

The Gospel of John

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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

Chapter 13

Introduction to the Christian life – Preliminaries:

- The washing of the feet
 - The model of servanthood
 - The framework for the gospel
- Jesus exposes Judas
 - Judas then leaves (significantly)
 - Enrolment for master class by appointment only

Introduction to the Christian life – ‘Session1’

- The discourse begins (John 13:33)
 - # 1: Jesus accomplishes the work alone
 - # 2: A new commandment - everything must change



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Chapter 13

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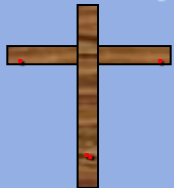

John 13:1a

² **And supper being ended,**

John 13:2a

“6 days before the passover” John 12:1

Passion Week

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	Triumphal Entry				Crucifixion			Resurrection Mark 16:2
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Passover Meal

‘The Feast’

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

'The Feast'

I Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh,
which is called the Passover.

Luke 22:1

Feasts & Festivals

- The first day of unleavened bread - 14th
- The feast of Passover - 14th
- The feast of Unleavened Bread - 15th
- The feast of unleavened bread
 - Festival period – counted from the 15th
- The passover
 - Festival period – counted from the 15th

7 days of unleavened bread

14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
 Feast of Passover	 Feast of Unleavened Bread						
Holy Convocation	High Sabbath						Holy Convocation

No Contradiction


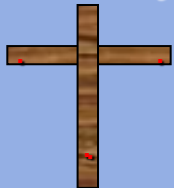

- John, Luke & Mark all refer to the feast (festival) of unleavened bread (beginning on the 15th) as the Passover
 - Mark 14:1
 - Luke 22:1
 - John 13:1

“In the same way that the Feast of Weeks came to be commonly designated Pentecost, the feast of Unleavened Bread was popularly called the Passover. That title was common to the supper and the feast, and included both; but the intelligent Jew would never confound the two; and if he spoke emphatically of the feast of the Passover, he would thereby mark the festival to the exclusion of the supper.”

Sir Robert Anderson – The Coming Prince

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I 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...

John 13:1

- John is about to tell us about the washing of the feet... (v.4)
- But first he gives us three important facts:

Fact 1

*1b ... having loved his own which were in the world,
he loved them unto the end.*

John 13:1b

'Jesus Loves You'

- Modern gospel message:
 - *'Jesus loves you'*
 - *'Come as you are'*
 - *'You'll have peace, happiness & joy'*
- The modern gospel removes repentance and thus generates false converts
- If you are not a believer, the wrath of God abides on you (John 3:36)
- We must never preach the love of God without preaching the justice of God

Fact 2

² And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;...

John 13:2

A Mighty Foothold

- *“for when you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil” (Eph 4:27 TLB)*
- Just 24 hours before this Judas watched a years wages be poured on Jesus
- (the parenthesis we noted in John 12)
- The root of Judas’ problem was his love for money (cf. 1 Tim 6:10)

A Mighty Foothold

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

⁴ ... greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:4

Fact 3

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

John 13:3

- Jesus relationship with His Father gave Him the peace and strength to endure all
- His security enabled Him to serve

- 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments;
and took a towel, and girded himself.
- 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to
wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the
towel wherewith he was girded.

John 13:4-5

- 6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
- 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
- 8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

John 13:6-8

- 9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.
- 10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
- 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

John 13:9-11

- “*But not ye all*” – 1 of 10 warnings to Judas
- 10 Plagues as warnings to Pharaoh?
- 2 Peter 3:9: God is longsuffering

I2 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

I3 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

I4 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:12-14

- Disciples never call Him Jesus, but Lord

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

John 13:15-16

The Background

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

The Standard

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Phil 2:5-11

The Standard

- ⁸ When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;
- ⁹ And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

Luke 14:8-11

The Standard

IO But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

II For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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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

I¹⁷ If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

I¹⁸ I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

John 13:17-18

- V.17 – the joy of serving & evangelism
- V.18 – Jesus quotes Psalm 41:9

19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

John 13:19-20

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

John 13:21-22

- Note: David's sorrow at his betrayal by Ahithophel, recorded in Psalm 55:12-15.
- The most painful sin?
- Gossip?

