

MESSIAH SON OF GOD
(Study of the Gospel of John)

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Violet Highlights the Passover Ritual Celebrated by Jesus with His Disciples at the "Last Supper".

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PART I - MESSIAH THE SON OF GOD

John 1

A. Prelude

1. This is a Study of Messiah – Son of God

- a. Spiritual Perspective of Messiah
 - 1) Not Chronological Account
- b. As Revealed in Gospel of John

2. Messiah's Divine Nature

If Messiah is the Son of God then Divine attributes and prerogatives must be revealed by Him, in Him and through Him during his life and ministry on Earth. Also, His Divinity must be attested to and confirmed in Scripture.

- a. Attributes of God Attributed to Messiah

1) Eternal (Always Existing)	John 5:19-30
2) Omnipotent (All Powerful)	Rev. 1:8; 1 John 1:1-3; John 17:5
3) Omniscience (All Knowing)	John 5:19; Matt. 28:18
4) Omnipresent (Everywhere)	Col. 2:1-3; John 2:24-25
5) Immutable (Never Changing)	Eph. 1:3; Matt. 18:20; Matt. 28:20
	Heb. 13:8; Matt. 24:35
- b. Prerogatives of God Attributed to Messiah

1) Creator & Sustainer (Gen. 1)	Col. 1:16-20; Heb. 1:1-4
2) Trinity Equally Invoked in Baptism & Apostolic Benediction (Father, Son & Holy Spirit)	Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:13
3) Authority to Forgive Sin	Mark 2:1-12; Luke 7:44-50
4) Authority Over Death <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Resuscitates Dead in this Life b) Resurrects Dead unto Eternal Life 	Luke 7:11-16; John 11:25-26 1 Cor. 15:20-26; 1 Thess. 4:14-17
5) Executes All Judgment	John 5:22; Matt. 25:31-32
6) Requests & Accepts Worship	John 5:23; John 16:23-24

B. Jesus Christ - God Incarnate in Flesh

John 1:1-18

If Jesus Christ is the True Son of God, He had to have existed before being conceived by His mother Mary, and had to be conceived without the Seed of sinful man.

- 1) Jesus was Conceived by the Holy Spirit – Not Carnally by Man

	Luke 1:26-38
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 - a. Angel's Announcement to Mary: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child (Jesus) to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."
 - b. Born of a Virgin
- 2) Son of God Became Son of Man (Jesus the Christ/Messiah)

	John 3:13-17
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Heb. 1; 2 Pet. 1:1-2; Psa. 45:7-8

1. Word of God Became Flesh (The Man Christ Jesus)

- a. The "Word of God" is "God the Son"
 - 1) In the Beginning as the Creative Word of God

Gen. 1 & 2; John 1:1-5; Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:1-4	
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 - a) God Speaking Things into Existence
 - Example: "Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

- (Gen. 1:3)
- “In times past, God spoke (*Word of Lord*) in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he (*Lord God*) spoke to us through a son (*Jesus Son of God*), whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence (*Reflection*) of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word (*Creative Word of God*). . . .” (Heb. 1:1-3)
- 2) At the End of this Age as Triumphant Word of God Rev. 19:11-16
 - a) “ the heavens opened, and there was a white horse; its rider was ‘Faithful and True.’ He judges and wages war in righteousness. His eyes were a fiery flame, and on his head were many diadems. He had a name inscribed that no one knows except himself. He wore a cloak that had been dipped in blood, and his name was called the Word of God. The armies of heaven followed him,” (Rev. 19:11-14)
 - b) Messiah King of kings & Lord of lords
 - b. The “Word of God” – Christ Jesus John 1:1-5
 - 1) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
 - a) Jesus Is the Pre-Existent Word of God
 - 2) “He was in the beginning with God.”
 - a) Jesus Is the Personal Word of God
 - 3) “All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.”
 - a) Jesus Is the Creative Word of God
 - 4) “What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race;”
 - a) Jesus Is the Life Giving Word of God
 - 5) “the light (*Jesus*) shines in the darkness (*this World of Sin*), and the darkness (*Sin*) has not overcome it.”
 - a) Jesus Is the Light Giving Word of God
 - b) Jesus (Son of Man) Is the Righteous (Pure/Sinless) Word of God
 - c. John Announces Christ Jesus to the World John 1:6-9
 - 1) “A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.”
 - 2) “The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.”
 - a) Jesus Is the Illuminating Word Revealing God to Man
 - d. God in His World John 1:10-13
 - 1) “He (*Jesus*) was in the world, and the world came to be through him (*Son of God – Creator*), but the world did not know him.”
 - a) Jesus Is the Saving Word of God
 - 2) “He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.”
 - a) Israel (God’s Chosen People) Rejected Him (Son of God & Messiah)
 - 3) “But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision but of God.”
 - a) People who Accept Christ Become Children of God
 - e. Word (Son of God) Became Flesh (Jesus – Son of Man) John 1:14-15
 - 1) “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his

glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

- a) Jesus Is the Incarnate Word of God
- b) Jesus Christ Is Both Son of God & Son of Man
- 2) "John testified to him and cried out, saying, This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"
 - a) Jesus Is the Preexistent Lord
- f. Christ Jesus – God's Enduring Love John 1:16-18
 - 1) "From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace (*God's Unmerited Favor*) and truth (*Fulfillment of the Law*) came through Jesus Christ."
 - a) Jesus Is God's Word of Enduring Love
 - 2) "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him."
 - a) Jesus (Son of God) Reveals Father God to Mankind

C. Christ Prepares for His Ministry

John 1:19-51

1. John the Baptist

John 1:19-34

- a. Baptized People in Water
 - 1) Baptizing unto Repentance Acts 19:4
 - 2) Preparing them to Receive Messiah Isa. 40:3-5
 - 3) John: "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
 - a) Prophesied Messiah Superior to John the Baptist
- b. John Testifies of Jesus
 - 1) "**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**"
 - a) **Jesus Is Lord God's Sacrifice for Sin** Heb. 10:1-18
 - 2) "He is the one (*Prophesied Messiah*) of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"
 - a) Jesus Superior to John - God's Anointed Prophet
 - b) Jesus Superior to John a Descendant from House of Aaron - Israel's Consecrated Priesthood Luke 1:5-25
 - c) John (6 Months Older than Jesus) Recognizes Jesus' Divine Preexistence Luke 1:26-38
 - 3) "I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."
 - a) Messiah Revealed to John by Lord God
 - b) John's Ministry is to Introduce Messiah to Israel
 - 4) "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'"
 - a) Jesus is God's Holy Anointed One of Israel (Messiah)
 - 5) "Now I have seen and testified that he (*Jesus*) is the Son of God."
 - a) Jesus Is Messiah the Son of God

2. Jesus Gathers His Disciples

John 1:35-51

- a. John's Confirmation to Two Disciples as Jesus Walked By
 - 1) "Behold, the Lamb of God."
 - 2) Two Disciples Follow Jesus – One Named Andrew
- b. Andrew Testifies to Brother Simon Peter
 - 1) "We have found the Messiah"
 - 2) Peter Follows Jesus
- c. Jesus Chooses Philip "Follow Me"
- d. Philip Testifies to Nathaniel
 - 1) "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth."
 - 2) Nathaniel Questions Philip
- e. Nathaniel Meets Jesus Personally, Believes & Testifies
 - 1) "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."
- f. Jesus' Witness
 - 1) "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

PART II – MESSIAH’S WITNESS

John 2 - 12

A. Preview of Messiah’s Ministry

John 2

Account of Actual Events that Symbolically Preview Messiah’s Ministry:

- *First Account Previews Jesus’ Earthly Ministry (John 2:1-12).*
- *Second Account Previews Messiah as High Priest (John 2:13-22).*
- *Third Account Previews Messiah as Omniscient Lord & Judge (John 2:23-25).*

1. Jesus’ Begins Ministry - Marriage at Cana

John 2:1-12

This First Account Symbolically Previews Jesus’ Earthly Ministry.

