

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 05 Mar 2023..... John 12:1-19..... Why Wasn't This Sold?
- 2) 12 Mar..... John 12:20-50..... If It Dies
- 3) 19 Mar..... John 13:1-38..... I Will Come Again
- 4) **26 Mar John 14:1-31..... Peace I Leave**
- 5) 02 Apr..... John 15:1-17..... Remain in Me
- 6) 09 Apr..... John 20:1-18..... I Have Seen
- 7) 16 Apr..... John 15:18-27; 16:1-33..... When the Spirit Comes
- 8) 23 Apr..... John 17:1-26..... I Pray
- 9) 30 Apr..... John 18:1-27..... I Am He
- 10) 07 May..... John 18:28-40..... I Find No Fault
- 11) 14 May..... John 19:1-42..... If Is Finished
- 12) 21 May..... John 20:19-31..... Reach out Your Hand
- 13) 28 May..... John 21:1-25..... Do You Love Me?

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus gives a special promise that His disciples will one day do greater works than Him; and Jesus also elaborates on what the Spirit of truth will accomplish in the hearts of believers

Passage	Comments
John 14:1-6	<p>Proclamation of the Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. "My Father's house has many rooms..." – Instead of getting a Mansion on a Hilltop, it looks like we will get an Apartment in a very large Borg-like cube • v6. Christianity is an exclusive private club. Jesus is the way, the truth, the life, and no one (past, present, or future) gets to Heaven without going through Him. This is true for all people of all ages – Pre-Flood and Post-Flood; Before the Cross and After the Cross.
The New Jerusalem	<p>If "My Father's house" is the New Jerusalem of Rev 21:16 the city will be laid out as a cube, with its length equal to its height and width; 1500 miles cubed</p> <p>Assuming the average resident is 6 feet tall, and allocated 5,000sqft of living space with 12-foot ceilings, and 1 resident per "room", with ½ the space allocated to a worship area, parks, ice cream shops, River of Life (Ezek 47; Rev 22), then the New Jerusalem could have more than 10 trillion rooms</p> <p>Estimated number of people which have been born in the past 6,000 years, accounting for the flood, comes to about 260 billion people</p> <p>Broad is the way of destruction and many enter it, narrow is the gate that leads to life & few find it (Mat 7:13-14); so, assume 40% get to Heaven = 100+ billion saved</p> <p>Plenty of room in Heaven to stretch out and enjoy life.</p> <p><i>"The eye has not seen, nor the ear heard what God has in store for those who love Him"Isaiah 64:4 & 1Cor 2:9</i></p>
Note on Population Statistics	<p>If Man has been on the earth for more than 50,000 years as evolutionists tout, then there would be more people on the earth now than the number of atoms in the entire universe. However, if man has been on earth for only 6000 years, population statics reflect we should have about 6.5 billion alive today, See Link: http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/am/v1/n2/billions-of-people</p>
14:7-11	<p>The Way to Know God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v9. Jesus mildly rebuked Philip for asking for something he already has knowledge of – that God the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to die for the world's sins • v11. In answer to Philip's request in v8 to "show us the Father" Jesus pointed him to the supernatural miracles such as 1) turned water into wine; 2) healed a dying boy from a distance; 3) healed and fed 5000 families; 4) gave sight to a man born blind; 5) raised a dead man; which demonstrated only God could do such wonders

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14:12-14	<p>Prayer in Jesus' Name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John 14:12. "... whoever believes in me will do even greater works than what I have done, because I go to the Father" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ NO ONE HAS EVER DONE GREATER SUPERNATURAL MIRACLES THAN WHAT JESUS DID ♦ The Bible only records ~40 miracles by Jesus ♦ The Apostles and disciples only performed about 20 miraculous events, with Paul doing about 1/2 of them, so the recorded supernatural miracles do not seem to be a part of these "greater works" ♦ BUT, while Jesus never wrote a book, or traveled more than 200 miles from home, or won more than about 500 hundred converts, His followers went farther, wrote prolifically, preached to more people, won more converts and, thereby fulfilled the "greater works" without having to take miracles into account • John chapters 13-17 are a discourse at the Last Supper from Jesus to His 11 Apostles – Therefore the following passages are in a cohesive unit with a single purpose to further the kingdom and not to seek individual comfort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ John 14:13 Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do.... ♦ John 14:14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. ♦ John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ♦ John 15:16 ...whatever you ask of the Father in My name He will give to you so you can bear much fruit ♦ John 16:23 If you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. ♦ John 16:24 ...ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full. ♦ John 16:25 "<i>These things I have spoken to you in figurative language...</i>" This passage clarifies that all these previous precious promises should be viewed with a heavenly kingdom focus and not an earthly focus
Other passages in John with a Heavenly focus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John 2:19 Destroy this temple and in 3 days I will raise it • John 3:3-12 You must be born again • John 6:27 Do not work for the food which perishes but for the food which endures to eternal life • John 6:51-52 You must eat my flesh & drink my blood to live • John 13:10 He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet
14:15-25	<p>Promise of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>The following verses are applicable to all believers. If we quench the Holy Spirit through sin, we limit His work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v15. <i>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"</i> • v17. the Spirit of Truth will be in you and abide in you • v21 <i>"He who loves me, & keeps my commandments, I will reveal myself to him"</i> – How is this realized?
14:26-31	<p>Present of Peace</p> <p>The following verses are applicable only to the apostles since Jesus directly spoke to them and not to us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v26. <i>"The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I said to you"</i> (so they can eventually be recorded) • v27. <i>"Do not be troubled or fearful"</i> – According to traditions, 11 Apostles met a martyr's death

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- We too are on a mission to move God's kingdom forward, so let's ask great things of Him
 - ♦ For numerical growth
 - ♦ For spiritual growth
 - ♦ For growth in fruit

NEXT WEEK: John 15:1-17.

