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Through The Bible Session 36

The Gospel of John 11-21

The Most Important Week In
Human History

From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny

Overview

- Chapters 1-10 cover around three & half years
- Chapter 11 sets up the 2nd section of the book
- Chapters 12-20 cover just one week
- The most important week in human history
- Countless prophecies fulfilled in these 7 days that prove beyond any doubt that Jesus is the Messiah
- With just 8 prophecies, the odds of them all being fulfilled by one man is estimated at 10^{28}

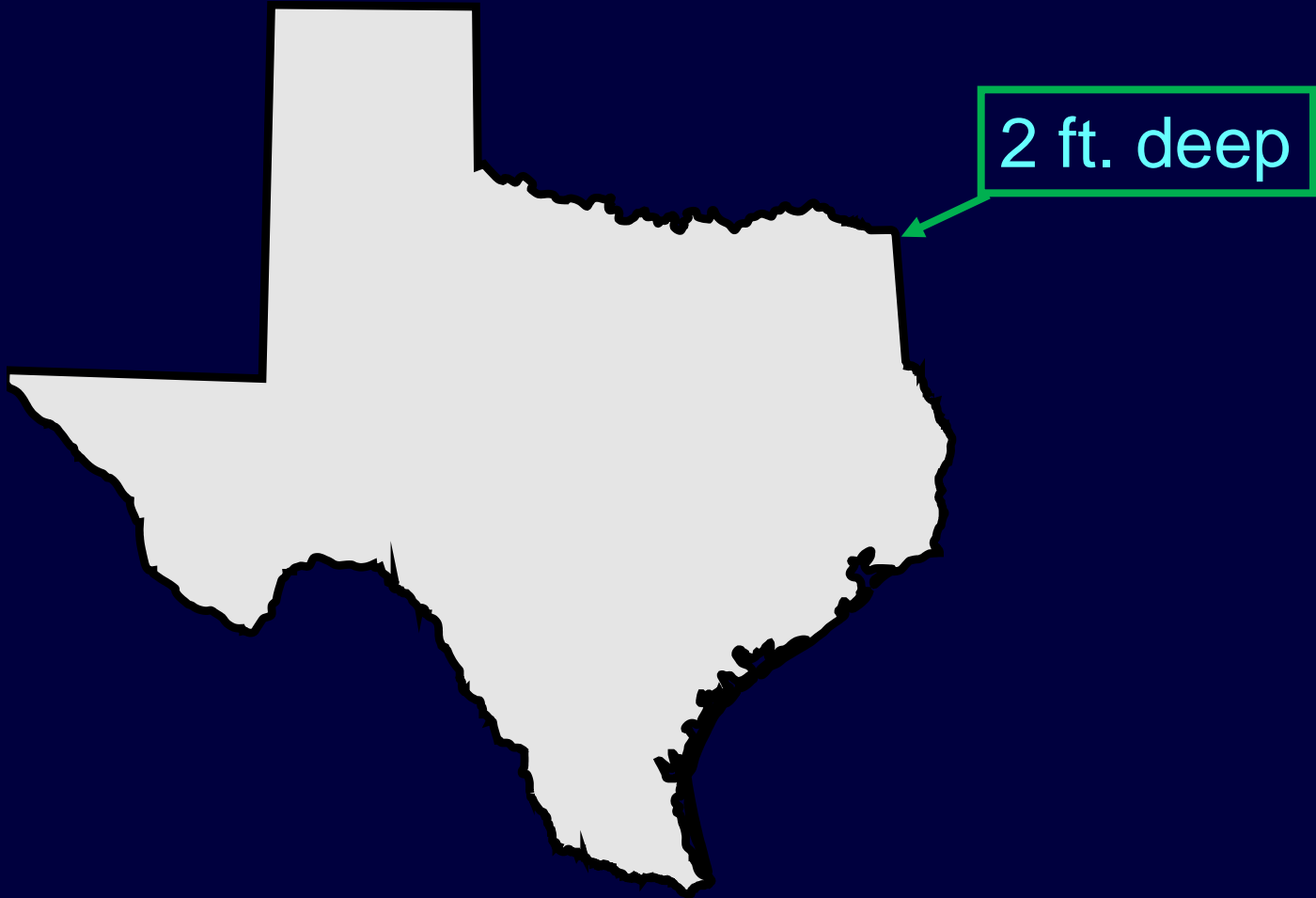
8 Prophecies Combined

- Total population ≥ 100 billion (10^{11})
- Combined probabilities:

$$10^{28}/10^{11} = 10^{17}$$

- A “bucket” of 10p coins?
- How many buckets would we need?

The State of Texas



16 Prophecies Combined

- Over 300 to choose from;
- Assuming the same probability

$$10^{28} \times 10^{28} = 10^{56}$$

$$10^{56}/10^{11} = 10^{45}$$

- How big of a “bucket” do we need now?

30 Times distance of Earth to the Sun



48 Prophecies Combined

- (Over 300 to choose from)
- Assuming no decrease in probability:

$$10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} = 10^{168}$$

$$10^{168}/10^{11} = 10^{157}$$

- 10p coins won't work this one...

48 Prophecies: 10^{157}

- Take every atom in the universe: 10^{66}
- Make a copy universe for every atom:
 $10^{66} \times 10^{66} = 10^{132}$
- Repeat this exercise
every second since the universe began:
 $10^{132} \times 10^{17} = 10^{149}$

48 Prophecies: 10^{157}

- 10^{149} vs 10^{157} ?
- ...we are still short by 10^8 :
100,000,000 times!
- ...and we've dealt with only 48 of over 300 prophecies!

Conclusion?

- I am more sure that Jesus Christ is the Messiah that I am about any other fact in the universe – including my own name!

– Dr Chuck Missler

Excerpted from Hour 13, *Learn the Bible in 24 Hours*,



Introduction

John's reason for writing:

- 30* And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:
- 31* But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

John 20:30-31

Introduction

Key word:

- Believe x 100
 - Believed / Believeth / Believest / Believing / Commit (to trust)
- Gr. *ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩ* 'pisteuo'
- to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), by implication, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ)

Summary Ch.1-10

- Jesus had come as the Light of the world
- We were in darkness and blind to our true spiritual condition
- Rather than 'just take it on faith'...
- Jesus provided many witnesses to attest to His being the Son of Man (Messiah)
- The Jews recognised, but rejected His claim to be God
- Consequently they sought to stone Him for blasphemy

Summary Ch.1-10

- Two unresolved issues:

Summary Ch.1-10

- The 'reaction' of the Jews to Jesus
 - Their hatred had been festering
- The 'secrecy' surrounding Jesus
 - Deliberate suppression of who Jesus is
 - The Jews had tried to force a public confession
 - Jesus would not play their game
- The issue was one of timing
- Both reach their crescendo in Ch 11 & 12



The Gospel of John

Chapter 11

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

John 11:44

- Amazing experience for Lazarus
- cf. 1 Corinthians 15 / 1 Thessalonians 4

- 45 Then **many** of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.
- 46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.
- 47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

John 11:45-47

- Final harvest before nightfall

48 *If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.*

John 11:48

- Major underlying issue:
- This could lead to an uprising against Rome
- This was what the Messiah was to do:

Messianic Expectation

- The Jews were awaiting a national deliverer
- This is what had been prophesied of Jesus
- *“the Lord God shall give unto him **the throne of his father David**: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever”* (Luke 1:32-33)
- *“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me **that is to be ruler in Israel**”* (Micah 5:2)

Messianic Expectation

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- This is what had been prophesied of Jesus
- *“He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.” (Luke 1:54-55)*

Messianic Expectation

- The Jews were awaiting a national deliverer
- This is what had been prophesied of Jesus
- *“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us”*
(Luke 1:68-71)

Messianic Expectation

- The Jews were awaiting a national deliverer
- This is what had been prophesied of Jesus
- *“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, **Where is he that is born King of the Jews?**”*
(Matt 2:1-2)
- Even the disciples thought Jesus would *‘at this time restore the kingdom to Israel’* (Acts 1:6)

49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.