- a. Jesus’ First Miracle – Turning Water into Wine
 - 1) Jesus, His Disciples & Mother Attend Wedding
 - 2) Wine Runs Out
 - a) Mother Informs Jesus
 - b) Jesus’ Reply: “**Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.**”
 - c) Calling Her “**Woman**”, Jesus’ Question Infers that:
 - When He Performs His First Public Miracle
 - His Private Life with Mother & Family Ends (Including His Financial Support)
 - He Begins His Public Ministry, where:
 - He Enters Father God’s Work Full-Time (Leading to Cross)
 - His Concerns will be for All Men
 - d) Mary’s Faith in God & Unselfish Love
 - Instructs Waiter: “Do whatever he (*Jesus*) tells you.”
 - 3) Jesus Instructs Waiters
 - a) Fill 6 Stone Jars with Water
 - b) Draw Out Some & Take to Head Waiter
 - 4) Waiters Obey Jesus
 - 5) Water Turned into Wine
 - a) Head Waiter Tastes New Wine
 - b) New Wine Better than Wine Originally Served
- b. Symbolism of Jesus’ First Miracle
 - 1) *Running Out of Wine Symbolizes that Old Covenant will Run its Course with Messiah’s Ministry.*
 - 2) *Six Stone Jars Represent the Condition of Man’s Heart*
 - a) *Hardened from Sin & Empty*
 - b) *“He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.” (John 1:10-11)*
 - c) *But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, ……” (John 1:12-13)*
 - 3) *Pouring In Water Represents Descent of the Holy Spirit*
 - a) *Anointing Messiah (Jesus) when Baptized at Beginning of His Ministry*
 - 4) *Pouring Out Wine Represents*
 - a) *Libation of Jesus’ Blood at Conclusion of His Ministry*
 - b) *Christ’s Holy Sacrifice to Atone for Sins of World*

- 5) *New Wine Better than Old Wine Symbolizes*
 - a) *Christ's Ministry Better than His Former Secular Life*
 - b) *Christ's Sacrifice Fulfills the Old Covenant* *Matt. 5:17*
 - c) *Christ Offers a New & Better Covenant to Mankind* *Heb. 7:22*
 - d) *Our New Lives in Christ Better than Former Lives* *2 Cor. 5:17*
- c. Result of First Miracle
 - 1) Disciples Belief in Jesus
 - 2) Previewing Our Belief in Jesus as Messiah, Lord & Savior

2. Jesus Cleanses the Temple John 2:13-22

This Second Account Symbolically Previews Messiah as High Priest.

- a. Jesus at Temple Precincts in Jerusalem
 - 1) Passover Season
 - 2) Merchants at Temple
 - a) Exchanging Currency for Temple Coins
 - b) Selling Sacrificial Animals
 - 3) Jesus Engages Merchants
 - a) Makes Whip of Cords
 - b) Drives Animals Out of Temple Area
 - c) Knocks Over Money Changers Tables
 - Spilling Coins
 - 4) Jesus Chastises Merchants
 - a) **“Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”**
 - 5) Jewish Authorities Confront Jesus
 - a) Requesting a Sign of Jesus’ Authority
 - 6) Jesus’ Sign:
 - a) **“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”**
 - 7) Reaction of Jews
 - a) Took 46 Years to Build Temple
 - b) You will Raise Temple in 3 Days?
 - 8) Jesus Referred to His Body as the Temple
 - a) Disciples Recall Incident After Jesus’ Resurrection
- b. *Cleansing of Temple Spiritually Represents Christ Jesus as Both Sacrificial Lamb & High Priest (See “Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Parts I & II” Studies)*
 - 1) *Event Occurs During Passover Season (In 1st Month of Jewish Calendar)*
 - a) *Passover Commemorates Lord’s Deliverance of Israel from Bondage*
Ex. 11 – 12; Lev. 23:4-14
 - *Paschal Lamb Slain & Blood Spread on Doorposts & Lintels of Israel’s Households*
 - *Plague of Death Passes Over Households Covered by Blood*
 - *Same Day Israel Set Free from Bondage*
 - b) *Jesus is God’s Paschal Lamb* *John 1:29*
 - *Slain on Cross on Feast of Passover* *Luke 22 - 23*
 - *Delivering Us from Bondage of Sin* *Rom. 8:1-2*
 - *Setting Us Free from Curse of Death unto Eternal Life*
 - 2) *Symbolically Fulfills Role of High Priest on Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (In 7th Month of Jewish Calendar) Lev. 16; Lev. 23:26-32*

- a) *High Priest Cleanses the Temple*
 - *Preparation to Atonement for Sin*
 - *Sacrifices Animals as Sin Offerings*
 - *Cleanses Temple with Blood*
 - *Makes Atonement before God for His Sins & Sins of People*
- b) *Christ Symbolically Cleanses the Temple*
 - *In Preparation for His Sacrifice & Death*
 - *Makes Atonement before God for Sins of Mankind Heb. 10:1-17*
- 3) *Spiritual Perspective of Christ as Both:*
 - a) *Sacrificial Lamb of God, and*
 - b) *Eternal High Priest.*
 - c) *Perfectly Completing Atonement for Sins of Mankind in a Single Act (Christ's Sacrifice on Cross)*
 - *Represented by Ordained Feasts in both 1st Month & 7th Month*
- c. *Symbolism of Christ Cleansing the Temple*
 - 1) *Jesus Drives Animals Out of Temple Area*
 - a) *Symbolizes End of Animal Sacrifice*
 - b) *He will be God's Holy, Perfect & Eternal Sacrifice Heb. 9:11-27*
 - 2) *Jesus Knocks Over Money Changers Table – Spilling Coins*
 - a) *Price of New Covenant Paid by Christ Jesus 1 Cor. 6:19-20*
 - b) *New Covenant Offered Freely to Mankind Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 2:11*
 - 3) *Jesus Chastises Merchants: “.. stop making my Father's house a marketplace”*
 - a) *Temple is God's Dwelling Place on Earth Ex. 40:34-38; 1 Kings 8:10-13*
 - b) *Jesus Implies He is the Son of God*
 - 4) *Jesus - The Living Temple*
 - a) *Refers to His Body as Temple*
 - *“Destroy this temple (Body) and in three days I will raise it up.”*
 - *Implying He is God's Dwelling Place on Earth*
 - *Predicting His Death & Resurrection*
 - b) *Head of the Church – The Body of Christ 1 Cor. 12:12-31; Eph. 1:22-23*
 - c) *Our High Priest in Heavenly Sanctuary Heb. 8:1-2*

- 3. Jesus the All Knowing Messiah John 2:23-25
This Third Account Symbolically Previews Messiah as Omniscient Lord & Judge
 - a. Jesus – God's Perfect Judge (Messiah-Son of God & Son of Man)
 - 1) “... Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.”

