

JOHN 15 vs 9

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At the Mount of Olives, the night He was betrayed, Jesus also said,

9 As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you:

make your home in My love.

10 If you guard, to protect, My commands you will make your home in My love

Remember: Jesus is **not** talking about the 613 ceremonial commands, rules and regulations – the prophet wrote: they came and took possession of the land, but they did not obey You or follow Your law – **Jeremiah 32**. The Lord said, **I wrote for them many things in my law, but they regarded them as foreign** -- **Hosea 8:12**. He could have given 10,000 rules... yet His people were hell-bent on being faithless. Moses spoke of 10 commands that mark the people of God, Jesus spoke of 2 great commands... which summarize the 10 commands the Lord wants written on our hands and hearts what sums up it all:

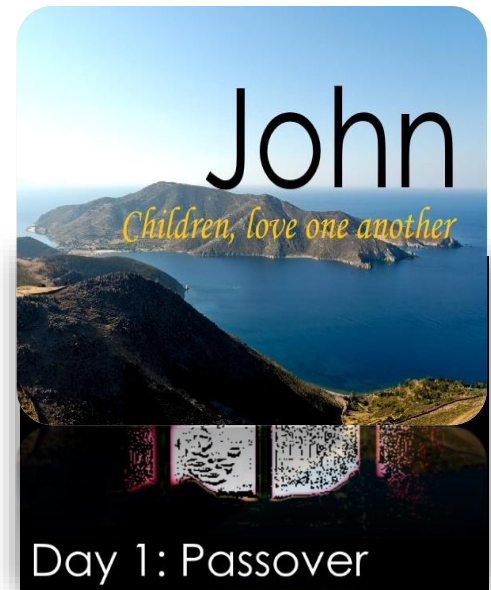
1. Love God with our whole being; 2. Love one another, as He loved us.

even as I have **guarded to protect** My Father's commands and make a home **in His love** / what are His commands? Moses first told us **there were 10 instructions, and no more** – **Deuteronomy 5**:

Do not have any gods before Him. 2. Do not make graven images of things in heaven, on earth or in the sea, to bow down and serve the work you created. 3. Do not frivolously speak the Name of the Lord. 4. Keep the Sabbath, and keep it sacred; 6 days you can work, but the 7th you and your family will rest. 5. Honor your father and mother, that you live long on the earth. 6. Do not murder. 7. Do not adulterate. 8. Do not steal (no need to take what isn't ours; we have 6 days we can work) 9. Do not falsely accuse your neighbor. 10. Do not covet anything that is your neighbors -- from his wife to his things (we have 6 days we can work)

All perfectly good instructions to preserve society, to daily remind ourselves to **keep** and **do** before the Lord, that He might continue to bless our families... and prolong our days even in the 21st century. These instructions are what Ezekiel said: **the mark of God's people – on their hand and forehead** in a world today in contrast to the mark of the last world govt (see: **Deut. 6:1-8; Deut. 11:18-22...** and **Ezekiel 20:11-12**).

11 These things I told you, that My joy remains in you / centuries earlier, Nehemiah reminded God's people: **The joy of the LORD is our strength**; **Psalms 67** declares: **Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for You will judge the people rightly**, and govern the nations upon earth. Obviously, Jesus knew others would come wanting to do His job... falsely claiming they represent Him. How can we identify these frauds? Simple: because they have **NO joy!** At least, **no joy** of the LORD. They get their jollies harassing and abusing -- even killing the innocent; while destroying lives and other such things.



Jesus said...

and that your joy is full / then the great Teacher... like any good teacher, reviews the lesson He is dinnning into His disciples. He knows children sometimes have to hear things more than once. Jesus says:

¹² **This is My commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you** / in the same selfless way that I loved you, you love one another. And if they didn't grasp the extent of this love; He adds:

 ¹³ **Greater love has no one than this,**


that one lay down his life for his friends / who will argue with Jesus? Here is a profound truth, will our educators learn it? Henry Drummond wrote: friends is a spiritual word. We live in a spiritual world.

We discover how different Jesus is from all other religious leaders -- even today's religious leaders. Jesus, the good Pastor, and great Teacher demonstrated to His disciples as well as to the whole world, that love. He's not a cheap-talker; moments later, He gave His life for us.