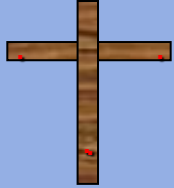

John 11:49-50



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Chapter 12

“6 days before the passover” John 12:1

	173,880 days				Feast of Passover	Unleavened Bread	Sabbath	Feast of Firstfruits
9th Saturday	10th Sunday  Triumphal Entry	11th Monday	12th Tuesday	13th Wednesday	14th Thursday  Crucifixion	15th Friday	16th Saturday	17th Sunday  Resurrection Mark 16:2
1	2	3	4	5	6	1st Day	2nd Day	3rd Day
Jesus arrives Bethany				14th Begins	1st Night	2nd Night	3rd Night	

← Passion Week →

²³ And Jesus answered them, saying, **The hour is come,**
that the Son of man should be glorified.

John 12:23

- “Mine hour is not yet come” (John 2:1-4)
- “My time is not yet come... for my time is not yet full come.” (John 7:6-8).
- but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.” (John 7:30).

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

John 12:24

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

John 12:25-26

²⁷ Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say?
Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause
came I unto this hour.

John 12:27

- This hour was what it had all been about!
- Gr. hora (ho'-rah); an "hour"
 - (literally or figuratively):
- KJV - day, hour, instant, season,



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Chapter 13

Upper Room Discourse

- Chapters 13-17
- Longest discourse in the NT
- Begins in the upper room...
- ...ends in the Garden of Gethsemane
- The most important, foundational passage of scripture for those who are to be His disciples
- The most challenging portion of John's gospel

Upper Room Discourse

- Intensive training for the disciples
 - Giving up the right to yourself – pre requisite
 - Servanthood – pre requisite
 - A new commandment: Agape Love
 - Keep My commandments
 - You are appointed to bear fruit
 - Continually abide in Christ
 - Persecution will come
- Very different to today's 'gospel' message!
 - 'God will make your life better!'
 - We're to be prosperous & take over the world!

1 Now **before** the feast of the passover, ...


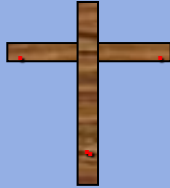

John 13:1a

2 **And supper being ended,**

John 13:2a

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Passover Meal

‘The Feast’

And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: Num 28:17



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Chapter 14

I Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God,
believe also in me.

John 14:1

- Jesus is going away
- What was going to happen now?
- Declaration of Christ's deity:
- *'just as you trust God, you can trust Me'*

Chapter 14

Four Questions:

- Where are you going? (v.13:33-14:1)
- How can we know the way? (v.5-7)
- Show us the Father (v.8-21)
- How can You manifest Yourself to us and not to the world? (v.22-31)