B. Jesus Our Personal Savior

John 3 & 4

1. Jesus & Religious Authority Nicodemus

John 3:1-21

Note. Nicodemus is a Pharisee - a strict Jewish sect that adheres to a literal interpretation and legalistic observance of Jewish Law. He is also a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin – the supreme council of 70 religious leaders, consisting of chief priests, high priests, scribes and elders. We also see Nicodemus in John 7:45-52 where he spoke out at the Sanhedrin for a fair hearing for Jesus; and John 19:38-42 where he helps bury Jesus, apparently becoming a believer.

- a. Nicodemus – Pharisee & Member of Sanhedrin
 - 1) Visits Jesus at Night
 - 2) Addresses Jesus as Rabbi (Teacher)
 - a) Title of Respect
 - 3) Recognizes Jesus is from God
 - a) Evidenced by Miracles He Performed
- b. Jesus' Response: "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."
 - 1) "Amen, amen" ("I solemnly assure you") ("Verily, verily" in KJV)
 - a) Jesus Emphasizes What He is Saying is Important & Eternally True
 - 2) "Born from Above" (Translated "Born Again" in KJV)
 - 3) Our Natural Minds & Hearts Need to be Illuminated by Holy Spirit to See God's Kingdom on this Earth.
- c. Nicodemus Responds Naturally
 - 1) Questioning a Physical Rebirth
- d. Jesus Replies Explaining Salvation (Born Again)
 - 1) "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."
 - a) "Water" Refers to Baptism of Repentance
 - b) "Spirit" Refers to Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
 - 2) "What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit."
 - a) "Born of Flesh" Refers to Our Natural Physical Birth
 - b) "Born of Spirit" Refers to Our Spiritual Birth
 - 3) "Do not be amazed that I told you, 'You must be born from above.'"
 - a) Consistent with Old Testament Revelation
 - 4) "The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
 - a) "Wind" Refers to Holy Spirit
 - b) Effects are (Born Again) Lives Centered on Christ

Comment. The term "Begotten from Above" or "Born Again" used by Jesus, refers to a person being born into the family of God (John 1:12) as God's adopted child and inheritor of eternal life (Rom. 8:14-17, Gal. 4:1-7, Eph. 1:5). These spiritual concepts, although ingrained throughout the Old Testament, were unfamiliar to Nicodemus.

- e. Nicodemus Asks How this Can Happen
- f. Jesus Chastises Nicodemus
 - 1) Hold Office of Teacher
 - 2) Understands Law Legalistically but Not its Spiritual Intent/Purpose
- g. Jesus Explains His Source of Knowledge & Authority
 - 1) Assures Nicodemus of the Validity of His Testimony
 - 2) Reveals He is from Heaven (Son of God)
 - a) Messiah-Son of Man
 - 3) Uses Old Testament Event Familiar to Nicodemus
 - a) Confirmation & Analogy to His Testimony
 - b) Help Nicodemus Better Understand His Testimony
 - c) Moses & Bronze Serpent Num. 21:4-9
 - People Complained Against God (Sin)

- Lord Sent Serpents that Bit & Killed People (Condemnation of Sin)
 - People Repent & Moses Intercedes to Lord
 - Lord Instructs Moses to Make Bronze Serpent & Mount on Pole
(Symbol of Christ Bearing Our Sins on Cross)
 - Dying People Look (Act of Faith) Upon Serpent (Christ) are Healed
(Born Again)
- d) “..... just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”
- h. Jesus’ Teaching on Personal Salvation
- 1) “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”
 - a) God’s Unmerited Love (Grace) toward Mankind
 - b) God’s Perfect Gift of Salvation – His Son Jesus Christ
 - c) We Receive Salvation by Accepting God’s Son as Our Personal Savior
 - 2) “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”
 - a) Son of God (Jesus) Came to Earth to Save Sinners
 - 3) “Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”
 - a) No Condemnation for People Who Believe in Jesus as their Savior
 - b) Mankind Already Condemned because of Sin
 - Remain Condemned without Christ Jesus
 - 4) God’s Condemnation: “And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.”
 - a) God’s Son (Jesus – Light of World) Came into World
 - b) People Prefer Sin to God’s Gift of Salvation
 - c) People Hate God’s Son Because of their Evil Deeds
 - d) People Fear God’s Son Because He Exposes their Sins
 - 5) “But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”
 - a) People Who Accept Truth
(Recognize they are Sinners in Need of Salvation. Rom. 3:23; Rom. 6:23)
 - Who Come to the Light (Jesus Christ – Son of God) to Repent of their Sins & Receive Salvation Acts 2:37-38; Acts 16:30-31; 1 John 8-10
 - People Who Believe & Testify that Jesus Christ is Lord & Savior
Matt. 10:23; Rom. 10:9-13

2. John’s Confirmation of Jesus’ Witness

John 3:22-36

- a. Controversy About Purification
 - 1) Jesus’ Disciples Baptizing People
 - 2) John Baptizing People
 - 3) Controversy Arose with John about Baptism
 - a) Possibly about Baptism & Jewish Ceremonial Washing
 - b) Question about Jesus’ Disciples Baptizing People

- People Flocking to Jesus
- 4) John's Testimony about Jesus
- a) "No one can receive anything except what has been given him from heaven."
 - Jesus Does the Works of God (Performs Miracles)
 - Jesus is Anointed by God
 - b) John Testifies He is Not the Messiah
 - *Messiah's Prophesied Forerunner*
Isa. 40:1-5; Mal. 3:1; Mal. 3:22-24 (Mal. 4:4-6 KJV)
 - Baptizes People unto Repentance
 - Prepares People to Receive Messiah
 - Announces/Heralds Coming Messiah
 - c) John Testifies He is the Bridegroom's Best Man
(Last & Greatest of the Old Covenant Prophets Matt. 11:7-14)
 - *John Uses Prophetic Symbolism of Spiritual Wedding/Marriage*
Isa. 54:4-8; Isa. 61:10; Isa. 62:2-5
(God & His Chosen People – Israel)
 - *Prophesied Messiah as Israel's Bridegroom*
 - *Prophesied Messiah as Israel's Lord & Husband*
 - *Israel as Lord's Bride/Wife*
(Inherited by Church under New Covenant)
 - John Listened for Bridegroom (Messiah)
 - Rejoiced at Bridegroom's Voice
(Revealed by Holy Spirit at Jesus' Baptism John 1:29-34)
 - Testifying Jesus is Israel's Bridegroom
 - Testifying Jesus is Israel's Messiah & Lord
 - d) John's Ministry Complete
 - He Prepared Israel to Receive Messiah
 - He Announced Messiah to Israel
 - "He (*Messiah*) must increase; I (*John*) must decrease."
- b. John's Final Witness
- 1) Jesus Christ (Son of God) is from Heaven
 - a) He is Above All Creation
 - b) He Testifies to What He has Seen & Heard (Heavenly/Eternal Truths)
 - c) John's Exhorts People to Believe Christ
 - d) Jesus Speaks the Words of God
 - 2) God Has Given Everything & Everyone to Jesus Christ
 - a) Accept Him & Receive Eternal Life
 - b) Reject/Ignore Him & Endure God's Wrath

3. Jesus' Witness in Samaria

John 4:1-42

Notes:

1. Samaritans are Israelite descendants who inbred with Assyrians and other ethnic groups following Assyria's conquest of Israel (722 BC). They were despised by Jews (descendants of Judah) who considered Samaritans inferior and did not associate with them.
2. Jesus witnesses to a Samaritan Woman who is living in sin. He reveals who He is to her by stages. As she honestly opens her heart and accepts each testimony, He reveals more of Himself to her. We

see her faith progress from confrontational, to acknowledging Him as a prophet, accepting Him as Messiah, and then becoming an effective witness for Him.

