

It has been suggested that this is a good example for the church. The church certainly needs all three. Do you fulfill all three?

(Vs 4-9) Here Judas, the treasurer reveals his wicked heart. Nothing reveals a heart like our attitude concerning money esp. when it is given in worship to the Lord's work. Some will oppose it as Judas and some will rejoice in it. At the heart of the matter is our heart condition! Allow the Lord to search our hearts today.

Sunday: John 12:20-50

Jerusalem was abuzz at the feast time, people came in from all over the empire and Jesus had entered Jerusalem in a very public way (Vs 12-19) This was a prophetic fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9. However this crowd was fickle, they would soon be shouting "Crucify Him"

(Vs 20-22) Some Greeks were in Jerusalem and wanted to see Jesus. The rest of the passage is a dialogue of Jesus in the "Court of the Gentiles"

(Vs 25-26) Jesus painted a picture that runs contrary to our way of thinking. If we want to save our life, give it away in service to Him. If we want to lose our life, keep it for our own pleasure

The benefits of giving our life away in service to God is; God promises to honor us! (Vs26)

How will you live your life? Will you seek to hold onto it and lose it or will you give it away into His service and find true life and honor?

Martyred missionary Jim Elliot said:

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose"

Devotions

(Week 4)

Monday: John 8:12-59

This passage is a full passage and could be read several times. Let me point out a few things.

(Vs 12) Jesus had just rescued a woman caught in the bonds of sin. I don't know of many people who are caught in sin and like it... none do for long! Jesus is the light of the world to these people; they don't have to "walk in darkness." Bring Christ to someone today.

(Vs 13-27) The Pharisees had a hard time with Jesus' claims of being God. Jesus told plainly the consequences of rejecting Him as God (Vs24)

(Vs 51 - 59) Jesus here claims to be "I am" (Vs 58) This is plain evidence that Jesus claimed to be "I am" that spoke to Moses. (Exodus 3:14) Don't you let any modern day cult tell you any different! He is God and must be accepted as such. The Pharisees knew what He was saying, that's why they tried to stone Him (Vs 59)

Tuesday: John 9

Can you imagine being blind? I think of all my senses this is the one I would want to retain the most.

(Vs 1-4) it is human nature to look for a reason for some of the bad things that happen. Some things happen so God can work in that area. This man had not sinned, nor had his parents. He was blind for God's purpose.

(Vs 5) Jesus is no longer in the world physically; He has passed this job to us. We are to let His life shine through us.

(Vs 6-34) Jesus healed this fellow and what joy he must have felt! Can you imagine if that was you? Of course the greatest thing that day was that He believed on Jesus (Vs 35-38)

Wednesday: John 10:1-21

I love this passage, it speaks of Jesus as a shepherd, but there are other “robbers” and “thieves”

(Vs 1-8) Jesus has sheep (Believers) and they know His voice. They discern the voice of a thief and will not follow. They have followed Him so long they know His voice.

(Vs 9) Anybody who comes to Christ can be His lamb and be under His care.

(Vs 10-15) Jesus is contrasting His care for us to other “shepherds” in the world. He loves, leads and gives His life for the sheep.

(Vs 16-21) Jesus hints of “other sheep” (Gentiles) who would be brought into the fold.

I cannot convey the love that Christ was exhibiting here, He is using strong word imagery picturing a shepherd that loves, cares, leads his sheep and at last dies for the sheep willingly. What a Shepherd we have!

Thursday: John 10:22-42

(Vs 26) Here is a curious verse. Jesus knew who would believe on Him (John 6:64). God has always known who would believe and who would reject... He is God! This is what God means by “Election” or the “Elect” (Those who will accept Christ- 1 Peter 1:2)

(Vs 27) Jesus knows “his sheep” (Vs 14) (those who have or will believe on Him) He gives them eternal life!

(Vs.28) He places us in His hand (Vs 29) Here we see a seeming contradiction (Vs 30) Is the explanation!

What does this mean for us? If you have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, you are eternally secure. More than that! Long before you chose to trust Christ, He saw you would believe on Him and elected you and chose you and has a plan for you! Before you knew Him, He knew you and He came for you!

Who can be the “elect of God?” Any “whosoever” who believes! Have you thanked God for His plan to redeem you?

Friday: John 11: 1-52

In this chapter we see two sides of our Savior. As you know, He was God, yet Man. He was entirely God and entirely man without sin. He was the “God-man”

We see both sides in this story.

(Vs 35) Here we see His sinless humanity. He felt grief, He mourned over the loss of Lazarus, (Vs 5) He know what He was to do, but He was “touched with the feelings of our infirmities” Christ is our ultimate friend because He knows what it is like to walk this earth.

(Vs 41-44) Here we see His divinity; He was God, master over life and death. Some have speculated that if Jesus had not said “Lazarus, come forth” and just “come forth”... every grave would have opened up in obedience. Christ is our ultimate friend because all Creation obeys His voice. The problem we face, the difficulty we encounter is subject unto Him... not will be, but “is” subject unto Him. Have faith in God!

Saturday: John 12:1-19

It appears that Jesus and Martha, Mary and Lazarus were often together as friends. Can you imagine eating with Jesus; we will some day in Heaven.

(Vs 1-3) Here we see there are three things occurring: Martha is serving, Lazarus is fellowshiping, and Mary is worshipping.