- 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

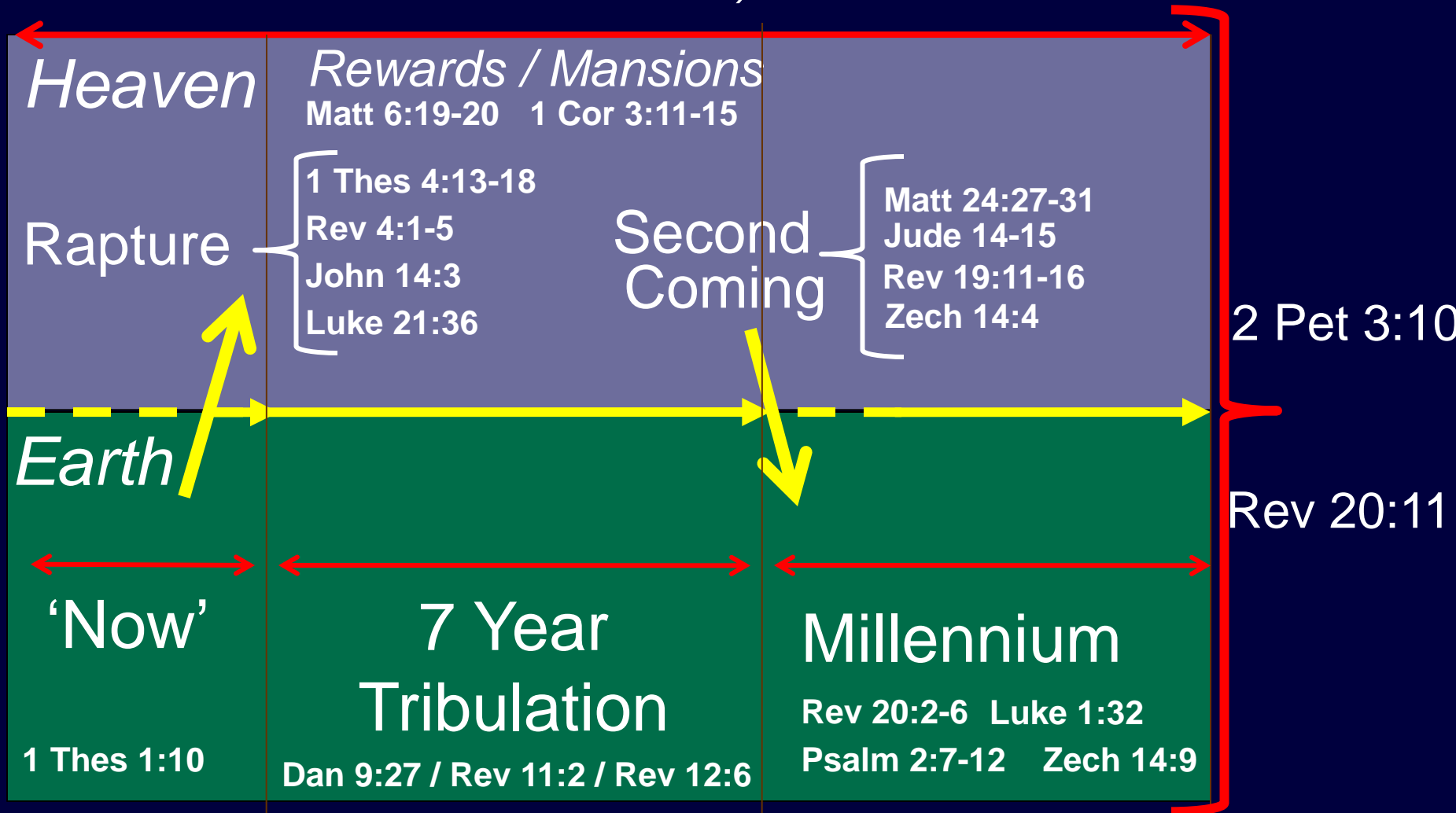
John 14:2-3

Christ's Promise

- His Father's house?
 - Heaven
- In Heaven there are many dwellings
- Rev 21-22 gives the details
- This is literal *'if it were not so...'*
- Jesus is going to prepare us a place
 - That's why Abraham dwelt in tents here!
- He will come again to take us back there