- a. Jesus & Disciples Traveling from Judah to Galilee
 - 1) Jewish Leaders Suspicious of Jesus
 - a) Disciples Baptizing More People than John
 - 2) Stop in Samaria
 - a) Town of Shechem
 - b) Site of Jacob's (Israel's) Well Gen. 33:18-20; Joshua 24:32
 - 3) Jesus Rests at Well
 - a) Disciples Go into Town to Buy Provisions
- b. Jesus & Samaritan Woman
 - 1) Woman Comes to Well to Draw Water
 - a) Jesus Asks for a Drink
 - 2) Woman Contends with Jesus
 - a) Emphasizing their Differences
 - 3) Jesus Turns His Request into Opportunity to Witness
 - a) **"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."**
 - 4) Woman Challenges Jesus
 - a) You Have No Bucket & Well is Deep
 - b) Where Do You Expect to Get this Living Water?
 - c) Are You Greater than Our Ancestor Jacob?
 - 5) Jesus' Reply: **"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**
 - a) Thirst Represents Person's Spiritual Need
 - b) Water Represents Holy Spirit & Cleansing of Salvation
 - c) Result is Satisfaction Overflowing into Eternal Life
 - 6) Woman Asks Jesus for His Living Water
 - 7) Jesus Explores Her Heart
 - a) She Answers Honestly – Confessing Her Sin
 - b) Jesus Reveals Her Past & Commends Her Honesty
 - 8) Woman Acknowledges Jesus as a Prophet
 - a) Raises a Religious Controversy between Samaritans & Jews
 - Proper Location to Worship God
 - 9) Jesus Explains Personal & Spiritual Relationship with God
 - a) **"... the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."**
 - 10) Woman Professes Belief in Coming Messiah
 - a) "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything."
 - 11) Jesus Reveals He is Messiah: **"I am he, the one who is speaking with you."**
 - 12) Jesus' Disciples Return from Town with Provisions
 - a) Surprised Jesus is Talking with Samaritan Woman
- c. Woman Witnesses for Christ in Town
 - 1) Disciples Concerned About Food (Things of this World)

- a) Jesus' Spiritual Food is Doing God's Will
- b) God's Will is to Reap Harvest of Souls
- 2) Result of One Woman's Testimony
 - a) Townspeople Believe in Jesus
 - b) Jesus Stays & Teaches People
 - c) People Testify: "... we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

4. Jesus & Royal Official from Cana

John 4:43-54

- a. Jesus Returns to Galilee
 - 1) Town of Cana (Where Jesus Performed His First Miracle)
- b. Jesus Heals Royal Official's Son
 - 1) Official Begs Jesus to Heal His Son
 - 2) Jesus: "**Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe.**"
 - a) Increasing Man's Faith from Natural (Physically Seeing) to Spiritual
Rom. 1:17; Heb. 11:1-2
 - 3) Official's Reply: "Sir, come down before my child dies."
 - 4) Jesus Heals at a Distance by Spoken Word
(Without Physically Seeing or Touching Official's Son)
 - a) "**You may go; your son will live.**"
 - 5) Official Trusted Jesus & Returned Home
(Obeying Christ without Seeing any Miraculous Healing/Sign)
 - a) Meets Servants on the Way
 - Good News – Son Will Live
 - b) Inquires about Time of Healing
 - Same Time Jesus Proclaimed: "**... your son will live.**"
 - 6) Official & Household Believed in Jesus
- c. Jesus' Witness Substantiated by Healing

C. Jesus is Messiah-Son of God

John 5

1. Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

John 5:1-15

- a. *The Sabbath – God's Holy Day of Rest* *Ex. 20:8-11; Lev. 23:2-3*
(See "Sabbath" in "Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Part I" Study)
 - 1) *Commemorates God's Rest After Creation* *Gen. 2:1-3*
 - a) *Last Act of Creation – Man* *Gen. 1:26-31*
 - 2) *Acknowledges God of Israel as Creator* *Gen. 1 & 2*
- b. Jesus in Jerusalem to Celebrate Jewish Feast
- c. Jesus Visits Pool of Bethesda
 - 1) Incurable People Gather to be Healed
 - 2) Angel of Lord Periodically Stirs Water for Healing
- d. Jesus Heals an Incurable Man
 - 1) Man Ill for 38 Years (Apparently Unable to be Cured by Medical Arts)
 - 2) Man Lies Near Pool (Waiting for Lord's Healing)
 - 3) Jesus Asks Man: "**Do you want to be well?**"
 - 4) Man Answers: "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me."
(Man Apparently Lame)
 - 5) Jesus' Command: "**Rise, take up your mat, and walk.**"

- 6) Man Immediately Cured & Obeys Jesus
 - a) Picks Up His Mat & Walks
- e. Jewish Leaders & the Cured Man
 - 1) Man Carrying His Mat (Testimony of His Healing)
 - 2) Jews Confront Man
 - a) Carrying Mat on Sabbath
 - 3) Man's Witness: "The man who made me well told me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'"
 - 4) Jews Inquire: "Who is the man who told you, 'Take it up and walk'?"
 - 5) Man Did Not Know
 - a) Jesus Slipped Away in Crowd

Comment. The Jewish Leaders did not ask the man who healed him, but who instructed him to carry his mat. Instead of rejoicing with the man that was just healed, they focused on him carrying his mat on the Sabbath. They ignored God's Visitation and Blessing, and concentrated on their legalistic interpretation of the Law.

