends ***“All that I heard from the Father I have made known to you.”***

III. Our relationship to the _____ . 18 – 25

We are “in the world” but not “of the world”.

Christ goes from revelation about love to hatred of the world.

Why does the world hate Christians?

1. Because it hated Christ and we belong to Him. I John 1:13

“Do not marvel brethren, if the world hates you.

2. Because we no longer belong to the world system. John 17:4

“I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of this world, just as I am not of this world.”

3. Because the world has rejected His word. V – 20

“Remember the word that I said unto you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master,’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you, If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.”

4. Because Jesus and the Holy Spirit reveal the world sin.

“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment to come.”

The world system is made up of people, organizations, philosophies and an anti-Christ spirit. This world system has a prince.... Satan John 14:30

Danger of the world system to Christians:

1. _____ with the world. James 4:7

“Know ye not that the friendship with this world is enmity with God...”

2. _____ for the world. I John 2:15 – 17

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world...”

3. _____ to the world. Romans 12:2

“Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed, by the renewing of your mind.”

Wicked Lot departed from God in steps... it was only His uncle that saved him.

Why did Jesus send the Holy Spirit to us?: v 26 – 27

1. From the Father

2. Spirit of Truth

3. Testify of Me

4. As a witness that you have been with Christ.

LESSONS

1. The key to all others relationships is a right relationship with Christ “The Vine”

2. In the end it is the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word that strengthens us.

3. This chapter gives us clear understanding of how the world relates to us.

HOLY SPIRIT – THE COMFORTER

John 16

Introduction: Put yourself in the shoes of the disciples. They have been all but devastated that Jesus, their shepherd, their life and truth is leaving them. But this chapter gives them clear instruction about the awesome power of the Holy Spirit which Jesus will send in His name. Chapters 14 – 16 talk of comfort in the midst of trials. Yes the world will despise us, even hate us. But God will comfort us. Let's look at the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

I. He _____ the World 1 - 11

Jesus here again is preparing them for what is coming. Up to now He has been protecting them from this terrible hour of His death. Here Jesus explains what the Holy Spirit will do when He comes. He convicts the world of three things:

1. Of Sin – This is the sin of unbelief. The Jews did not believe so they rejected the King, Jesus Christ, Himself to reign. So the Holy Spirit will be sent to do what Jesus would have done if He was not killed. Unbelief is the main sin that will Judge the nations and individuals.
2. Of Righteousness – Jesus walked in pure righteousness. He fulfilled the law in every point. But He is now leaving so the Holy Spirit will bring what Jesus brought.... conviction of Christ's righteousness.
3. Of Judgment – This is not speaking of future judgment to come spoken of in Acts 24:25, but of the judgment of the past at the cross. Both sin and Satan Are judged at the cross.

II. He _____ the Christian 12 - 15

1. The Holy Spirit will receive from Jesus and the Father and show it unto us. This is the instructing work of the Holy Spirit... He teaches. Guides us to Christ. After all, the Holy Spirit wrote a book about Christ, makes us believers In Christ, and is preparing a bride for Christ.
2. The Holy Spirit will teach through the word of God and glorify Christ.
 - a. We yield to the Holy Spirit
 - b. We walk in the Spirit
 - c. We love through the Spirit

III. He _____ the Christian 16 – 22

1. Jesus promises they will see Him again:

Jesus the Evangelist 2

a. After the resurrection

b. When the Holy Spirit comes – He will point them to Jesus

They would exchange physical sight to spiritual site. Jesus compares this event to the birth of the child. After suffering is always joy. Isa. 53:11 **“He shall see the travail of His soul and be satisfied.”**

Even though we suffer many things in this world, we have real joy in the morning!
“Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning”

IV. The Holy Spirit helps the Christian _____

When Jesus was here, the disciples brought all their questions to Jesus. But when He will be gone, they will have the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide them in prayer.