“When God wants to show you what human nature is like apart from Himself, He has to show it you in yourself. If the Spirit of God has given you a vision of what you are apart from the grace of God (and He only does it when His Spirit is at work), you know **there is no criminal who is half so bad in actuality as you know yourself to be in possibility.** My “grave” has been opened by God and “I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing.” God’s Spirit continually reveals what human nature is like apart from His grace”.

Oswald Chambers – My Utmost For His Highest

23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

John 13:23-25

- John was at His right, Judas at the left
- The Left was the place of honour
- Dextrous / Droit vs. Sinister / Gauche

- 26** Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.
- 27** And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

John 13:26-27

- 28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.
- 29 For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

John 13:28-29

30 He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

John 13:30

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!”
(Matt 6:23)

31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

John 13:31-32

- This is it: the wheels are now in motion...
- And God will be glorified in Christ
- See Eph 1:9-10 / 2 Cor 5:19

Discourse: Session 1

³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

John 13:33

- Lesson 1: Jesus must go alone

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 13:34-35

- Lesson 2: Everything must change

Love – Key to Revelation

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:10-12

- 36 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.
- 37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.
- 38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

John 13:36-38



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Chapter 14

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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)

Foundational Teaching

- Introduction to the Christian walk
- The basis is relationship
- Christ's relationship to the Father
- The Father to the Son
- Our relationship to Jesus
- Our relationship to the Father
- God's relationship to us
 - Through His Spirit

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 can trust God, you can trust Me'*

- 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.