- f. Jesus Reveals Himself to Cured Man
 - 1) Later in Temple Precincts (Israel's Place of Sacrifice & Atonement)
 - 2) Jesus Reminds Man of His Healing & Advises Him to Repent
 - a) "Look, you are well (Physical Temporal Body Healed); do not sin any more (Repent of Your Sins), so that nothing worse (Eternal Damnation) may happen to you."
 - b) Jesus is Healer & Savior
 - 3) Man Witnesses to Jewish Authorities
 - a) Jesus is Man Who Healed Him

2. Jesus Declares to be Messiah-Son of God John 5:16-47
 - a. Christ Jesus & the Sabbath John 5:16-18
 - 1) Jewish Leaders Persecute Jesus for Healing on Sabbath
 - 2) Jesus' Answer: "My Father is at work until now, so I am at work."
 - a) Sabbath Commemorates God's Rest After Creation
 - b) God's Salvific Work Began After Fall of Man
 - c) Jesus Continues Work of Father God
 - Redemption of Mankind
 - Fulfilling the Sabbath
 (See "Sabbath" in "Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Part I" Study)
 - 3) Jesus Equates His Work with Father God's Work
 - a) Making Himself Equal with God
 - 4) Reaction of Jews
 - a) Seek to Kill Jesus
 - b. The Work of God's Son – Jesus Christ John 5:19-30
(Same Work, Authorities, Power & Prerogatives as God Almighty)
 - 1) Son Works in Unity with Father God
 - a) Father God Reveals His Works to Son
 - b) Son Performs Same Works as Father
 - 2) Father Raises the Dead & Grants Life
 - a) Son Grants Life to Whomever He Wishes
 - 3) Father Assigns All Judgment to Son

- a) All Men May Honor Son the Same as Father God
- b) **“Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor (Worship) the Father who sent him.”** (Exclusive Divine Prerogative)
- 4) Son is God’s Means of Salvation & Eternal Life
 - a) **“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my (Jesus’) word and believes in the one (Father God) who sent me (Son of God) has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.”**
 - b) Jesus Personalizes His Testimony - Declaring He is the Son of God
- 5) Resurrection of Dead is Through Son
 - a) **“Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.”**
- 6) Father Possesses Life in Himself
(Father God Is Life Itself. The Source of All Created Life)
 - a) Exclusive Attribute of the Creator
 - b) Son Has Life in Himself (Christ Is Life Itself – Not a Created Being)
- 7) Father Empowers Son as Supreme Judge
 - a) He is the Son of Man (Messiah – God’s Holy Anointed One)
 - b) Son’s Voice will Raise the Dead for Judgment (Power Over Death)
 - c) Son will Judge All Mankind
 - Righteous unto Eternal Life
 - Unrighteous unto Damnation
 - d) Son’s Judgment is Honest & Unbiased (Divine Judgment)
 - Seeks Will of Father God
- c. Witnesses to Jesus as Messiah – Son of God John 5:31-47
 - 1) Jesus: **“If I testify on my own behalf, my testimony cannot be verified.”**
 - a) Two Witnesses Required to Confirm a Testimony
 - 2) Jesus’ Testimony Confirmed by John the Baptist
 - a) Testified to Truth before Jewish Authorities
 - b) Testified that Jesus is the Messiah John 1:29-34; John 3:22-30
 - 3) Jesus’ Testimony Confirmed by Works of Father
 - a) Testimony Greater than John’s
 - b) Works Performed by Jesus (e.g. Healing in John 5:1-15)
 - c) Testifying Jesus was Sent & Anointed by Father God
 - 4) Jesus’ Testimony Confirmed by Word of God (Scriptures)
 - a) Father God Testifies in Jesus’ Behalf
 - **“.... you (Unbelievers) have never heard his (Father God’s) voice nor seen his form, and you do not have his word remaining in you,”**
 - Why? **“because you do not believe in the one (Jesus – Son of God) whom he has sent.”**
 - b) Jesus Is the Word of God John 1:1-18; 1 John 1:1-4
 - 5) Scriptures Testify of Jesus Christ
 - a) **“You search the scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf.”**
 - b) Jesus Messiah – Son of God is the Embodiment & Fulfillment of the Law & Prophets (Old Testament) Matt. 5:17-18
 - 6) Jesus’ Chastisement of Unbelievers
 - a) Unwilling to Come to Me (Jesus - Savior) to Possess Life
 - b) Do Not Have Love of God in Your Hearts (Not Open to Spirit of God)

- c) I (Jesus) Came in Father God's Name (Yahweh)
 - You Did Not Accept Me
- d) You Accept Anyone Who Comes in His Own Name
 - Seek & Accept Human Praise
 - Do Not Seek Glory that Comes from God (Jesus –Son of God)
- 7) Judgment of Jewish Unbelievers
 - a) I (Jesus) Will Not Accuse You before Father God
 - b) Moses Will Accuse You
 - On Whom You Place Your Trust
 - c) **“For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me (Jesus Christ), because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”** (Moses Wrote: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy)

D. Jesus the Bread of Life

John 6

Jesus teaches about the Holy Eucharist (Communion) Sacrament of the New Covenant. He understands that this teaching will be difficult for His disciples and the people to accept, so He painstakingly prepares them to receive it.

- *First (John 6:1-15), Jesus demonstrates to the people that He is the source of physical nourishment by multiplying food to feed over 5000 people; laying the groundwork for His upcoming teaching on the Holy Eucharist where He will multiply His Flesh and Blood to spiritually feed multitudes of believers throughout the Christian Era.*
- *Secondly (John 6:16-21), Jesus builds up the faith of His disciples so that they will be able to accept His upcoming teaching on the Holy Eucharist, by walking on the water demonstrating His authority over nature.*
- *Thirdly (John 6:22-59), Jesus utilizes the story of the Lord providing manna to feed Israel for 40 years in the wilderness, familiar to Jewish People, as the impetus for His emphatic teaching that His Body and Blood are spiritual life, nourishment and sustenance for His people.*

1. Jesus Multiplies Food to Feed Thousands

John 6:1-15

Sign to Jesus' Teaching on Holy Eucharist

- a. Jesus Returns to Galilee
 - 1) Shore of Tiberias
 - 2) Crowds Follow Jesus
 - a) Witnesses to His Miraculous Healings
- b. Jewish Feast of Passover Near

Significance of Feast of Passover to Jesus' Teaching of Holy Eucharist:

- 1) *Passover Commemorates Lord's Deliverance of Israel from Bondage*
Ex. 11 – 12; Lev. 23:4-14
 - a) *Israelite Families Procure a Paschal Lamb*
 - *Lamb is Slain & Sacrificed*
 - *Lamb's Blood Spread on Doorposts & Lintels of Homes*
 - *People Eat the Paschal Lamb's Flesh*
 - b) *Plague of Death Passes Over Homes Covered by Lamb's Blood*
 - c) *Israel Delivered from Bondage*
- 2) *Jesus is God's Paschal Lamb* *John 1:29*
 - a) *Jesus Institutes Sacrament During Passover Feast*

Matt. 26:17-19 & 26-30

b) *Jesus Slain on Passover*

Matt. 27:35-61

c) *Believers Delivered from Bondage of Sin*

d) *Curse of Death Passes Over Believers Covered by Christ's Blood*

c. **Jesus Multiplies 5 Loaves of Bread & 2 Fish**

1) **Jesus Tests Disciples Faith**

a) Asks Phillip: **“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?”**

b) Phillip Replies Negatively in the Natural

c) Andrew Replies with Uncertain Faith

- Lad with 5 Loaves & 2 Dried Fish (Expressing Faith)

- Not Enough to Feed Crowd (Expressing Doubt)

2) **Jesus Gets People to Recline (Dining Position)**

a) 5000 Men plus Women & Children

3) **Jesus Serves Loaves & Fish**

(Jesus is the Source of Our Spiritual Food & Life)

a) **Jesus Blesses the Food**

- Traditional Jewish Blessing: “Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.”

