## **JOHN 13 vs 31**

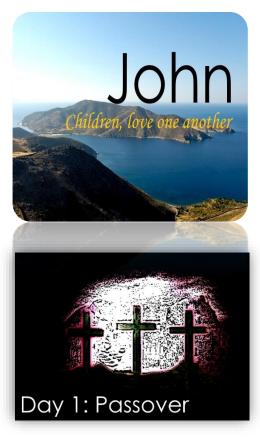


On the night Jesus was betrayed... we read:

<sup>31</sup> Therefore, when he was gone out / when Judas got up from the table to work his duplicity, and betray the Lord,

Jesus said, Now is the Son of Man glorified / the Greek verb is: doxazo... meaning: to praise; to honor; to boast about... but not in vain; to simply brag about... in truth. This word is first used in the Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus says, Let your light shine in such a way that others will see, and glorify—and praise and honor... and boast about your Father in heaven. Luke uses a form of this word several times, when detailing... the glory of the Lord that lit up the skies; when angelic voices were heard singing and shouting, Glory to God in the highest... that holy night when shepherds were amazed... Christ Jesus was born. This word is used in scripture to magnify the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

and God is glorified in Him / God His Father, and our Father too, is glad to boast about His only begotten Son... who faithfully came to do His will. Unlike Adam... who didn't believe the Lord God... and apparently thought he could improve on what God meant to say.



Paul tells us, God was in Christ... reconciling the world unto Himself, no longer counting our failure and hideous guilt -- 2 Corinthians 5.

<sup>32</sup> Since God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself / what is Jesus saying? God in heaven sat at the edge of His chair... and is doing a little bragging to the on-lookers in the eternities -- saying: That's My Boy!

and will immediately glorify Him / the Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary says: In return and reward... of this highest of services ever rendered to Him, or capable of being rendered, soon and without delay... God will exalt this faithful Son... above all others.

<sup>33</sup> **Little children** / now, Jesus isn't speaking down at these rugged folks from some position of superiority! No, Jesus is not like us. He's a little different than us. This word is: **teknion**; it's an endearing term a teacher uses to address his students; Paul used the word when talking to the Galatians; John uses this word when he writes to the church. I guess their Teacher, using it first... left an impression

Now days, Jesus might say...

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Hey guys! Yet a little while I am with you. You will seek Me: and as I said to the Jewish leaders;

Where I go, you cannot come; so now I say to you.

Isn't it really quite astounding? the simple composure... the elegant grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ... under such troubling pressure, who was about to give His life... and would change the course of world history. John, who leaned on Jesus chest... who more than any of the followers records in great detail the last words Jesus spoke this night He was betrayed. Between chapters 13-17, Jesus uses the Greek word for love: <a href="mailto:agape">agape</a>... 26 times. John records Jesus... 12 times... using the word: <a href="mailto:tereo">tereo</a>; meaning to guard, to protect... His words, was He looking at each of his disciples? That word was first used in <a href="mailto:Genesis 2">Genesis 2</a> when the Lord God spoke to Adam, telling him to dress and <a href="mailto:keep">keep</a> the garden -- something Adam did not do... which created this mess!

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you / just moments earlier, He told them: You are clean, fully knowing we will all be stepping through lots of crap down here in this very imperfect, broken world; because He added: you occasionally might need to wash your feet; and I bet all their ears perked up! Yes, Sir! And what is this new commandment?

**that you love one another, as I have loved you** / Dr. Dallas Willard said: Love is the desire, the longing and readiness... to secure the good... and welfare of others;

**that you also love one another** / Jesus said, His friends, His followers will do this... that's the new commandment... which we discover really isn't new. The Lord God is the epitome, He is the epicenter of Love freely given, lavishly given. Paul tells us Those in eternity prefer one another; They like each other!

That you love one another; as I have loved you; that you also love one another.

<sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples / My mathetes: the ones doing their math... putting it all together.... 1+1+1.... Right?

**if** you love one another / what? That's it? By this new commandment? Just one command? Well, what about all those other religious rules and regulations and legalistic rites? Jesus already said, they do that stuff to be seen by others. He said: Ignore them! They got their reward! Well, some might ask: what about those murderous roman crusaders? Obviously, they were not part of the Lord's agenda!

We live in a generation that makes Herod the Idumean look like a circus clown. Apparently, he was afraid of 2-year-olds and had them all murdered. Now days, we see all those peace-loving militants... murdering and beheading those ferocious little 2 and 3 and 4 and 5 and 6 and 7 and 8 and 9 and 10-year-old children; while bombs and bullets... disrupt countless communities and destroy who knows how many lives --hardly evidence of the desire to secure the welfare of others. Like ROME of old... who really didn't believe there is a God in heaven, as they plow down all those fierce, defenseless elementary children. Things don't change much, do they? Jesus already said... what we do to the least, we do to Him.

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By this... all will know that you are My disciples,

if you love one another / even while the church in the west is sleeping; even while so many in other places are being destroyed by rogue moderate rebels, paid for with the west's tax-payer dollars.

<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, Lord, where are you going?

Jesus answered him,

Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow Me afterwards.

<sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for your sake.

<sup>38</sup> Jesus answered him, Will you lay down your life for My sake? / Peter often had a lot of bravado, didn't he? And though his impulsive nature seemed to get in the way, at least the Lord could see Peter wasn't one satisfied sitting long on his butt!

Amen! Amen! I say to you,

The cock will not crow / you won't hear another: cock-a-doodle do!

till you have three times denied Me / to disown utterly; to have no acquaintance or connection with:

When Jesus said that those who would be His disciples, would take up their cross daily, and deny themselves, and follow Him; and here, recalling Peter's profound failure... denying the Lord Jesus.

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