“Praying always in the Spirit...”

1. We now pray to the Father directly by the Spirit.
2. Jesus said He would not need to beg the Father on our behalf V – 26
3. The Father will be willing to answer our prayers v – 27

The Bible instructs much about prayer

- We are to pray in the Holy Ghost Jude 20
- We are not to pray in the flesh and ask amidst James 4:1 – 10
- We are to pray under the burden of the Holy Spirit.. He will lay on our hearts how to pray Romans 9:1 – 3

Prayer is not overcoming God reluctance, but laying a hold of His willingness!

The great words at the end of this chapter. “I have overcome the world”

JESUS HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

John 17

INTRODUCTION: Someone has called this the “Holy of Holies” of John’s gospel. This enters into the intimacy Jesus had with the Father. So many secrets of Christ’s heart are revealed in John 17. It unveils the very passion of Christ at the end of His ministry on earth. Remember, Jesus shows us the key to relationship by the way He related to the Father.

I. Jesus Prays for _____ 17:1 – 8

- Main theme is _____
- Jesus knew **His glory** was in the cross..... Paul also (Galatians 6:14)

- A. He knew **His time**. “The hour has come”.....
- B. He knew **His purpose**. ‘Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify you.’
Jesus willingly laid aside that glory – Philippians 2
Jesus experienced some of that glory on the “Mount of transfiguration”
Jesus saw the greater future glory of intercession at the right hand of the Father
- C. He knew His **fulfillment**. “I have finished the work”
Notice the word “gives” (Jesus was given authority, eternal life is given to us,
Father gives us as a gift back to the Son!
- D. He knew His **final destination**. “...with the glory I had before the world was.”

II. Jesus Prays for His _____ 17:9 – 19

- Here the theme is _____ not salvation
- Jesus gives us the keys to His intercessory work with the Father.
- Here the theme is SANCTIFICATION, not salvation.

- A. Jesus reveals **His power** to keeping us. “I have manifested Your name...”
 - Now it is in the name of Jesus not the Fathers name...
 - These are the “I Am’s” of the book of John. Jesus is revealing the nature of the Father through His self declarations... the 7 “I Am’s”
- B. Jesus says the **power of the Word** keep us. “I have given them My word.” V – 14
 - Sanctification is not perfection otherwise Jesus would not have stated.
“I sanctify Myself...” v – 19
- C. Jesus kept them while **on earth**... So he is handing them off to the Father to keep them. By the power of the Holy Spirit
- D. Jesus says His keeping power **was perfect**. Judas was never a part of the Group because Jesus didn’t say, “Except” Judas, but said, “But” Judas.
 - “But” is a word of contrast.

III. Jesus Prays for His _____ 17:: 20 – 26

- Here the theme is _____

A. We have already been glorified with Him. Romans 8:30 ***“Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”***

- speaks of our eternal security in Christ... Like our eternal life has already begun
- We now have His glory, but some day we will see His full glory

“Father, I desire that they also whom you gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.” V – 24

- We will share His glory
- We will show forth His glory Romans 8:18 ***“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”***

Jesus prays for our unity in Spirit. This is not uniformity or organizational unity, but “one in Spirit”.

Paul wrote:

1. One confession - “Jesus is Lord”
2. One body - I Cor. 12:12 – 14 ***“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.”***

Unity with diversity – body of Christ “One body, many members”.

3. One Spirit

LESSONS

1. SALVATION V 1 – 8 “I have given them eternal life.” (v 2) PAST
2. SANCTIFICATION V 9 – 19 “I have given them Thy word.” (v 14) PRESENT
3. GLORIFICATION V 20 – 26 “I have given them Thy glory. (v 22) FUTURE

THE CRISIS OF TRIAL

John 18

INTRODUCTION: Jesus leaves the place of His high priestly prayer and crosses over the “Brook Cedron”. This is the same brook David crossed when his family betrayed him. II Samuel 15. Now Jesus is entering into His time of trial and preparation for death.

