

Who Am I?

Unlocking and Understanding the Mystery of Christ

Week Six

Day Two

GREATER THINGS

“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” (John 14:12)



Unlocking the Mystery

Yesterday’s lesson still stirs in my heart. We are focusing on the resurrection, yet we are focusing on understanding the teachings of Jesus. There was an intimate moment the night before Jesus was taken to be tried and crucified. A moment that He took His Disciples aside and shared a Passover meal with them and taught them. His teaching was tender and filled with instruction of what was to come. His heart was heavy as He knew all of what was about to take place. He knew His friends would not understand at this time, but He had to share with them to explain that what was to take place was all prepared by His Father. It had to happen for the forgiveness of sins and to usher in the New Covenant. They would understand in time, but for now He had to share a tender moment from His heart.

Oftentimes, when people know they are facing death, they will prepare their will or will call people together to make amends. They get their affairs in order to help prepare their heart and mind for what is to come and to prepare their loved ones, as well. It is a mystery the strength and courage it must take to face that day. In today’s lesson, we are looking at the intimate moment that Jesus shared with His disciples prior to Him dying; a powerful display of His strength and courage. I am thankful the Holy Spirit led John to write about that personal and private moment. Jesus was speaking to His closest twelve, but it speaks to us yet today. From this lesson, it is my hope that you take away an experience of sitting at the feet of Jesus during what must have been the most heartfelt and tender moment He shared, and you gain an understanding of the greater things Jesus talks about to prepare our hearts and minds for what is still to come.



Understanding the Word

DIGGING DEEPER: Luke 22:7-38; John 13-17

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Luke 22:7-38

V. 8 What were they making preparations for? _____

V. 14-16 When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles _____ at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I _____. For I tell you I will not eat it again until it finds _____ in the kingdom of God.

V. 19-20 He took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them. What did it represent?

In the same way, after the supper He took the cup and gave it to them. What did it represent?

What do we know this tender moment as? _____

Jesus then settles a dispute that arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: John 13:1-17

V. 1 It was just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the _____ extent of His _____.

V. 4-12 What demonstration of His love did He use? _____

V. 8 Why did He use that demonstration? _____

V. 7 Did they understand? _____

V. 12-17 When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. "Do you _____ what I have done for you?" He asked them. "You call Me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an _____ that you should

do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be _____ if you do them.

Jesus predicts His Betrayal and Peter's Denial

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: John 13:33-35

V. 33 My children I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for Me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

V. 34 A new _____ I give you: love one another. As _____ have _____ you, so _____ must _____ one another.

V. 35 By this all men will know that you are My _____, if you love one another.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: John 14:2-3, 5-6, 9-11, 12, 15-22, 26

V. 2-3 In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am _____ there to _____ a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will _____ and _____ you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.

In your own words, what was Jesus telling His disciples? _____

V. 5-6 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the _____ the _____ and the _____. No one comes to the Father except _____ Me."

Jesus teaches that it is only through Him that anyone can go to Heaven; Jesus teaches that He is absolute truth; Jesus teaches that it is only through Him you can have life eternal.

V. 9-11 If you see Jesus who also have you seen? _____ For I am in the Father and the Father is in who? _____

V. 12 I tell you the truth, _____ who has faith in Me will do what _____ have been doing. He will do even _____ than these, because I am _____ to the Father.

V. 15-22 What must we do to really show we love Jesus? _____

V. 16 What did Jesus ask the Father to give us? _____

V. 17 How will we know Him? _____

V. 26 Name two things He will do for us. _____ and _____

Once again, Jesus says, “I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.” He told them if they loved Him, they would be glad He was going to the Father.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: John 15:1-27

V.1-8 What is the big theme of this teaching? _____

V. 9-17 This passage speaks of _____ for Jesus and _____ for one another.

V. 18-27 If the world _____ you, keep in mind that it _____ Me first.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: John 16:1, 7, 12-13, 22, 28, 33

V. 1 All this I have told you so that you will not go _____.

V. 7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your _____ that I am going _____,
Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will _____ Him to you.

V. 12-13 I have much more to say to you, more than you can now _____. But when He,
the Spirit of truth, comes, He will _____ you into all truth.

V 22 Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will _____, and no one will
take away your joy.

V. 28 I came _____ the Father and _____ the world; now I am
_____ the world and _____ back to the Father.

V. 33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have _____. In this world you
will have trouble. But take heart! I have _____ the world.

In this night, the night He was to be handed over to be tried and crucified, Jesus took time to teach His disciples. He taught many things in a short amount of time knowing they would not/could not grasp the fullness of what He was saying. He had to teach them. What He had to say needed to be in them, so they would one day remember; they would one day understand. Let's take a quick review over what He taught that night.

I HAVE LOVED YOU; LOVE ONE ANOTHER; LOVE ME THROUGH OBEDIENCE

I HAVE SERVED YOU; SERVE ONE ANOTHER

I'M GOING TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU

I'LL BE BACK TO GET YOU

I'M GIVING YOU THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE WITH YOU

IT'S GOING TO GET TOUGH BECAUSE OF ME

DON'T PANICK; ABIDE WITH ME AND I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU TO FACE IT ALONE

I KNOW YOU DON'T FULLY UNDERST BUT THE COUNSELOR WILL GUIDE YOU



Greater things are yet to come. Greater things will you do. Jesus came as an example of what to do. He came and completed the work He had to do. Upon the completion of His work, He had to go back home to prepare a place for us to come to and to send the Counselor we know as the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit lives in us. He is the part of God that empowers us to live for Him. Jesus went away as a single man, but He sent the Counselor that would reside in each of us. Therefore, we that are His children or His disciples can all do the work of Jesus and greater things because there are more of us to do the work in His name. The Holy Spirit will always point back to Jesus, and He will always glorify God.

Jesus took this precious evening to teach His disciples. He needed to let them know what was going to happen even if they didn't completely understand. He knew at the completion of His work they would remember and finally understand. What courage and strength it took to share all of that with them. John shares that precious time with us, so through the courage and strength of the Holy Spirit, we can remember what is to come and understand that all we do should point back to Jesus and glorify God. He has told us ahead of time, so we will choose to trust, believe, and walk with integral faith.