

The Gospel of John



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- Two major divisions:
 - Chapter 1-11, covers 3 ½ years
 - Chapter 12-21, covers 1 week
- Chapter 12,
 - the Triumphal entry
- Chapters 13-17
 - The 'upper room discourse'

Upper Room Discourse

- Longest recorded discourse in the NT
- Begins in the upper room
- Ends en route to the Garden of Gethsemane
 - ‘Masterclass’ in discipleship
 - If you are to be a disciple of Jesus, these are the terms:

Disciple's Masterclass

- Lesson1: Chapters 13 & 14
 - Giving up the right to yourself – pre requisite

The Right To Yourself

“If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself” (Matt 16:24). The surrender here is of my self to Jesus, my self with His rest at the heart of it. *“If you would be My disciple, give up your right to yourself to Me.”* Then the remainder of the life is nothing but the manifestation of this surrender. When once the surrender has taken place we never need “suppose” anything. We do not need to care what our circumstances are, Jesus is amply sufficient.

- Oswald Chambers

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 - Servanthood – pre requisite

A Servant's Heart

24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve

Luke 22:24-26

The Standard

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Phil 2:5-11

Object Lesson:

- Jesus laid aside His garments
- Becoming as a servant
- Coming to those who did not recognise their need to be cleansed
- He elevates them to His position
- Takes empty vessels
- Filling with water
- The water then cleanses the walk of all who will humble themselves

Our Example

¹⁹ For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

1 Cor 9:19

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 - After this, Judas leaves the room
- Are you ready to commit to being a disciple?

II And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

I2 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

Acts 5:11-14

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*I³ And of the rest durst no man join himself to them:
but the people magnified them.*

*I⁴ And believers were the more added to the Lord,
multitudes both of men and women.)*

Acts 5:11-14

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- Lesson 1: Chapters 13 & 14
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 - A new commandment: Agape Love
 - Keep My commandments
 - The Holy Spirit will be given to teach you
- Lesson 2: Chapters 15 & 16
 - Disciples are appointed to bear fruit
 - They are to continually abide in Christ
 - Persecution will come... But...
 - The Holy Spirit will be given to comfort you
- Both our understanding & walk are by the Spirit



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Chapter 16

I These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

John 16:1

- Jesus pre warns the disciples that bearing fruit will not be well received by the world!
- “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Gal 6:9).

Our Encouragement

5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

Jeremiah 12:5

- 2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.
- 3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

John 16:2-3

The Persecution of The Church

- The religious Jews (cf. The book of Acts)
- Rome – Nero used Christians as human torches
 - Christians were blamed for the fire in Rome
- The Roman Catholic church
 - One Pope, in one afternoon martyred more Christians than all the believers killed by Rome
 - The inquests & reformation martyrs
- More believers have been martyred in the last 100 years than in the previous 19 centuries combined

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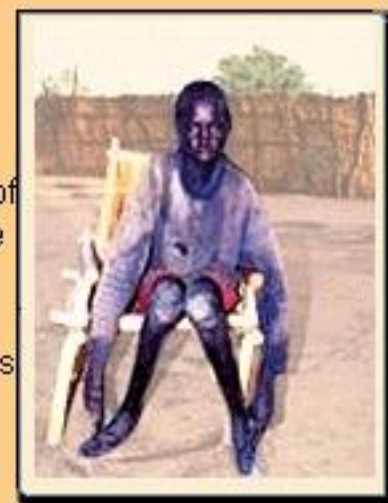
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The Persecution of The Church

- J Vernon McGee predicted that persecution was coming on the body of Christ...
- But alarmingly the source would be the established church!
- Rick Warren, in an interview in a Philadelphia newspaper said that he:
- *'despises fundamentalism in the church'.*
- The article went on to say: *"Warren predicts that fundamentalism, of all varieties, will be 'one of the big enemies of the 21st century'. 'Muslim fundamentalism, Christian fundamentalism, Jewish fundamentalism, secular fundamentalism - they're all motivated by fear. Fear of each other.'*"
(January 8th 2006 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer).