Chapter is divided into three parts:

I. The _____ 18:1 -14

A. He meets Judas and is betrayed. Again Jesus knew from the beginning who it was who would betray him (John 6:6). This is no surprise to Jesus. He is prepared.

1. It happened the “Garden”. The first Adam was deceived. Jesus here delivers Himself on purpose to be tried and crucified.
2. Adam hid himself from God... Jesus reveals himself to Judas
3. Adam was defeated by Satan ... Jesus destroys the work of Satan at the cross
4. Adam took mankind into sin ... Jesus delivers mankind into salvation
5. Judas stood with His enemies... those that betrayed Jesus... you will always go where your heart leads you.

B. He protects the disciples.

1. Jesus had already told them to depart, but Peter, James and John remained.
2. Jesus does not need our protection, but Peter drew his sword.
“The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, to the pulling down of strongholds...:”
3. See John 17:12 ... Jesus here is speaking of their physical protection as salvation.
- He was concerned for their safety.
4. Jesus graciously healed Malchus, otherwise Peter would have been in big trouble.
- Perhaps crucified before his time.

II. The _____ 18:15 - 27

A. Peter’s boast

Series of three things:

1. He boasted three times in the upper room that he would never betray Jesus
Mark 14:33 & 35, John 13:37
2. In the garden he went to sleep three times when he should have been praying
Mark 14:32-41
3. He denied the Lord three times.
4. So Jesus made Peter confess three times he loved Jesus. John 21.

B. Peter’s betrayal

1. Peter was cold and warmed himself by the fire of the enemy. Jesus sweat as it were great drops of blood. Peter was not sharing in the sufferings of Christ at all.

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Psalms 1:1 When you walk in the council of the ungodly and stand in the way of Sinners and then sit in the seat of the scornful.

III. The _____ 18:28 – 40

A. The corrupt priests. The fact that there were two priests controlling the priesthood was a violation of Jewish custom. The evil council worked together against Christ.

- Jesus had cleansed the temple two times. These men were making merchandise of the Temple and they hated Jesus for holding them accountable.

B. The illegal trial:

- Held at night again Jewish law
- Jesus was assumed guilty before tried
- They allowed Jesus no defense
- They permitted Jesus to be scourged before trial
- They self righteously would not enter the Gentile Hall "Lest they be defiled" yet they broke all the other rules. Religion without principle.
- They condemned an innocent man

C. Pilate's feeble attempt.

- 7 Times Pilate went between the Jews and his hall of justice. He tried to compromise a solution.
- He crucified Jesus because he was a coward and "willing to content the people." Mark 15:15
- Pilate questions the truth.... "What is truth?"
Jesus says, "I am the truth" John 14:6
Bible says, "Thy word is truth" John 17:17
I John 5:6 states "The Spirit is truth"

The Spirit and the Word all point to Christ the "Living Word"

Unsaved Men's choice

Believer's choice

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Men make wrong spiritual decisions | 1. Believer's choose Christ |
| 2. Men choose to murder Christ | 2. Believer's call Him "The Prince of Life" |
| 3. Men choose to be law breakers | 3. Believer's choose the law giver |
| 4. Men choose the anti-christ | 4. Believer's choose the true Messiah |

Men reject Jesus for different reasons:

- _____ because he listened to the devil.
- _____ because he listened to men .. he knew the Jewish customs but not the Messiah
- _____ because he listened to the flesh.

POWER OF THE CROSS

John 19

INTRODUCTION: Chapter 19 houses one of the most powerful statements in the entire Bible... "It Is Finished". John 19:28 "After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled..."

Jesus, "Gave us His spirit"... he told Pilate, you have not power to crucify Me. It is My life to give and the raise up again.

