John Lesson 36

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INTRODUCTION

- It was at the Passover feast at this time that Jesus Himself was crucified. And he is our deliverer.
- He did not teach them a religious ceremony to be observed by Christians today. But what he did teach them was that they ought to act as servants toward one another.
- We must not have hearts filled with envy and strife or jealousy. But rather if we're truly the Lord's servants, the one who should be first will be last.

1 Before It Come to Pass, I Tell You

John 13:18–20; Psalm 41:9; Isaiah 42:8–9

- Before things came to pass, God could speak them. Only the divine mind or deity could do such an event.
- There's a prophecy about Judas Iscariot. He ate with him, had fellowship with Jesus, but he would lift up his heel against him.
- If you believe in the apostles and their word, then you're going to believe in Christ. You believe in Christ and His Word, you're going to believe in the Father.
- To reject one is to reject the other. To accept one is to accept the other.

2 Knowledge Does Not Nullify Human Choice

John 13:21–30; Hebrews 3:12–13; John 2:24–25

- For knowledge does not nullify human choice. Judas was not forced to betray Jesus Christ.
- Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.
- Judas was tempted by Satan, and Judas let Satan enter his heart.
- Judas had the right of choice as a free moral agent. He could choose to do God's will or choose to follow the temptations of Satan.
- Jesus could know because he is God, but he did not force and does not force today anyone to serve him.

3 Judas Had Another Choice to Make

Luke 13:3

- Judas knew at that point that Jesus knew. Judas was not fooling anyone, at least not the Lord.
- Either go on and fulfill the covenant that you've made with the religious leaders for thirty pieces of silver or repent.
- When you know truth, you have to decide, will you let Satan continue to lead you or will you repent?
- Except you repent, you'll all likewise perish.
- He did not try to give any kind of explanation or an apology for it. He just simply went out.

4 God Is Glorified in His Son

John 13:31–32; Ephesians 1:3–7; Ephesians 3:10–11

- Jesus Christ, by giving his life on the cross, was obeying the Father, exalting his Father. God is glorified through Jesus Christ.
- The divine architect of the scheme of redemption is the Father. Jesus Christ came and carried out God's plan.
- As we obey Jesus Christ, as we obey the will that has been revealed in the Bible by the Holy Spirit, we are exalting the Father who planned it.
- The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ was no accident, it was no after thought of God.
- That church is according to God's eternal purpose. It's not an afterthought of God either.

5 A New Commandment: Love One Another

John 13:33–35; Philippians 2:2–5; 1 John 4:7–11

- A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you.
- By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.
- What Jesus taught them was a new degree, a new kind of love.
- You will count others better than self. You'll put them ahead of self.

MY NOTES