

(Vs 25-33) Jesus conveys His love for His disciples and the father's love for them. He prophesies their scattering (Vs 32) Verse 33 needs to be meditated upon. It is awesome and powerful even in 2009!

**Sunday:** John 17:1-26

This is a time of prayer our Saviour had with the Father. It is FULL of truths to live by. Let me draw out a few for us today, but do read this passage so carefully.

(Vs 2-3) "Life eternal" is knowing the true God, Jesus Christ. Plain and simple, not religion, not works. Knowing the true God!

(Vs 4) How do we glorify God? We find what He wants us to do and do it.

(Vs 8-15) We have God's Word, His truth. Jesus prayed for us in these verses.

(Vs 16-17) We are not "of" this world... we are just passing through. The Word of God will "sanctify" us. (set us a part from the sin in the world)

(Vs 18-26) Here we see Christ's passion... for the world to know the Father's glory. To this end He gave us His mission (Vs 18)

## Daily Devotions

*(John -Week 5)*

**Monday:** John 13

The setting of this passage is the "Passover Chamber" Jesus is hours from being delivered by Judas.... Here He eats with "His own" There is one verse that warrants our contemplation. (Vs 1) What a Savior we have!

(Vs 2-17) Jesus displays a great display of "Servant Leadership" Jesus is showing us that we are to serve one another (Vs 14-15)

(Vs 18-30) The unthinkable was announced Jesus would be betrayed by one of them! Judas was not a "believer" he was a false professor of Christ.

(Vs 31-38) Jesus glorifies God by His willingness to follow His Father's will. We also see the frail humanity of the best of men; Peter. It was told that he would deny the Lord (Vs 38)

**Tuesday:** John 14:1-15

Jesus is consoling His disciples over the revelation that He was leaving. The words are true for us today!

(Vs 1-4) Jesus has left to prepare a place for us, but He will return for us. We "know" the way to God.

(Vs 5-6) Jesus is the way, He does not provide a way, but He is the way.

(Vs 7-15) Philip asked to see the Father, Jesus replied in Vs 9. We have a "blessed hope" (expectation) That while Christ has left us, He will return for us in what is called the "Rapture" or we will be brought to Him at death

We have a grand future because of God leaving His home in heaven to redeem us unto Himself!

**Wednesday:** John 14:16-31

Yesterday we saw that Jesus was leaving His disciples. Today we see that He would send the “Holy Spirit” or the “Comforter” While Jesus was here He could only be in one place physically. Now, the Spirit of God dwells with in us. (Vs 16-20) Notice Christ is in the Father, we are in Christ and Christ is in us in the form of the Spirit (Vs 20)

(26) The Spirit has many jobs.

1. Teach
2. Comfort us
3. Convict us with the words of Christ

I have often compared the work of the Spirit to a pipeline. It brings God’s character into our character so we are “Christ-like” Of course we can grieve the Spirit and stop this process. It is vital that we learn to heed the Spirit’s promptings and submit to His control

**Thursday:** John 15:1-27

Jesus is again showing the need for “walking in the Spirit” (in His control) or “Abiding in Christ” He compares it to a branch abiding in the trunk of a tree and thereby able to bring forth fruit.

Vs 1-5 Every Christian is either bringing fruit forth from the flesh or from the spirit. The deciding factor is “Are we abiding in Christ”

“Abiding in Christ” = to walk daily in and under His control and to give Him complete control over each and every area of our daily lives

What type of fruit is your life bringing forth? Is it fruit of the flesh or the Spirit?

**Friday:** John 16:1-15

Jesus is preparing His disciples for His leaving and the impending persecution.

(Vs 7) The Holy Spirit is our comforter in tough times. We cannot expect people to fully understand our problems... if they are “problems” we wouldn’t want them to understand really. The Holy Spirit does understand and can comfort without others understanding.

(Vs 8-11) The Spirit will be convict people of sin, their lack of righteousness and of coming judgment. Some will drown it out with things, activity and pleasure, but God is faithfully convicting man of his sin and calling them to repentance.

(Vs 12-15) Some have used this passage to give way to “extra revelations” outside of scripture. I believe this to be a misuse of these verses.

Jesus is talking to His Apostles, (Judas was gone to the high priest) I believe He was referring to the work of “Inspiration” or giving His word to the apostles. Note very carefully Acts 1:1-2. The canon of scripture is closed and we have God’s Word. Now the Spirit takes God’s Words and teaches us. John 16:15. This is why we should read God’s Word. (Hebrews 4:12)

**Saturday:** John 16:16-33

This is the last “teaching time” (that John recorded) that Jesus spoke before the band of men came to arrest Him.

(Vs 16-22) He speaks of His resurrection. Jesus has a way of turning sorrow into Joy... everlasting joy (Vs 22)

(Vs 23-24) What statements! Jesus was telling His disciples to come to Him in prayer! How much we miss because we do not pray!