The Persecution of The Church

- Steve Chalk says teaching our children 6-day creation is 'child abuse'!
- The emerging church is opposed to the truth of the gospel, and those who don't conform will be classed 'religious fanatics' and labelled as 'dangerous'
- Seminaries and Bible colleges no longer teach the Bible as the truth; encouraging all views
- ***These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the [churches]: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.***

- 4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.
- 5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?
- 6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

John 16:4-6

- Before we pray *'give us this day...'*
- ..we should be praying *'Thy kingdom come'*

- 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

- Jesus gives His own commentary...

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

- They claim to know, thus becoming guilty
- Righteousness is now freely available
- The Spirit convicts men of their words & deeds – they are accountable

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

I2 *I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.*

John 16:12

- Babes have milk – they are not ready for solid food

Christian Maturity

- ¹ And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.*
- ² I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.*

1 Cor 3:1-2

Christian Maturity

- I2** For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.
- I3** For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
- I4** But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Heb 5:12-14

Christian Maturity

I Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection.... **Heb 6:1**

- I3** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
- I4** He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 16:13-14

The Ministry of The Spirit

- 1** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
- 2** Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
- 3** And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

1 John 4:1-3

- 15** All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
- 16** A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

John 16:15-16

- I7** Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?
- I8** They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.

John 16:17-18

19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?

John 16:19

- Jesus now takes 8 verses to summarise His mission and what would happen going forward from now

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

John 16:20

- Real sorrow turned to life changing joy
- cf Rom 8:18

21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

John 16:21-23

- 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.
- 25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.
- 26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

John 16:24-26

27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

John 16:27-28

Jesus' Mission Summarised

- *I came forth from the Father*
 - With whom I existed from eternity in glory.
- *Am come into the world*
 - By my incarnation.
- *I leave the world*
 - By my death.
- *And go to the Father*
 - By my ascension.

Jesus' Mission Summarised

- These four words contain the whole economy of the Gospel of man's salvation, and a consummate abridgment of the Christian faith.
- This gave the disciples a key to the whole of our Lord's discourse; and especially to that part, John 16:16, that had so exceedingly embarrassed them, as appears by John 16:17 and 18.

(Adam Clarke)

29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.

30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

John 16:29-30

- Incredible declaration!
- The penny has finally dropped!

³¹ Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

John 16:31

- The disciples had now spend 3 ½ years with Jesus
- They were nearing the end of their intensive training program
- Finally, it seems they understood Jesus' plan
 - to this point
- But there was one more test to come...

³² Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

John 16:32

- What happened to the disciples?
- Something they hadn't calculated – it didn't fit their model

Calculating Without Faith

“Naturally, we are inclined to be so mathematical and calculating that we look upon uncertainty as a bad thing. We imagine that we have to reach some end, but that is not the nature of spiritual life. The nature of spiritual life is that we are certain in our uncertainty, consequently we do not make our nests anywhere”

– Oswald Chambers

Calculating Without Faith

“God seems to have a delightful way of upsetting things which we have calculated on without Him. We get into places and circumstances He never chose, and suddenly they are shaken and we find we have been calculating on them without God; He has not entered in as a living factor. Have we learned the wonderfully practical lesson of not calculating without God?

Calculating Without Faith

“To take God into all our calculations is the one thing that keeps us from the possibility of worrying. According to the wisdom of this world, God seems to be haphazard. He is not calculable in His providence, He works in ways we cannot estimate. If we try to work things out in logical ways, we are apt to find that suddenly in the providence of God a great upheaval comes we had never calculated on”

— Oswald Chambers

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

- Note the source of the promised tribulation
 - The world
- Contrast to the coming Tribulation
 - The source is the wrath of the Lamb

Destined To Overcome

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Revelation 3:21

- Conditional promise
- Not the right of all saved



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Chapter 17