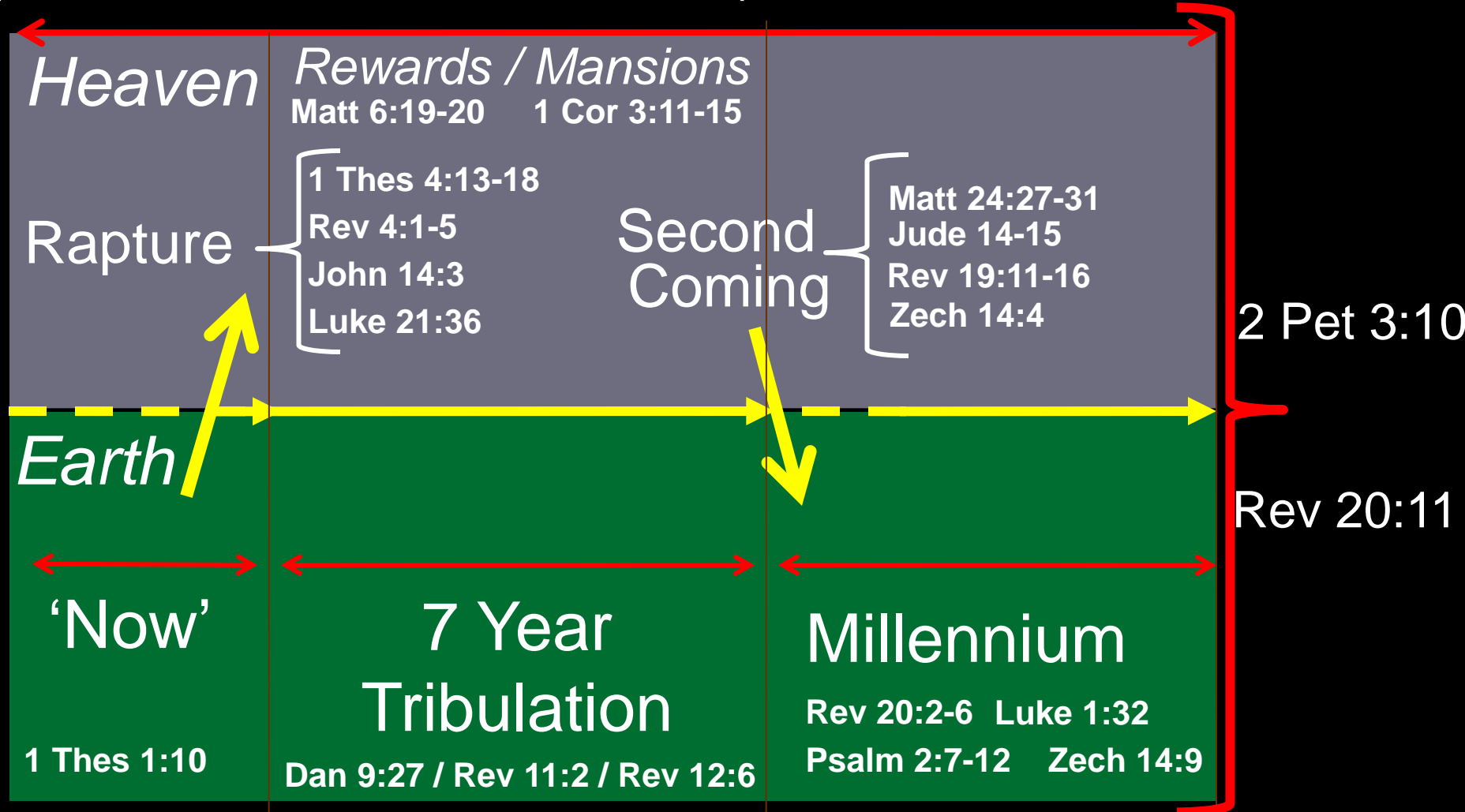
John 14:2-3

Christ's Promise

- His Father's house?
 - Heaven
- In Heaven there are many dwellings
- Rev 21-22 give 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

The Jewish Wedding

‘Kiddushin’

- Jewish word for ‘Marriage’
- Meaning ‘Sanctification’
- In **1 Thes 4:3**, God’s Will for us, is our sanctification – and abstaining from fornication

The Jewish Wedding

'Ketubah' (Betrothal)

- Similar to our engagement, but far more serious

The Ketubah is a marriage contract between the groom and his bride. In the contract, the groom undertakes to give all that he has in order to provide for every need of his bride, not only while he is alive, but also in the event of his death.

The Jewish Wedding

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To mark this contract, the groom and bride drink from a cup of wine.

The Jewish Wedding

'Ketubah' (Betrothal)

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew 26:27-29

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

- between the Ketubah and Huppah

It is customary for the Chatan (groom) and Kallah (bride) to remain apart for the time leading up to the wedding day. During this time the groom will return to his father's house to prepare a room for his bride.

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

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

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

- Cleansing of the bride

Meanwhile, the bride will go to the 'Mikveh' (bath) to cleanse herself spiritually and enter marriage in a state of complete purity – 'without spot or blemish'. One part of the ritual includes removing all manmade things (such as jewellery and nail polish etc) and then being fully immersed in water. She is supervised and assisted during the ritual to ensure it is done correctly.

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-32

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

³¹ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:25-32

- Our helper is the Holy Spirit
- *'He shall be with you and in you'* (John 14:17)

The Jewish Wedding

The 'Huppah'

- The Wedding

At the appointed time the groom will return with a shout and the blast of a rams horn, to claim his bride and take her back to his father's house, to the place he has prepared

The Jewish Wedding

The 'Huppah'

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

The Jewish Wedding

'Marriage Supper'

- Seven Day Feast

After the marriage ceremony, the marriage supper begins which will last for seven days

The Jewish Wedding

'Sheva Brachot'

- The Wedding Blessing

After the seven day feast, the wedding blessing is pronounced

After 7 years, the wedding blessing is pronounced for Christ and His Bride

The Jewish Wedding

'Sheva Brachot'

⁶ And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelation 19:6-9

The Jewish Wedding

'Sheva Brachot'

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 19:6-9

The Jewish Wedding

Incredible Model

² *The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king,
which made a marriage for his son,*