Pre Millennial Return of Christ & Pre Tribulational Rapture

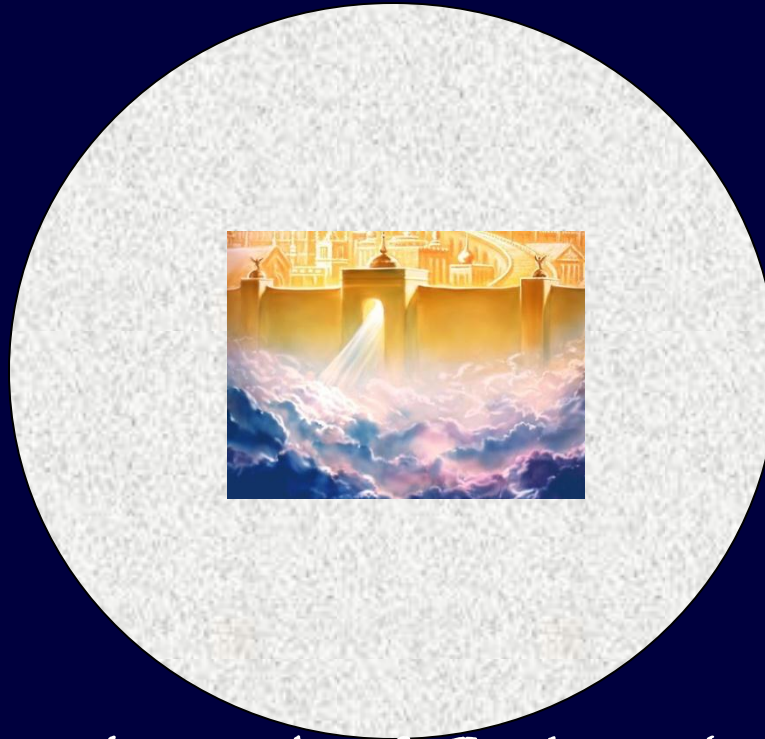
(View consistent with John 14:2-3)



New Heaven & New Earth

Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Rev 21:5



Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Rev 21:3

⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

- Dogmatic
- Intolerant
- Narrow

John 14:6

- In Eden Adam enjoyed 3 benefits:
 - Communion with God
 - He had knowledge of God
 - He was alive spiritually
- As a result of the Fall he was:
 - Separated from God
 - Plunged into spiritual darkness
 - He died spiritually

John 14:6

- Christ came to:
 - Reconcile man to God
 - He is the Way
 - Illuminate our spiritual condition
 - He is the Truth
 - Allow us to be born again
 - He is the Life

'Another Comforter'

- Jesus will send...
- 'another comforter' (John 14:16)
 - Gr. 'allos' : another of the same kind
- Spirit of Truth
 - The world will not know Him
 - But He will indwell the believer
- He will testify of Jesus
- How?
- By the fruit produced in the lives of believers
 - 'Greater works' (John 14:12)



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Chapter 15

I am the **true vine**, and my Father is the husbandman.

John 15:1

- 'Genuine Vine'
- Genuine as opposed to counterfeit
- Two other vines in scripture: both profess to lead men to the Father
- Psalm 80:8-15
- Revelation 14:9

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

John 15:6

- Two options:
 - Believers?
 - Unbelievers?

Unfruitful Branches - Conclusion

“In John 15:1-6, Jesus effectively underlines that which He already told the disciples, that He was the *only* way to the Father (John 14:6). Israel were no longer a vine whose fruit would be to lead the nations to the Father. Neither could the vine of the earth (Rev 14:19) bear any good spiritual fruit. The only Vine of value was the True Vine. Through His propitiation for the whole world (1 John 2:2), all mankind now had the opportunity of abiding in the Vine. However, if any branch abide not in the Vine, it would be spiritually fruitless, and therefore taken away to wither and finally be burned. What an incredible picture of the person who rejects Christ!



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Chapter 16

- 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
- 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

John 16:7-8

- 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;
- 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
- 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:9-11

The Ministry of The Spirit

- He will bring conviction of Sin
- He will emphasise the need for righteousness
- He will underline the reality of judgment
- He will not...
- Make people bark or do chicken impressions
- Make people laugh uncontrollably
- Enable us to have miracle crusades
- Make us financially prosperous

- He will lift up Jesus and the Word



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Chapter 17

I *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said...*

John 17:1

The Lord's Prayer

- Chapter 17 – the real ‘Lord’s Prayer’
 - vs. disciples prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
- *‘After this manner pray...’*
- Jesus Himself uses the model He had given
- He prays for His disciples
 - Then & Future
- A rare glimpse and insight into Jesus’ prayer life
 - Reveals His shepherd’s heart
 - Tells of His love & concern for you