¹⁵ **From now on I do not call you servants** / the word is **doulos**, those needing to purchase their freedom. You know these words show that Jesus was a troublemaker disturbing the world's agenda!

for the servant does not know what his lord does: but I call you friends / and like Henry Drummond said in 1880s, Friendship is the nearest thing to know what religion is. Friendship is a spiritual relationship. But in our genius 21st century, they argue friendship is a meaningless word since it can't be observed in a microscope or a telescope so it must not exist. And for most friendless folk they tell the truth about themselves!

From now on I call you friends; for all that I heard from my Father I have made known to you / all that the eternal Father sent His Son to tell His creation, He made known.

 ¹⁶ **You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you** / wow! Chosen by Jesus! Who else matters? **and assigned you, that you go and bring forth fruit** / that you produce: love and joy and peace... patience, kindness, mercy and grace, **and that your fruit live in you: that whatever you ask of the Father representing Me, He may give it to you** / do we need more love? Do we need more mercy? Ask Him!


¹⁷ **These things I command you, that you love one another** / Hebrews 12 says, Looking to Jesus... who endured the cross; who despised the shame. For consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself; lest you be weary and faint in your minds. There was never a day... there was never an hour... Jesus did not encounter someone in the crowd... pushing to the front of the line; and there is Jesus the Lord of glory, being poked and pushed, and harassed and hated. Jesus could have thrown up His hands at any time; and said: I'm out of here! Thank God, He didn't!


¹⁸ **If the world hates you, then know it hated Me before you.**

¹⁹ **If you were of the world, the world would love its own** / if you had their limited, shallow point of view... the world would love you; Jesus used **kosmos**... 45 times. Jesus had a worldview that included knowledge of God; and love and thanks to Him; so Jesus spoke about things of the heart; not merely as 21st century science and research advocates who only speak about surface issues and what they can observe.

but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you / even the church world. We know it from those violent, hateful people who spawned the roman crusades... blatant evidence they did not know Jesus. They keep neither His words nor His ways. I know nobody in the world who follows the Lord Jesus... who would have joined the bloody crusades of anyone. We see it, when we hear the unwelcomed voices shouting: stranger, get out of here! 3,000 years ago, the LORD said, Do not oppress the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor. But they refused to listen; and they still refuse to listen today; but I am sure God is not impressed.


²⁰ **Remember the word that I said to you, The servant is not greater than his lord.**

 **If they persecuted Me** / your Teacher; your Savior... and your best Friend,
they will also persecute you;

 if they **kept** / and protected **My words**,
they will **keep** yours also.


²¹ **But all these things they will do to you for representing Me**, because they do **not** know **Him who sent Me** / they don't know God our Father; their father is the father of lies.

²² **If I had not come and talked to them, they would not know their sin, but now they have no cover for their sin** / now they are exposed: with no pretense; no cause to shine for falling short.

 ²³ **He who hates Me hates My Father also** / can you imagine? Who but a fool would hate the eternal Father of all creation -- the One to whom the heavenly hosts gladly shout glory!

²⁴ **If I had not done among them the works that no other did, they would not know their sin** / they had nothing to answer for: **but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father.**

²⁵ **But this happened, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law,**

 **they hated Me without a cause** / so, don't try to understand their reasoning. Their law, their rule is not the law of love; it is the law of hate. Jesus already sized up the religious leaders... They were of their father the devil, and the strong desires of their father... they will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and lived... not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks to his own -- who love to listen... for he is a liar, and the father of lies -- **John 8**

²⁶ But when the **Helper** / the Advocate arrives, whom I will send to you from the Father, even the **Spirit of truth**, who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify** / the word is: **martyreo**. It means to witness or testify, but it is also the word: **martyr**. someone willing to endanger their life, and forfeit their life. In these words, we learn, the Spirit is willing to put His life and reputation on the line; to go anywhere in the world; to do whatever it takes; to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

He will testify of Me:

²⁷ And you also will **bear witness** / also the same word: **martyreo**... so the disciples of Jesus are not going to be jumping around with little tambourines acting goofy... and claiming **that** is: giving their lives, putting their lives on the line... for the Lord,

you also will martyreo... because you have been with Me from the beginning.

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