(Jesus will Teach He is the Bread of Life from Earth/Grave)

b) **Disciples Distribute Food to People**

(Prefigures Role of Priests & Ministers in His New Covenant)

- Food Multiplies

c) **Everyone Ate Until Satisfied**

(Jesus is Sufficient to Meet All Our Needs to Abundance)

4) **Jesus Instructs Disciples to Gather Left Over Food**

a) **Gathered 12 Full Baskets (1 Basket by Each Disciple)**

(Prefiguring the Continuum of the Eucharist throughout Church Age)

5) **Reaction of People**

a) **Recognize Jesus as Prophet & Deliverer**

6) **Jesus Retreats to Mountains**

a) **Concerned People will Make Him King**

(Use Him to Revolt Against Rome & Establish Israel as a Nation)

2. **Jesus Walks on Water**

John 6:16-21

To Bolster the Faith of His Disciples to Receive His Teaching on Holy Eucharist.

a. **Disciples Embark in Boat**

1) **Cross Lake toward Capernaum**

2) **Night Falls**

3) **Jesus Not with Disciples**

b. **Storm Blows Up on Lake**

1) **Strong Winds & Rough Sea**

2) **Boat 3 to 4 Miles from Shore**

c. **Jesus Demonstrates His Authority Over Natural Forces**

1) **Jesus Walks on Water Toward Boat**

2) **Disciples Sight Jesus & are Frightened**

3) **Jesus Assures Disciples: “It is I. Do not be afraid.”**

4) **Jesus Leads Boat Safely to Shore (Put Your Trust in Jesus)**

3. Jesus Declares to be The Bread of Life John 6:22-71

Jesus' Teaches the Holy Eucharist (Communion).

- 1) *Jesus uses (what I call) a progressive cyclical method (similar to links in a chain) to teach this complex subject. He introduces each point and explains it, then after giving His audience a chance to digest it He repeats it to enforce it, then building upon that truth He goes onto the next point (e.g. Ver. 35 Bread of Life - then Ver. 48-51 Eat His Flesh - then Ver. 53 & 54 Drink His Blood).*
- 2) *There are two inseparable themes that run concurrent throughout Jesus' teaching. The first is faith in Jesus Christ as Son of God in response to Father God's call, and the second is the Holy Eucharist. (They are like 2 sides of each link in a forged steel chain, each required to hold the chain together).*

a. People Search for Jesus John 6:22-34

- 1) Crowd on Same Side of Lake where Jesus Multiplied Food
 - a) Disciples Embarked in Only Boat
 - b) Jesus Not in Boat with Disciples
- 2) Crowd Follows Disciples to Capernaum
 - a) People Sail on Newly Arrived Boats
- 3) People Find Jesus in Capernaum
 - a) Question Jesus: "Rabbi, when did you get here?"
 - b) Jesus' Reply: "**Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.**"
 - People Motivated by Physical Nourishment/Sustenance
 - c) Jesus Advice: "**Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal.**"
 - Pursue Spiritual Nourishment/Sustenance
 - Jesus is the Source of God's Eternal Food
- 4) The Work of God
 - a) People Ask How they Can Perform the Works of God
 - b) Jesus Answers: "**This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.**"
 - Work of God is to Have Faith in Jesus
 - c) People Ask Jesus for a Sign to Place their Faith in Him
(Jesus Multiplied Food to Feed Over 5000 People the Day Before.)
- 5) The Sign of Manna Ex. 16
 - a) **People Confront Jesus**
 - **Ancestors Ate Manna in Desert**
 - **God Gave them Bread from Heaven**
 - b) Jesus Fulfills that Manna from Heaven
 - "**Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.**"
 - "**For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.**"
 - c) People Ask for that Bread of Life

b. Jesus' Discourse on the Holy Eucharist John 6:35-59

- 1) Jesus is the Bread of Life
 - a) "**I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; whoever comes to me will never hunger,**

and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

- Jesus Satisfies All Hunger & Thirst
- b) Jesus Chastises People for Unbelief
- 2) Jesus Fulfills Will of Father God
- a) “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.”
- Father God Gives All Believers to Jesus Christ
 - Jesus Accepts All People Who Come to Him
 - Jesus Came Down from Heaven to Accomplish Father God’s Will
- b) Father God’s Will for Jesus: “And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it (on) the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him (on) the last day.”
- Save, Sustain & Secure All Believers
 - Give All Believers Eternal Life
 - Raise All Believers from Dead on Last Day
- 3) People Murmur Against Jesus
- a) Jesus Rebukes People for Unbelief
- 4) Jesus Continues His Teaching
- a) “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day.”
- People Whose Hearts are Open to Spirit of God
- b) Jesus Implies He is the Son of God
- Quotes Prophecy: “They (Believers) shall all be taught by God.” Isa. 54:13
 - People Who Listen & Learn from Father God (Accept Scriptures) – Come to Jesus
 - No One Seen Father God – Except One from God (Jesus the Son of God)
- c) “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.”
- Faith in Jesus is Essential to Eternal Life
- d) Jesus Repeats: “**I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.**”
- e) Israel’s Ancestors Ate Manna but Died
- Temporal/Physical Sustenance
- f) “This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”
- Eternal Sustenance is from Heaven
- g) “I (Jesus – Son of God) am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”
- Jesus Is God’s Living Bread from Heaven
 - The Bread of Life is Jesus’ Flesh
- 5) People Quarrel: “How can this man give us (his) flesh to eat?”
- Jews Conversant with Old Covenant Law:*
- a) *Priests Eat Flesh of Certain Sacrifices* *Lev. 6 & 7*
- *Blood Used to* *Cleanse Sacrificial*

*Altar**b) Israelites Permitted to Eat Flesh of Clean Animals**Lev. 11; Deut. 12:15-28; Deut. 14:3-21*

- *Blood Poured Out on Ground*
- *Forbidden to Drink Blood* *Lev. 7:26-27; Deut. 12:23-25*
- *Why? Life is in the Blood* “... make sure that you (Israel) do not partake of the blood; for blood is life, and you shall not consume this seat of life with the flesh.” (Deut. 12:23)

6) Jesus Expands Teaching to Include His Blood (Seat of Eternal Life)

a) “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.”

- No Life without Christ, His Flesh & His Blood

b) “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.”

- Promise of Resurrection & Eternal Life

c) “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.”

- Jesus’ Flesh is Real (Spiritual/Eternal) Food
- Jesus’ Blood is Real (Spiritual/Eternal) Drink

d) “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.”

- Jesus – Son of God Is Eternal Life
- Believers Who Partake of Jesus’ Body & Blood are Eternally United with Him

e) “This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

- Jesus Gives His Life to Believers through Eucharist

7) Jesus’ Discourse Given in Capernaum Synagogue

c. Result of Jesus’ Discourse

John 6:60-71

1) Many Disciples Reject Jesus’ Discourse

2) Jesus Asks if His Discourse Shocks Them

a) “What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before (Heavenly Throne)?”

b) “It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.”

3) Many Disciples Leave Jesus

4) Jesus Asks the Twelve: “Do you also want to leave?”

a) Simon Peter’s Answer: “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

5) Jesus’ Reply: “Did I not choose you twelve? Yet is not one of you a devil (Referring to Judas Iscariot – His Betrayer)?”