Our High Priest

- 14 x in Hebrews Jesus called our High Priest
- Now Jesus assumes the role
- Leviticus 16: Day of Atonement
 - Priest washes himself and puts on linen garments
 - In preparation to offer up the grand atonement for the sins of the people:
- Christ now does likewise:
 - This, Christ appears to have imitated, (John 13:4). He laid aside his garments, girded himself with a towel, etc. There is no room to doubt that he and his disciples had been at the bath before: (John 13:10) – *Adam Clarke*

Our High Priest

- The high priest then addressed a solemn prayer to God:
 - **For himself:**
 - this Christ imitates, John 17:1-5.
 - **For the sons of Aaron:**
 - our Lord imitates this in praying for his disciples, John 17:9-19;
 - **For all the people:**
 - our Lord appears to imitate this also in praying for his church, all who should believe on him through the preaching of the apostles and their successors, John 17:20-2



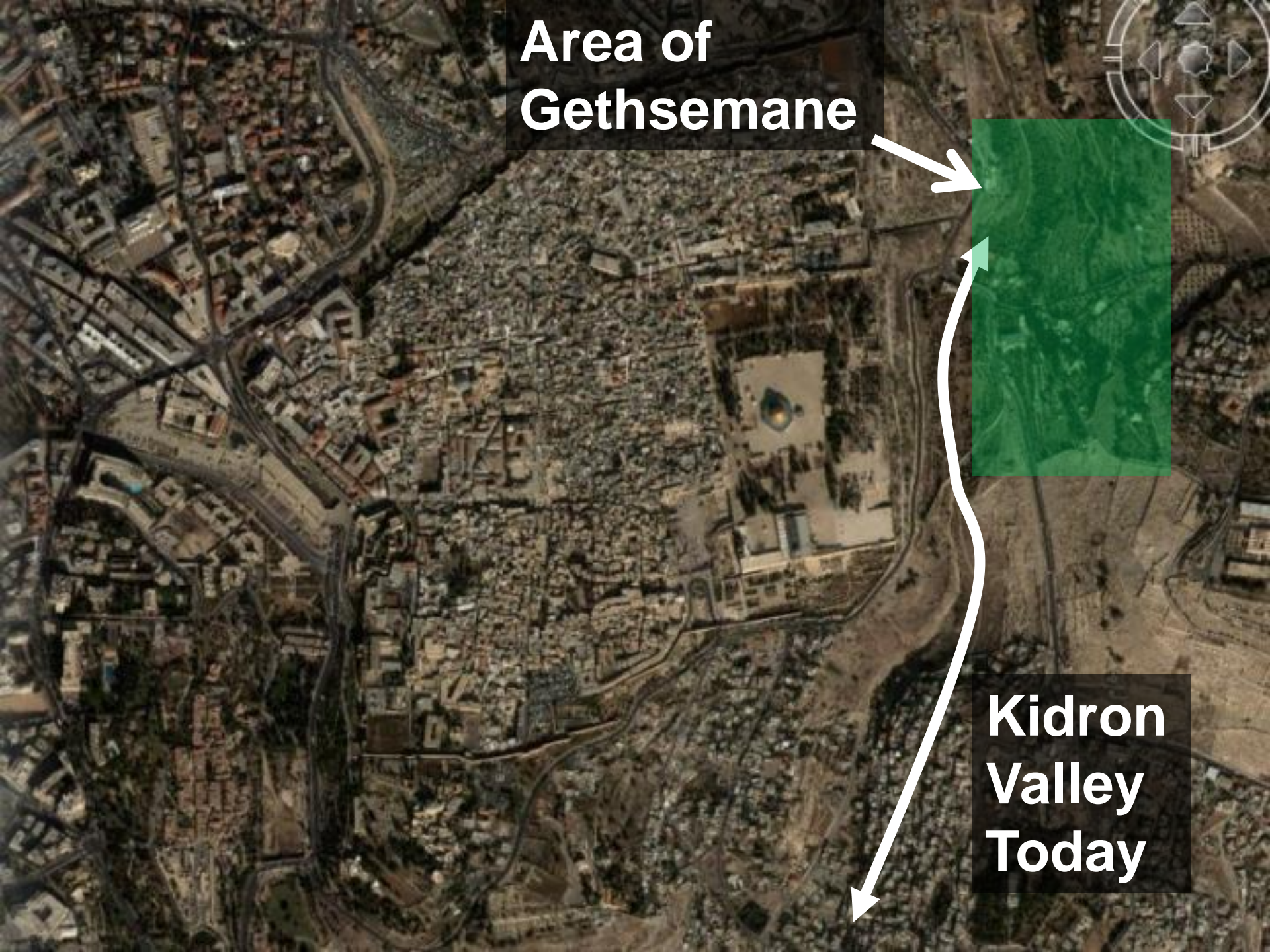
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Chapter 18