Matthew 22:2

- God is the Father
- Jesus is the heavenly Bridegroom
- The Church is His Bride

- 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
- 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

John 14:4-5

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 knew 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

- 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.
- 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
- 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

John 14:7-9

Seven Compound Titles

- JEHOVAH-JIREH
 - "The Lord our Provider" (Genesis 22:14).
- JEHOVAH-NISSI
 - "The Lord our Banner" (Exodus 17:15).
- JEHOVAH-RAPHA
 - "The Lord our Healer" (Exodus 15:26)
- JEHOVAH-SHALOM
 - The Lord our Peace (Judges 6:24)

Seven Compound Titles

- JEHOVAH-RAAH
 - “The Lord our Shepherd” (Psalm 23)
- JEHOVAH-TSID-KENU
 - "The Lord is our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 33:16).
- JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH
 - “The Lord is Ever-present" (Isaiah 60:19)
- JEHOVAH-SHUA (JESHUA)
 - “The Lord is our Salvation" (Luke 1:31)

- 10** Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
- 11** Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.
- 12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:10-12

'Greater Works'

- Greater miracles?
- Shadow of Peter healed the diseased (Acts 5:15).
- Diseases cured, demons cast out, by handkerchiefs etc. touched by Paul (Acts 19:12).
- By the word of Peter, Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead (Acts 5,9,10).
- Elymas the sorcerer was struck blind by the word of Paul (Acts 13:11).

'Greater Works'

- Jesus' miracles
- Raising of Lazarus (John 10)
- Raising of Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:22)
- Sight to the man born blind (John 5)
- Woman with 12yr haemorrhage (Mk 5:25-34)
- Many other – not enough books to list them all (John 21:25)
- The disciples miracles not greater in power, variety or quantity (pro rata)

‘Greater Works’

- Jesus does not say we will do greater miracles (Gr. Semeion = supernatural signs)
- But greater works
- Greater = Gr. meizon, in greater degree
- Works = Gr. ergon, toil (as an effort or occupation)
- What was Jesus’ ‘occupation’ / ‘work’?

'Greater Works'

*"For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater **works** than these, that ye may marvel"*

John 5:20

- This is the first time works (Gr. Ergon) are mentioned in John's gospel, and they are from the Father as a witness to the people.

'Greater Works'

"But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me"

John 5:36

- Again, the works were not of Jesus but the Father, and were to be a witness.

'Greater Works'

"Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me"

John 10:25

- Here again, the purpose of the works is explained: they are of the Father, but the miracles Jesus did were to convince the people that He was the Son of God – God manifest in the flesh. Thus, works = witness.

'Greater Works'

*"If I do not the **works** of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the **works**: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him".* **John 10:37-38**

- Regardless of people's initial reaction to Him, Jesus points people to the works as the evidence He was God. Again, works = witness.
- What was the purpose of the works?
- To witness to the fact that Jesus was God

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 14:13-14

- Not a blank cheque! – see James 4:3
- Our liberty is conditional:
- ***If*** the Father is thereby glorified, then...
- Jesus gives this privilege to His disciples:

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:15

Keeping His Commandments

- 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
- 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.
- 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:3-5

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:16-17

Paul's Caveat

- 16** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
- 17** If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Cor 3:16-17

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

John 14:18-20

- “For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God” (Col 3:3).
- “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature” (2 Cor 5:17)

God In Us

- 15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.
- 16** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1 John 4:15-16

The Privilege & Responsibility

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:1

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

John 14:21-22

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

John 14:23-24

²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:25-26

- This was too much to absorb in one sitting!

- 27** Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- 28** Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.
- 29** And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

John 14:27-29

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

John 14:30-31

Summary

- Your relationship to God is where it all begins, it affects:
- Your willingness and freedom to serve
- Your knowledge that Christ has done it all – there is nothing that we can add
- Your ability to love as God loves, seeing what can't be seen with the eyes
- Our certainty regarding our future
- How we live our lives in the present



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