

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 01 Dec 2013 John 12 Live Selflessly
- 2) 08 Dec John 13 Serve Humbly
- 3) 15 Dec John 14 Believe Exclusively
- 4) 22 Dec Luke 1-2 Christmas Message
- 5) 29 Dec John 15:1-25 Stay Open and Obedient
- 6) 05 Jan 2014 John 15:26 – 16:33 **Depend on the Spirit**
- 7) 12 Jan John 17 Honor Jesus
- 8) 19 Jan Psalm 139 Value Every Life
- 9) 26 Jan John 18 Our Messiah - Abused
- 10) 02 Feb John 19:1-16 Our King - Condemned
- 11) 09 Feb John 19:17-42 Our Savior - Crucified
- 12) 16 Feb John 20 Live in Resurrection Power
- 13) 23 Feb John 21 Follow with Renewed Purpose

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus continues to prepare His disciples for His imminent parting, but He speaks to them figuratively, metaphorically, allegorically, symbolically, euphemistically, nonliterally..... WHY?

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| John 16:1-4 | <p>Warning of Future Persecution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. How would knowing the outcome keep the disciples from stumbling? How did the disciples prepare for the persecution foretold by Jesus? Did they move their money? Did they write their wills? Did they hide? Or was this mental preparation? How should we prepare? • vv2-3. Persecution often begins slowly at first with getting kicked out of the community (synagogue). Then possible loss of job and possessions. Then loss of life. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Who comes to mind as someone who imprisoned Christians and endorsed their deaths while being zealous for his God..... Acts 22:3-5 |
| 16:5-15 | <p>Promise of the Holy Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trinity is seen in this passage where the Father sends the Son and initiates the salvation process (v5), the Son accomplished salvation for man (v7), and the Holy Spirit confirms it as truth for evermore (vv8-11) • vv8-11. The Holy Spirit has unique responsibilities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convict the world of sin 2. Convict the world of Righteousness. Jesus' return to the Father confirms His deity, His holiness 3. Convict the world of Judgment. The Cross is the demarcation between the failure of the 1st Adam and the restoration by the 2nd Adam (Christ) • vv13-14. The Holy Spirit has unique tasks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He will guide the Apostles into ALL truth 2. His truth comes from God the Father John 8:26 3. He will disclose the future to the Apostles 4. He will glorify Jesus by taking what is Mine (the truth of the Gospel to save) and declaring it to you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Does this mean we will be guided into ALL truth? |
| Who has preeminence? Jesus or the Holy Spirit | <p>When people or churches focus more on the Holy Spirit and not on Christ, they cheat themselves – After all, the purpose of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Jesus, and Jesus glorifies the Father, and not Himself. Even the fruit of the Spirit glorifies God the Father and not the Holy Spirit.</p> |
| 16:16-22 | <p>Jesus' Death and Resurrection Foretold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why didn't Jesus just plainly tell them "Hey, I will be crucified and die tomorrow, then my body will be resurrected out of the grave, then I will come back for dinner with you in 3 days, then I will ascend back to Heaven after another 40 days, then on during the feast of Pentecost you will officially receive the Holy Spirit |

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| 16:23-33 | <p>Motivation to Pray for Big Things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v23. "In that day" alludes to the day of Pentecost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ "Ask anything in My name and you will get it" ♦ Does "anything" mean anything, or are there limitations? Can we ask for a trillion bucks to be deposited into our accounts tomorrow? How about \$1,000 then? Remember, our possessions do not give meaning to our life (Luke 12:15) • v24. Ask and receive that your joy may be full <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ There's no sense in asking if we won't receive ♦ God motivates us to pray for big things ♦ Does this mean we can be very happy with things? ♦ Key to receiving big things from God is to know His will for us and for our time ♦ Recall John 15 where we can ask for all the fruit we want, and He will give it so God can be glorified ♦ We cannot fully comprehend this passage without considering the next verse (v25) • v25. These things I have spoken to you figuratively (NASB), in proverbs (KJ), parables (Amp), figures of speech (HSCB), in similitudes (YLT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Greek word "paromia" is only used 4x in the New Testament; 3x by John (10:6; 16:25; 16:29) and once by Peter (2Peter 2:22) ♦ In light of Jesus speaking figuratively, how should we interpret these passages: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John 14:13 Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do.... 2. John 14:14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. 3. 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. 4. John 15:16 ...whatever you ask of the Father in My name He will give to you 5. John 16:23 If you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. 6. John 16:24 ...ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full. ♦ This passage clarifies all these previous promises should be viewed with a heavenly kingdom focus and not with a focus on earthly comfort • vv26-31. The disciples claim they now get it (vv29-30), but Jesus calls their bluff – "Do you really?" (v31) • v33. Know Jesus, Know Peace; No Jesus, No Peace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What does "I have overcome the world" convey? |

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Jesus spoke figuratively so those who have an ear (i.e., an interest in the things of God) will hear and dig for the truth. All others will float away, for they were never part of us anyway 1John 2:19

NEXT WEEK: John 17. Jesus prays for His disciples and for us, and His prayer is still being answered today.