I. *Christ* _____ **19:1 - 22**

A. Pilate presented Him as "the man"... God presents Him as "The Christ, the King".

B. Pilate was one of three who witnessed His innocence. By the witness of three...

1. Pilate said, "I find no fault in Him"
2. Thief on the cross said, "This man has done nothing amiss".
3. Centurion said, "Surely this was the Son of God."

C. Pilate mocked Jesus with three things... Crown, Robe and Scepter.

Revelation 19:11 - 21 Jesus return will be with three things....

- "On His head were many crowns.." v - 12
- "He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood..." v - 13
- "He Himself will rule them with a rod (Scepter) of iron...." v - 15

Hebrews 1:8 ***"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom."***

Crucified in humility... coming with reigning glory!

Jews regarding the kingship of Christ:

1. They wanted to make Him king 6:15 6:66 walked no more with Him THE WAY
2. They hailed Him as king, but did not believe. 12:37 But He is THE TRUTH
3. They finally crucified Him..Pilate still called him King.. But He became THE LIFE

D. Pilate ignored by Jesus with no answer.

"Jesus answered Him not..." v - 9 we must receiving the Word already given to get further revelation.

E. Pilate had the inscription placed in all three languages...symbolically reveals:

1. Hebrew - represents religion
2. Greek - represents philosophy and culture
3. Latin - represents law and government

Religion, culture and law cannot save man... only Christ!

II. Christ _____ 19:23-30

- John quotes three of Christ's seven statements from the cross.
"Woman behold your Son..behold your mother." "I Thirst" "It is finished"
- A. Jesus broke the earthly ties to His mother... from then on Mary went to lived with John.
- B. John records the fulfillment of these O.T. Scriptures

PEOPLE SURROUNDING THE CROSS:

1. The women... (Where were the disciples... following afar off..)
Mary, Mary's sister (Mary the wife of Clopas) and Mary Magdalene.
 - Jesus cares for His mother even in His dying moments.
 - The women cared and had compassion on Jesus in His dying moments.
2. The beloved disciple..."The disciple whom He loved.." Love suffers long, is not easily provoked, endures all things.... Love stayed close with no fear!
3. The soldiers.... doing their duty.. just another crucifixion.. but this one was different. One who pierced His side saw the blood and water...
4. The High Priest... Get it over fast.. break their legs.. the Sabbath is coming!
 - More interested in keeping the law then the One who fulfilled the LAW!
5. The secret disciples..."Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciples of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews..." v - 38
6. The committed disciples... "one who came to Jesus by night... also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes about 100 lbs.

III. Christ _____ 19:31 - 42

1. Power of Christ's death... the two disciples could not die in the presence of the Prince of life.. Jesus died first "Gave up His spirit"
2. Picture of the blood and the water... Blood speaks of removing the guilt of sin, Water speaks of removing the stain of sin.
 - Blood speaks of salvation "Blood cleanses us from all sin.."
 - Water speaks of sanctification "Washing of the water of the word.."
3. Place of burial.... Isaiah says, "He will be buried with the rich.." Isa. 53:9
4. People of the burial.. Both Joseph and Nicodemus, who were members of the Sanhedrin knew when Jesus would die, how he would die, and where He would die... so they PREPARED A PLACE!

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- They had the tomb ready with all the spices!
- Joseph did not prepare the tomb for himself.. no rich man is buried near the place of criminals. He definitely prepared this place for Jesus.
- They knew that touching Jesus body would make them unclean for the Sabbath, but their faith in Christ was more important than their religion!

LESSONS:

1. Power of the cross has changed history
2. Power of the cross has fulfilled all righteousness
3. Power of the cross transforms lives forever and ever!

POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

John 20

INTRODUCTION: There were three post resurrection appearances of Christ and each one affected different people different ways. Let's look at the "power of the resurrection" and these affects. Remember there were many who evidenced the resurrection... 500 at one time.

