

Series: Simply Jesus

Title: Jesus Prepared for His Death

Text: (Jn 13:31-14:14)

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

Glorified: ~ Honored; dignified; exalted to glory.
Glorified in Him.

I want Jesus to be Glorified in me.

honored; dignified; magnified; exalted to glory.

My prayer: “*God Glorify Yourself in Me.*”

My conversation with myself:

Don't dishonor, degrade, decrease, or debase God.

I have to talk to myself

Do You ever talk to yourself?

Some days its the only intelligent conversation I have.

I have to win the argument with myself.

My Flesh desires to to glorify itself.

My Ego desires to to glorify itself.

My Pride desires to to glorify itself.

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

Everything in our life is to be for the Glory of God.

(1 Cor 10:31) *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

Jesus looked past the Agony of Calvary to the Glory of Heaven. (Jn 17:4-5) (Heb 12:2)

Jesus was trying to get the disciples to see that everything He has spoken of his For Jesus' glory.

I am supposed to look past the agonies of this life to glories of heaven also.

Jesus, announces his departure.

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.

Ref~ (Jn 8:21) Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

Jesus is trying to get the disciple to understand that this was for His Glory!

Jesus Lays out His expectations for them: (Vs 34-35)

Love is the distinguishing characteristic of a disciple.
(1 Jn 2:7-11; 3;10-12; 4:7-10, 20, 21)

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

The Commandment to Love was not new: (Deut 6:5)
(Lev 19:18)
(Matt 22:34-40; Rom 13:8-10; Gal 5:14; James 2:8)

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

Distinctive Love Because:

1. Sacrificial Love, Modeled after His Love for them.
2. Produced through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. (Jer 31:29-34; Ezek 36:24-26; Gal 5:22)

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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.

Jesus' work was nearly completed.

Their's was just beginning.

(Matt 28:16-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47)

Peter was to have a specific ministry (John 21:15-19)
Peter would indeed follow Jesus into Martyrdom for the Glory of God, as would all the apostles.

(2 Pet 1:14) *Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.*

This was confusing for the Disciples: (Vs 37)

37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

Peter has never been anywhere without Him!

Jarius Daughter, Transfiguration, Great Catch of Fish
Jesus Says they cannot not Come with Him, but they will later.

“He cannot travel alone, why the Jews will kill him.”
Peter was saying *‘If you have to go, lets do it my way’*

All the Disciples could see was their own glory as a political appointee.

All Christ could see was His own glory, the Glory of the Father.

Who's Glory are you focused on?

Why do you want it your way?

We all know the story of Peter's Failure:

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.

Jn 18:25-27; MT 26:71-75; Mk 16:69-72; Lk22:54-62
(All 4 gospel writers record Peters betrayal)

Peter's failure was because of a lack of Faith!

He wanted to believe, but he was struggling because Jesus wasn't fitting into his paradigm. (Heb 11:6)
Peter wanted God's will on his terms, because he was lacking in faith.

I ask again: Who's Glory are you focused on?

Why do you want it your way?

What level of confidence do you have in God?

I am not talking about throwing caution to the wind.

I am not talking about not living according to a schedule, or not having a plan or a budget.

I am asking you, what percentage of your Schedule, Plan, & Budget involve God in IT?

Jesus' remark seems harsh, but the disciples had been arguing all night about who would be the greatest in the new regime.

Jesus needed to snap Peter back to Reality!

Does God ever say something, or do something to snaps you back to reality?

Anybody had your life snapped recently?

Christ Encourages the Disciples:

They are Anxious by Jesus' statements of His Death.

They are Confused by Jesus news that he is departing.

They are Dismayed that they cannot follow with Him.

Jesus is trying to get the disciple to understand that this was for His Glory!

Instead of comforting Jesus, hours from the cross, Jesus is having to encourage & Comfort them
(Chapter 14:1a) *Let not your heart be troubled:*

Jesus is supporting them Spiritually & Emotionally.

The Disciples were troubled at heart.

Jesus told them He was Troubled in spirit.

Jesus told them He was leaving.

Jesus told them One of them was a traitor.

Jesus told them Peter would publicly FAIL!

What Troubles your heart?

Is it bigger than God?

Have you talked to God about it?

Were you able to reach Him?

What did He say about it?

(Chapt 14:1b) *ye believe in God, believe also in me*
God sent Me!

I am worthy of the confidence as the Father!

I AM HE! - I and the Father are one! (Jn 10:30)

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: (if it were not so, I would have told you.)

I have not hidden anything from you!

Because of the NT, God has revealed everything to us.

What is it you don't know? Check the BOOK!

(2b) I go to prepare a place for you.

My Going away, is for YOUR benefit.

I am Preparing a place for us in the Father's House.

He is securing us passage on the Old Gospel Ship called Calvary.

He is preparing accommodations in that Heavenly city.

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.

Jesus is coming back to transport us to our new home. This is a direct reference to the Rapture. (1 Thes 4)

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

I have Explained It,
I Have Illustrated It,
AND NOW I am going to Demonstrate it!

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Their minds were stuck on earthly things.

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

This is the 6th I AM statements.
(Jn 6:35; 8:12; 10:7,9, 10:11,14; 11:25; 15:1, 5)

Jesus is the ONLY way to God because...

He is the TRUTH of God: (Jn 1:14)

(Col 2:2-3) all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Jesus is the ONLY way to God because...

He is the LIFE of God: (1:4; 3:15; 11:25)

There are NO Other ways to God. 'but by me'

(Jn 10:7-9)(Matt 7:13-14; Lk 13:24; Acts 4:12)

What are your plans for after this life?

The decision is made here.

Like planning a trip/buying tickets/rental car/hotel.

You don't just show at Reagan & hope for the best.

You plan Where & How.

Whats your plans?

How are you getting there?

Jesus said He was the only way!

The only thing you cannot plan is WHEN!

If you pick the destination in advance,

If you pick How you will get there, You are sure you will arrive at the right destination.

Not making a decision & Hoping for the best is the wrong choices.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

The constant emphasis that Jesus is the Incarnate God is clear in Scripture.

(Jn 14:11; 1:1-3, 14, 17-18; 5:10-23, 26; 8:58; 9:35; 10:30, 38; 12:41; 17:1-5; 20:28)

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?

(Col 2:9) For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

It is by faith we see the Father as we come to know Christ better through His word.

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.

The Only Way the disciples could be used in a greater way than Jesus was for Jesus to leave.

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.

While Jesus was with them, He provided for them. Now that he is departing, He give them the privilege of Prayer in His name!

He gives them the Promise to answer their prayer so that the Father would be glorified!

The Believer's Prayer should be for Christ's purposes & for the Kingdom, not our own.

The Believer's Prayer should be on the basis of Christ's merits, not our own. (Is 64:6)

The Believer's Prayer should be in pursuit of Christ's Glory, and nothing else.