E. Jesus at Feast of Booths (Tabernacles)

John 7

1. *Israel’s Feast of Booths (Tabernacles)**Lev. 23:33-43**(See “Feast of Booths” in “Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Parts I & II” Studies)*

- a. *Historical Background*
 - 1) *Lord Delivered His Chosen People (Israel) from Bondage in Egypt*
 - 2) *Israel Wandered in Wilderness 40 Years*
 - a) *The Lord's Sentence for Unbelief*
 - 3) *Israel Conquers the Promise Land*
- b. *Feast Recalls the Establishment of God's People (Israel) in the Promise Land*
 - 1) *Annual Celebration Starts on 15th Day of 7th Month in Jewish Calendar*
 - a) *At the Later (Autumn) Harvest*
 - 2) *First Day of Preparation (Spiritual & Physical)*
 - a) *People Gather Materials & Build Temporary Shelters (Booths)*
 - 3) *Seven Days People Dwell in Booths*
 - a) *Commemorates Israel Wandering in Wilderness*
 - b) *Where the Lord Provided Shelter for His People*
- c. *Feast of Booths to be Celebrated in Messiah's Kingdom* *Zech. 14:16-21*
 - 1) *Annual Pilgrimage to Jerusalem by All Nations*
 - 2) *Worship Messiah-King & Celebrate Feast of Booths*

Jesus, Messiah-Son of God's Fulfillment of Israel's Feast of Booths:

In John 7, Jesus attends the Feast of Booths celebration in Jerusalem. At that time, Israel is not a nation established by God, as celebrated by this feast, but a dispersed people under foreign (pagan) dominion.

In the middle of this festival, Jesus teaches at Israel's Temple proclaiming to be God's Holy Anointed One (Messiah), Israel's anticipated deliverer. Jesus convicts the people and their religious leaders of breaking God's Laws and judging dishonestly (lacking the prerequisites of a holy nation).

On the last day of this festival, Jesus invites the people to come to Him and accept Him as Messiah. His Kingdom will be established by the Spirit of God.

The Feast of Booths Celebrates the Lord's Establishment of Israel in the Promise Land:

- *After the Lord delivered them from bondage,*
- *After they wandered in the wilderness because of their unbelief,*
- *After their conquest of the Promise Land, and*
- *After the Lord establishes them as a nation and provides a later (Autumn) harvest in the Promise Land.*

Jesus invites the people to accept Him as Messiah – Son of God by faith, promising to:

- *Deliver them from the bondage of sin and death,*
- *Honor their faith by sending the Holy Spirit to every believer,*
- *Indwell and empower them to overcome this world of sin, and*
- *Establish them into the Kingdom of God, anointing them to perform good works and proclaim His Gospel, gathering a (New Covenant) harvest of souls into His Kingdom.*

2. *Jesus Celebrates Feast of Booths*

John 7:1-13

- a. *Jesus & His Family*
 - 1) *Jesus Residing & Ministering in Galilee*
 - a) *Not Travelling to Judea*
 - b) *Jewish Authorities in Judea Looking for Opportunity to Kill Him*
 - 2) *Controversy in Jesus' Family*

- a) Brothers (*Cousins*) Chide Jesus to Attend Feast in Jerusalem
 - b) Jesus' Reply: **"My time is not yet here, but the time is always right for you. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I testify to it that its works are evil."** (Why Hatred of Jesus? John 3:19-20)
 - He Must Finish His Ministry as Prophesied
 - He Must Completely Fulfill the Law
 - It was Not His Appointed Time to Die
 - c) Jesus Advises Brothers to Attend Feast Without Him
 - Knew Brothers Would Point Him Out at Feast
 - Needed to Control Timing of His Ministry
 - d) Jesus' Brothers Leave to Celebrate Feast in Jerusalem
- b. Jesus Attends Feast in Jerusalem by Himself
- 1) Placing His Trust in Father God Alone
 - 2) Jewish Authorities Looking for Jesus
 - "Where is that troublemaker?"
 - 3) Controversy Among People
 - "He is a good man"
 - "No; on the contrary, he misleads the crowd."
 - 4) People Afraid to Speak Out Openly About Jesus
3. Jesus Teaches at Temple John 7:14-36
- a. Jesus Goes to Temple Precincts John 7:15
 - 1) Middle of Festival
 - 2) Jesus Teaches the People
 - 3) People Amazed at His Knowledge
 - a) "How does he know scripture without having studied?"
(Jesus is the Word of God See John 1:1-18 Above)
 - b. Jesus' Knowledge is God's Knowledge John 7:16-18
 - 1) **"My teaching is not my own but is from the one (God) who sent me.**
 - a) Jesus is God's Holy Anointed One – Messiah
 - 2) **"Whoever chooses to do his (God's) will shall know whether my teaching is from God or whether I speak on my own."**
 - 3) **"Whoever speaks on his own seeks his own glory, but whoever seeks the glory of the one who sent him is truthful, and there is no wrong in him."**
 - a) Jesus Reveals God's Glory to Man
 - c. Jesus Convicts People of Sin John 7:19-24
(All People are Sinners in Need of Deliverance)
 - 1) Break Laws of Moses
 - a) Every Jew is Guilty of Breaking the Law
(Everyone a Sinner before God Almighty. Rom. 3:23)
 - b) Break One Commandment – Guilty of Breaking Whole Law James 2:10
 - c) Every Jew is Under the Curse of the Law Deut. 27:26; Gal. 3:10-13
(Everyone Under the Curse of Sin – Death. Gen. 3:17-19; Rom. 6:23)
 - 2) Jesus Accuses Crowd of Wanting to Kill Him
(Repentance is Required before Entering His Kingdom)
 - a) Crowd Denies Accusation (Do Not Recognize their Sin)
 - 3) Jesus Addresses the People's Anger
 - a) Reason: Jesus Healed a Man on Sabbath (See John 5:1-15 Above)

- b) Moses Prescribed Circumcision in Law
 - Jews Circumcise on Sabbath to Prevent Violating Law
- c) Jesus Questions their Anger at Him for Curing Whole Man on Sabbath
- 4) Jesus Exhorts People to Judge Honestly
 - a) They Look at Appearances of Law
(Legal Interpretation & Application of Law)
 - b) Do Not Look at the Heart of Man
(Spiritual Perspective / Intent of the Law)
- d. Who is Jesus? John 7:25-36
 - 1) People Recognize Jesus as the Person Authorities Want to Kill
 - a) Marvel that Jesus is Speaking Openly in Public
 - b) Question if Authorities have Accepted Jesus as Messiah
 - 2) People Question if Jesus is the Messiah
 - a) *“But we know where he is from. When the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.”*
 - *Referring to Messianic Prophecy: “The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent: ‘You (Messiah) are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’”* *Psa. 110:4*
 - *Melchizedek Priest of God Most High & King of Salem*
Gen. 14:17-20; Heb. 6:19 – 7:3
 - *Melchizedek with Unknown Origin: “Without father, mother, or ancestry, without beginning of days”* *Heb. 7:3*
 - 3) Jesus’ Response
 - a) **“You know me and also know where I am from (Galilee). Yet I did not come on my own, but the one (God) who sent me, whom you do not know, is true.”**
 - He is Messiah - Holy Anointed One Sent from God
 - If People Know God they would Recognize His Messiah
 - b) **“I know him (God Almighty), because I am from him, and he sent me.”**
 - Jesus is from Heaven – Sent by God
 - 4) People’s Reaction
 - a) Unbelievers Attempt to Seize Jesus
 - Jesus is Unharmed
 - It was Not His Appointed Time to Suffer
 - b) Many Believe in Jesus
 - “When the Messiah comes, will he perform more signs than this man has done?”
 - c) Religious Authorities - Chief Priests & Pharisees
 - Dispatch Temple Guards to Arrest Jesus
 - 5) Jesus Confronts People & Guards
 - a) **“I will be with you only a little while longer, and then I will go to the one who sent me.”** (Jesus will Return to Heaven)
 - Messiah will be with You a Short Time
 - Take Advantage of this Opportunity to Listen to Him, Learn from Him & Believe in Him
 - b) **“You will look for me but not find me, and where I am you cannot come.”**
 - Messiah will be Sacrificed, Die, Resurrected & Ascend to Heaven
 - People will be Unable to Find Him