I. _____ saw The Lord 20:1 – 15

- A. The Life of Mary: She had 7 demons cast out of her. Her deep appreciation for Christ led her to the tomb. Her concern and love for Christ compelled her. Remember she was one that had been at the crucifixion
- B. The report of Mary. She concluded that someone stole Christ's body. So she ran to tell the other disciple.
- C. The response of the disciples. Peter and John ran to the tomb.
 - John outran Peter? Why? Was it more than age difference?
 - Could it have been the hesitant spirit inside of Peter?

Peter's sin affected his:

Feet- John 20:4 ***"So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first."***

Eyes – John 21:7 ***"Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea."***

Lips – John 13:38 ***"Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times."***

Temperature – John 18:18 ***"Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself."***

- D. Why do men believe? Three evidences in this chapter show how man comes to faith
 1. The evidence gives us faith
 2. The Word of God gives us faith
 3. The personal experience – give us faith
- E. The grief of Mary.... grief can blind us and make us assume things that are not true.
 - There was clear evidence that His body was not stolen
 - The angels appeared to her in the tomb.. she didn't even acknowledge them
 - Jesus appeared and she thought she saw the gardner..she said she would carry the body of Jesus away.

Yet Mary waited near the tomb, she lingered to get a better understanding... Jesus came to her!

II. The _____ saw the Lord 20:19-25

Jesus came to different people different ways.. as He does today!

- A. The first day... mentioned two times in this chapter.
 - first day is resurrection day!
 - Sabbath is the seventh day and is rest after works... Legalism
 - First day is Sunday and speaks of rest before works. Grace
- B. Jesus speaks "PEACE" two times in this chapter
 - "The Peace With God" v – 19
 - "The Peace of God" v – 21
- C. Jesus speaks "Power" to forgive
 - **As ambassadors we have the power of release men from their sins. It is important when we win someone to Christ to speak this release over them. Simply say, "In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven you".**
 - **Only Jesus can forgive sins in heaven.. but we are called to release men on earth. Story of man in Salem, Oregon**
- D. Jesus releases the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This is before Pentecost.
 - Jesus here confirms their salvation. We received the sealing of the Holy Spirit at conversion. Eph. 1:13 ***"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who[b] is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."***
 - This is individual & personal... Pentecost is corporate & for empowering for witness

III. _____ saw the Lord. 20:26-31

Jesus comes back and makes a special appearance for Thomas the next sabbath

- A. Thomas is called "Didymus" which means "Twin" Thomas has many twins today.
- B. Thomas in his absence brought "unbelief"... yet Jesus was tender and forgiving.
- C. Thomas forget's his doubts when he sees Jesus wounds....

Jesus commands him to put in his finger to the wound.. but commanded Mary not to touch Him. Jesus evidently ascended to the Father during the week from Mary to Thomas.

1. Mary represents _____ that kept her at the tomb
2. Disciples represent _____ waiting in fear in the upper room.
3. Thomas represents _____ waiting for real evidence

These are the three virtues of the Christian faith... FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

This theme verse is in John 20:30-31... these things are written that you may believe...

Many did believe in the first 20 chapters of John.

Nathanael, 1:50, Disciples 2:11, Samaritans 4:39, Nobleman 4:50, Blind man 9:38, Martha 11:27, Jews and Lazarus 12:11, Thomas 20:28... they all said, "I believe"

JESUS FINAL APPEARANCE

John 21

INTRODUCTION: Without John chapter 21 we would not know how Peter's story ends. Jesus reappoints Peter to his final calling and destiny. Like Paul, Peter will say, I have finished my course and kept the faith.

I. The Night of _____ - Peter fishing 21:1 – 3

A. It was "night". The darkness of Peter's heart overcame him and he went on his own back to fishing, taking the others with him.