**Area of
Gethsemane**



**Kidron
Valley
Today**



Six Illegal Trials

- **Jewish Trials:**
 - Before Annas (John 18:12-14)
 - Before Caiaphas (John 18:19-24)
 - Before the Sanhedrin (Matt 27:1,2)
- **Roman Trials:**
 - Before Pilate (John 18:28-38)
 - Before Herod (Luke 23:6-11)
 - Before Pilate (John 18:39-19:16)

Barabbas

- Name means 'son of the father'
- Speaks of all of us
- We were 'sons of our father the devil'
- But have now been adopted
- Now we are called 'sons of God'
- Barabbas was guilty
- Christ was innocent
- The great exchange



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Chapter 19

- 19** And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.
- 20** This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.
- 21** Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.
- 22** Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

John 19:19-22

The King of The Jews

- Written in Hebrew, Greek & Latin
- In Hebrew, just four words:
- Yeshua (Jesus)
- Ha-Notzri (of Nazareth)
- V'Melekh (the King)
- Ha-Yehudim (of the Jews)


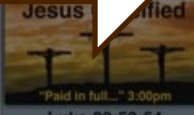



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- **Y H V H**
- The name of God!

42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

John 19:42

Passover Week April 6th-13th AD32 (10th-17th Nisan in the Jewish Calendar)

Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th
Sabbath Jesus arrives at Bethany after Sabbath has ended	Triumphal Entry 173,880 days complete Daniel 9:24-27	Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns the tables in the temple for the 2nd day running cf Matt 21:10-17 & Mark 11:15-19	Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' stressing that deception will abound in the last days	Jesus & disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this evening at sundown as it becomes the 14th	Feast of Passover Also: 'Day of Preparation'	Feast of Unleavened Bread High Sabbath John 19:31	Sabbath	Feast of Firstfruits 1st day of Week
Exodus 12:3-6 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb... Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year... And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole congregation of Israel shall kill it [between the evenings]*	John 12:12-13 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.	Mark 11:12-14 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:  And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee	Mark 11:20-21 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursed is withered away.	Mark 15:33-37 And when the sixth hour was come (12:00pm), there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth (3:00pm). And at the ninth hour Jesus said, Eloi, Eloi, lama saba beth ai. God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? and cried with a loud voice, and said, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? and he gave up the ghost.	Jesus Crucified  "Paid in full..." 3:00pm	The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation (14th), that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day (15th), for that sabbath day was an high day. (See below) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.	Exodus 12:18 "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even" - Thus for the whole 7 day period they were to eat unleavened bread	Resurrection!  The empty tomb
* The Hebrew word is 'Beyn' which means 'between'	Mark 11:10-11aBlessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things....	 Bethany	Mark 14:1 After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.The disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.	Luke 23:53-54 And he took [the body of Jesus] down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchreAnd that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.	Lev 23:5-7 "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD"	Matthew 27:62 Now the next day (15th), that followed the day of the preparation (that being the 14th), the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.	Mark 16:1-2 And when the sabbaths (Plural) were past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
Truly He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29)	"So the evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen 1:5) Because of this the Jewish day starts at sundown and goes through to the following sundown, i.e. Evening then morning representing a complete 24 hour day.	Mark here refers to the feast/festival starting from the 15th (which was the first day off work) - see Luke 22:1 so after 2 days = 15th & the feast	In both of these verses, the words "the feast of" have been added by the translators, they are not in the original and can be misleading.	1	2	1st Day	2nd Day	3rd Day
10th Begins John 12:1-2 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper (i.e. an evening meal)	11th Begins Mark 11:11b ...And now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.	12th Begins Mark 11:19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.	13th Begins Mary pours costly oil on Jesus' feet & anoints His head; Judas, incensed, decides to go to the chief priests. A plot is hatched and planned for the following evening - only 24 hours from start to finish.	14th Begins Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. Mark 14:12-18 And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and.... eat the passover?And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me	15th Begins 1st Night	16th Begins 2nd Night	17th begins 3rd Night	18th Begins Matt 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth
NB: "Passover" here is used to denote the 'festival' period commencing the 15th, not the supper on the 14th. It is also used this way in John 13:1 So after 6 days is the 15th & the feast.	Luke 22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.	John 13:1-2 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father..... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;	The Gospel as defined by the Apostle Paul "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... or I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor 15:1-4)	According to the scriptures ...Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover ...was buried = Feast of Unleavened bread ...He rose again = Feast of Firstfruits	6	 Jerusalem Location of the most important week in human history		

