

John 12 Part 2

Passover is coming. Jesus just rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, as was prophesied by Zechariah. The Pharisees are beside themselves with anger. We pick up in verse 20.

20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

"Andrew is mentioned only a few times in the New Testament, but on each occasion we see him introducing others to the Lord Jesus. First he had the supreme joy of introducing his brother Peter to the Lord (John 1:39-42); then he introduced the lad with the five loaves and two fishes (John 6:8-9); and finally, he introduced the Greeks to the Lord (John 12:20-22). There is no more important work in the world than this: introducing other people to the Saviour. Andrew had been called to this task by the Lord Himself (Matthew 4:18-20), and Luke 19:10 tells us that we are to be constantly engaged in the same glorious and heavenly calling. We may be very ordinary people, like Andrew, but the Lord can use us in bringing others to know Him. Andrew did not rank with Paul or his own brother Peter. We are not told that he ever preached a sermon - but he led Peter to Christ." - Francis Dixon (wordsoflife.co.uk)

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

Hate means...hate.

μισέω miseō; (*hatred*); *to hate*:—hate(13), hated(12), hateful(1), hates(12), hating(2).

What does this mean?

Where is your heart? Is it for your life, your stuff, your experiences? Or is it for Jesus? Think about it.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Amazing truth! Was Jesus fully God? YES! Was He fully man? YES!! He was troubled in His soul by the thought of what was coming! He went through this for you and me!

Parallel Thoughts from the Garden: Matthew 26:30-36

I. Man of Sorrows V. 37,38

"My soul is" עֲצוּב מְאֹד

Isaiah 53 :3 – "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief"

"Man of sorrows, what a name! for the Son of God who came, ruined sinners to reclaim, hallelujah, what a Savior!"

"WATCH WITH ME." V.37,38

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THERE?

II. Let This Cup Pass from Me V.39

There are no less than **14** references in the Old Testament, and **3** times in the book of Revelation - of "the Cup" having a connotation of **God's Wrath and Judgment**.

- **Jesus Prayed this Prayer 3 Times**

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. – Luke 22:44

- **Have you ever been under *that* much stress?**

- **JESUS HAS!**

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we *are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. - Heb. 4:15,16

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered – Hebrews 5:7,8

Jesus does tell the disciples that "*they shall indeed drink of His cup.*" Does this mean that the disciples would have the wrath of God poured out on them? Certainly not. This is a reference to their suffering and death at the hands of persecutors.

III. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt. V.39

This was the attitude Jesus had about facing His Father's wrath on our behalf.

This is a good attitude for us to learn.

IV. Sleeping for Sorrow

And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, – Luke 22: 45

Read V.40-46

V. Jesus is Arrested V.47-56

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

"Now is the judgment of this world - Greek: "crisis." This expression, doubtless, has reference to his approaching death, and whatever he means by judgment here relates to something that was to be accomplished by that death. It cannot mean that then was to be the time in which the world was to be finally judged, for he says that he did not come then to judge the world John 12:47; John 8:15, and he has clearly declared that there shall be a future day when he will judge all mankind. The meaning of it may be thus expressed: "Now is approaching the decisive scene, the eventful period - the crisis - when it shall be determined who shall rule this world. There has been a long conflict between the powers of light

and darkness between God and the devil. Satan has so effectually ruled that he may be said to be the prince of this world; but my approaching death will destroy his kingdom, will break down his power, and will be the means of setting up the kingdom of God over man." The death of Christ was to be the most grand and effectual of all means that could be used to establish the authority of the law and the government of God, Romans 8:3-4. This it did by showing the regard which God had for his law; by showing his hatred of sin, and presenting the strongest motives to induce man to leave the service of Satan; by securing the influences of the Holy Spirit, and by his putting forth his own direct power in the cause of virtue and of God. The death of Jesus was the determining cause, the grand crisis, the concentration of all that God had ever done, or ever will do, to break down the kingdom of Satan, and set up his power over man. Thus was fulfilled the prediction Genesis 3:15, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Now shall the prince of this world - Satan, or the devil, John 14:30; John 16:11. He is also called the god of this world, 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 6:12; "The rulers of the darkness of this world" - that is, the rulers of this dark world a well-known Hebraism. He is also called "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience," Ephesians 2:2. All these names are given him from the influence or power which he has over the men of this world, because the great mass of men have been under his control and subject to his will.

Be cast out - His kingdom shall be destroyed; his empire shall come to an end. It does not mean that his reign over all men would entirely cease then, but that then would be the crisis, the grand conflict in which he would be vanquished, and from that time his kingdom begin to decline, until it would finally cease, and then be free altogether from his dominion. See Luke 10:18; Colossians 1:18-20; Acts 26:18; 1 Corinthians 15:25-26; Revelation 20:14. - Barnes' Commentary

34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

"The Messiah isn't supposed to die! He's supposed to rule!" The people wanted Jesus as their Messiah/King now! Jesus Just mentioned that a corn of wheat doesn't produce fruit until it dies. He's telling them to listen to His words while he is with them.

His teachings about light echo back to earlier chapters of John. This is a common theme in John's Gospel.

37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

(Quoted from Isaiah 53)

39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,

40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

(Quoted from Isaiah 6:10)

41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

This is just like what we were told happened to the blind man in John 9.

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

You cannot say that Jesus is not Jehovah. This is yet one more instance where Jesus clearly states His oneness with the Father.

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. ch. 3:19. So ver. 35, 36. See ch. 1:4, 9.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. This ties right back to John 3:17

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

This is a sobering thought for a lost person.

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Jesus only ever does and says what His Father desires of Him to do. They act in sync and in unison. As Jesus said, the Father is in Him, and He is in the Father.