- Peter here was not operating in obedience to Jesus
- Peter was influencing others in the wrong direction
- Peter didn't even recognize Jesus when He appeared

B. It was fruitless. He caught nothing.

- Peter didn't wait for a word from the Lord
- Peter had kept the boats, just in case the Jesus thing failed
- Jesus had said, "Without Me you can do nothing"
Jesus had demonstrated how to walk in obedience to the Father.
Jesus said, "All that I do the Father shows Me..."

C. It was "immediately" they got into the boat.

- They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
- How quick we are to react to disappointment. God's providence is often fulfilled when we wait.

II. The Morning Of _____ - Peter Feasting 21:4 – 17

A. The light shines when Jesus appears. He is our hope and help in times of darkness.

B. The catch happens when Jesus appears.

(We practiced the presence of Christ on the streets. When His presence comes healing, deliverance and salvation appears)

- It was a "big" catch
- It was a "quick" catch

Compare this catch to the earlier one in Peter's experience with Christ

Luke 5

John 21

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Followed a night of failure | 1. Followed a night of failure |
| 2. No exact number of fish given | 2. 153 fish, Verse 11 |
| 3. Nets begin to break | 3. Net did not break |
| 4. Christ instructed from the boat | 4. Christ instructed from the land |

Some commentators believe these two pictures are of the current harvest and the harvest at the end of the age:

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- a. Luke 5 - nets break and no true picture of how many fish
John 21 - nets don't break and know how many souls are won
- b. Luke 5 - today there are many boats... but the end time harvest will be unified
- c. Peter failed to land the fish in Luke 5, but in John 21 Peter miraculously draws the net that the 5 others could not draw. Verses 6 & 11
- d. Miracle of the fire and the coals.. Jesus provided for the fish

Why did Jesus do this event? To awaken Peter to his calling and remind him of his first commission. Peter left all and "followed Jesus"

1. The first large catch brought Peter's initial repentance.
The second large catch would bring Peter back to his first call
2. The coals were the place of Peter's forsaking Christ and cursing
The fire of coals would be his place of renewal and reawakening
3. The Sea of Galilee would remind Peter of the place of many miracles
- walking on water, feeding of 5,000 & 4,000, fish with the coin, stilling the storm
4. Jesus would feed Peter first then deal with his sin
- Just like the grace of God
5. The real issue was "His Love for Christ". This is all mankind's issue. That is why the first commandment is **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul..."**
6. Peter would transition from being a fisher of men to a shepherd of men
Evangelism and Discipleship are keys to effective ministry

III. The Day of _____ 21:18 - 25

This chapter deals with the difference between Sonship and Discipleship
Peter's sin did not loose his Sonship, but His Fellowship and call to Discipleship

- A. Christ confronts Peter with two things: His Calling "**Follow Me**" and "The Cross"
Dedication and sacrifice are two elements of our calling.
I Peter 1:14 **"Knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me."**
- B. Peter again makes a mistake and takes his eyes off of Christ. He looks at John and asked Jesus about John. Jesus says, **"If I will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"** Verse 22

If we are to be effective we must keep our eyes on Christ alone!

- C. Peter must three times confess his love for Christ. He denied Jesus three times.

SUMMARY:

1. Peter will again be used in Acts 1 because of this chapter
2. John says, the world could not contain all the things about Christ if all the books were written about his person and works.

JESUS THE EVANGELIST

Lesson 23

INTRODUCTION: John, above all other books, emphasizes the work of Jesus in evangelism. **"For this purpose was the Son of man manifest, to destroy the work of the devil."** Jesus clearly came to bring people from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. John talks about this light appearing to **"all men"**, but as many as **"Receive Him, to them God gives the power to become the children of God."** John chapter 1. John 10:10 **"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."**

I. Jesus Came as a _____

A. Born of a Virgin

"Word became flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14

God ordained that the way to manifest the kingdom on earth was through man on earth! God is only legal on earth through a body.... Jesus came to manifest perfect flesh **"Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world."**

1. God gave the first Adam dominion - he lost it "Then came death..."
2. God brought the Second Adam to restore that dominion "Now came life"

C. Born to fulfill the law

Three greatest words in the Bible... **"It Is Finished"**.