Pilate's Strange Remark

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Matt 27:62-65

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⁶⁵ Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, **make it as sure as ye can.**

Matt 27:62-65



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Chapter 20

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- Mary Magdalene, Peter & John all arrive at the tomb
- Mary subsequently meets the risen Jesus
- Later that day Jesus appears to the disciples (excluding Thomas) and they receive the Holy Spirit
- 1 week later Jesus appears again (Thomas now present)

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

John 20:14-17

- 16** Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.
- 17** Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

John 20:14-17

A Model?

- In Song of Songs 3:1-6 we have a woman who has lost the one she loves...
- she searches for him and will not give up.
- She finds watchmen and asks if they know where he is.
- She then turns from them and immediately finds the one she loves.
- The Shulamite then takes hold of her beloved and does not want to let go until the marriage is consummated...

A Model?

- But the consummation can only be at the time he appoints...
- when he returns in glory to claim his bride,
- When He returns, he will be crowned (see Song 3:11)

A Model?

- **The model:**
- Mary as representative of the true church does not get tired of seeking Jesus, and longs to be united to Him.
- But that heavenly marriage cannot be consummated until He chooses, hence Jesus will not let Mary be joined to Him now
 - remember, Mary wants to holdnJesus out of deep love, not unbelief as with Thomas.

A Model?

- But the day is coming (after Jesus has returned to His Father) when He will return to claim His bride
- At that time He will be crowned with the crowns of the saints (Rev 4:10), and joined to His bride for eternity!

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

John 20:23

- This is not to give us the power to forgive sin,
– **only God through Christ can do that;**
- This is to say that the disciples were to go out in the power of the Spirit to testify to the resurrection of Jesus.
- For any who respond, sins will be remitted.
- Those who reject the gospel, their sins will be retained.

Conclusion & Summary

- ³⁰ And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:
- ³¹ But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

John 20:30-31



The Gospel of John

Chapter 21

The Post Script

For the avoidance of doubt...

- In this final chapter John seems to want to settle two issues to avoid rumour and speculation that had begun to circulate:
- Firstly, that John himself would not die
- Secondly, that Peter had been permanently rejected as a disciple because of his denial of Christ.

I go a fishing...

³ Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. **John 21:3**

- After all that we have seen, after all that had been done, are we now content to return to the old life?
- Have you been fishing and catching nothing?
 - Did you know that Jesus already has fish?



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