1. Came as the spotless Lamb of God
2. Satisfied the holy demands of the law, but came to reveal **"God's grace and truth."** John 1:14 **"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."**

John 17:4 **"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do."**

John 19:28 **"After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I thirst!'"**

D. Born to die and bring life

John 3:16 **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."**

John 5:24 **"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."**

1. Sin's penalty is death
2. Christ paid the penalty

II. Jesus Came As the _____

A. He declared Heaven to earth

John 1:18 ***"No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him."***

B. His declaration stirred up the Jews John 19:7 ***"The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."***

III. Jesus Came As _____

A. Wise men declared it

1. The wise men declared it Matthew 2:2 ***"saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."***

2. Herod recognized the threat of it. He gathered the chief priest and scribes They read the prophet Isaiah. Matthew 2:8 ***"For out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel."***

B. Jesus proclaimed it

John 18:37 ***"Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king."***

Jesus proclaimed His right to rule

- He ruled over nature (calming the sea, multiplying the fish and loaves)
- He ruled over sickness and disease
- He ruled over the Cross "He gave us the Ghost" (He controlled His life death)

C. Pilate announced it

John 19:14 ***"Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"***

John 19:19 ***"Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS."***

JESUS THE EVANGELIST

Lesson 24

INTRODUCTION: Jesus is portrayed as "The Evangelist" in the Book of John. He was constantly reaching out the sinner. None of the 4 gospels portray as simple a message as the Book of John. John breaks all tradition of religion and talks about Jesus relationship with His Father. Jesus simply came to seek and save that which is lost, to turn men from darkness to light, to destroy the works of the devil, and to prepare a people for His Son to dwell with forever (John 17)

I. John reveals the _____ of God

A. Planned before the **foundation of the world.**

"Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." Eph. 1:4

B. Planned in the **fullness of time.**

"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law." Galatians 4:4

C. Planned to reveal the **Love of God.** (Love is mentioned 39 times in John)

1. God's love for His son.

John 3:35 ***"The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand."***

John 5:20 ***"For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel."***

2. God's love for US

John 14:23 ***"Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."***

3. God's love in and through us to one another

John 13:34 ***"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."***

II John reveals the _____ of God. (Jesus manifested all that the Father was)

A. Power over the _____ of sin (in darkness, lost, rejected, alone, broken, without purpose and without hope and headed for eternal death)

1. Power to give Light (light mentioned 19 times in John)

John 8:12 ***"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have***

the light of life."

2. Power to give _____ (Life is mentioned 41 times in John)
John 6:63 ***"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."***

- B. Power over _____
1. Healed the blind man. Blind from birth (condition of man)
 2. Healed the nobleman's son (Jesus heals at a distance)
 3. Raised Lazarus from the dead (Jesus brings life from death)

- C. Power over _____
1. Turned the water to wine
 2. Multiplied the fish and loaves
 3. Walked on water
 4. Calmed the sea

- D. Power over the _____ (Law mentioned 15 times in John)

John 1:17 ***"For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."***

John 19:30 ***"He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."***

- III. John reveals the _____ of God.

- A. To prepare the _____ of the Lord
John the baptist said, ***"This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe."*** John 1:7

- B. To reveal the _____ of the Father
John 4:34 ***"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."***

- C. To reveal the _____ of the Father (Works mentioned 25 times in John)
Jesus main purpose was to reveal the works that the Father was doing in heaven and release them on earth.... so also is our purpose!

John 9:4 ***"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."***

John 10:25 ***"I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me."***

REMEMBER

THE 7 GREAT "I AM's" of CHRIST

1. *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6:35)*
2. *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."(John 8:12)*
3. *I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. (John 10:9)*
4. *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."(John 10:11)*
5. *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."(John 11:25-26)*
6. *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)*
7. *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)*