- *Alluding to the Mystery of Melchizedek*
 - *“Without father, mother, or ancestry, without beginning of days or end of life, thus made to resemble the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.”* *Heb. 7:3*
 - Jesus will be Enthroned in Heaven
 - People Can Not Enter Heaven without Christ Jesus
(See John 3:1-21 Above) Acts 4:11-12; Rom. 10:9-10
- 6) Confusion Among the People
- a) What Does He Mean?
 - b) Unable to Understand Jesus
 - c) Hearts/Minds Not Open to the Word of God
4. Jesus Invites People to Accept Him John 7:37-44
- a. Last (8th) Day of Festival Lev. 23:35-36
 - 1) Hold a Sacred Assembly
 - a) Worshipers Gather at Temple in Jerusalem
 - 2) Day of Rest (Sabbatical) – No Work
 - 3) Offer Oblations Before Lord
 - b. Jesus Stands Up & Loudly Proclaims
 - 1) *“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.”*
 - a) Thirst Represents Person’s Spiritual Need
 - b) Jesus Invites Worshipers to Receive His Salvation
 - 2) *“Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: ‘Rivers of living water will flow from within him.’”*
 - a) Jesus Asks Worshipers to Believe/Trust in Him
 - b) Living Water Represents the Holy Spirit
 - c) Result: Believers Overflowing with Lord’s Anointing
 - 3) Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit John 14:15-17
(Messiah will Send Holy Spirit upon Believers after His Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Glorification.)
 - a) Given to Everyone Who Accepts Him as Savior Rom. 8; 1 Cor. 3:16
 - b) Directing & Empowering Believers Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-41
 - c) Seal Believers unto Eternal Life Gal. 4:1-7; Eph. 1:11-14
 - c. People Sharply Divided Concerning Jesus
 - 1) People Who Recognize Jesus as Man of God
 - a) “This is truly the Prophet.”
 - 2) People Who Believe & Accept Jesus as Messiah
 - a) “This is the Messiah.”
 - 3) People Who Oppose Jesus
 - a) “The Messiah will not come from Galilee, will he? Does not scripture say that the Messiah will be of David’s family and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?”
 - *Referring to Messianic Prophecy: “But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me (Lord God) one (Messiah) who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.”* *Micah 5:1*
 - *Unaware that Scripture had Already been Fulfilled by Jesus’ Birth in Bethlehem* *Matt. 2; Luke 2:1-7*

- b) Some Wanted to Apprehend Jesus
 - He was Not Arrested
 - It was Not His Appointed Time to be Tried

5. Plot by Religious Authorities John 7:45-52

- a. Temple Guards Return to Sanhedrin without Jesus
 - 1) Authorities Ask Why they Didn't Arrest Him
 - 2) Guards Answer: "Never before has anyone spoken like this one."
 - 3) Authorities Criticize Guards: "Have you also been deceived?"
 - a) "Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?"
 - Believing Themselves Superior to People
 - b) "But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed."
 - Judging & Condemning People
- b. Nicodemus (Pharisee & Member of Sanhedrin) Speaks Out
(Religious Leader Who Visited Jesus at Night. See John 3:1-21 Above)
 - 1) Reminding Them of the Law: "Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?" Deut. 1:16
 - 2) Pharisees Criticize & Insult Nicodemus
 - a) Calling Him a Galilean
 - b) Claiming No Prophet is to Come from Galilee
 - *Ignorant of, or Ignoring, Jesus' (Son of Man's) Credentials*
 - *From the Tribe of Judah*
 - *House & Lineage of King David*
 - *Messiah's Prophesied Lineage*
 - c) Did Not Honestly Answer Nicodemus
 - d) Unconcerned that They May be Breaking the Law
 - Confirming Jesus' Accusation John 7:19

F. Jesus the Light of the World

John 8 – 9

1. Jesus Our Savior John 8:1-11

- a. Jesus Returns to Temple Precincts
 - 1) Day Following Feast of Booths
 - 2) People Coming to Him
 - 3) Jesus Teaches People
- b. Scribes (Religious Lawyers) & Pharisees Bring a Sinner to Jesus
 - 1) Woman Caught in Act of Adultery
 - a) Make Her Stand in Front of Everybody
 - 2) Recite Law to Jesus Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22
 - a) Law of Moses Orders Adulterers Stoned to Death
 - b) Ask Jesus What He Says About the Case
 - 3) Jesus Writes on Ground with His Finger (*See Notes Below*)
 - 4) Scribes & Pharisees Persist in Questioning Jesus
 - 5) Jesus Replies: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
 - 6) Jesus Writes on Ground the Second Time (*See Notes Below*)
 - 7) Audience Drifts Away

- a) One by One Beginning with Elders
- 8) Jesus Alone with Woman
 - a) Jesus Asks Her: **“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”**
 - b) She replies: “No one, sir.”
 - c) Jesus Continues:
 - **“Neither do I condemn you.”**
-Jesus Came to Save Sinners Not Condemn Them John 3:16-17
 - **“Go, (and) from now on do not sin any more.”**
 - Jesus Does Not Condone nor Excuse Her Sin
 - Jesus Offers Her Forgiveness for Sins
 - Repent & Accept His Forgiveness

Notes: Jesus writes on ground with His finger.

1. *What did Jesus write that so upset the Religious Authorities that they left? No one knows for sure, but I often thought that the first time He may have written their names, and the second time He may have written their sins which they could not bear to see.*
2. *Jesus (Son of God) writing on the ground symbolizes that He is the author of a New Law (Covenant). His New Law is not one of condemnation but of love and forgiveness (John 3:16-18).*
3. *The finger of the Lord wrote the Law on Stone Tablets (Exodus 24:12; Exodus 31:18) for Moses and the Children of Israel, defining mortal sins (10 Commandments). Jesus writes on the ground (i.e. dust of the Earth symbolizing man) for all mankind. He (Messiah – Son of God) fulfilled that Old Law by living a holy, perfect and sinless life, then offering Himself as a holy sacrifice for the sins of the world. His New Law will not be written on stone tablets, but on the hearts of men (Jer.31:31-34; Heb. 8:7-13).*

2. Jesus Declares His Divine Sonship John 8:12-59
 - a. Jesus Teaches in Temple Treasury John 8:12-20
 - 1) Jesus’ Declaration:
 - a) **“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”**
 - We Live in a World of Darkness John 3:19-21
(World of Sin that is Separated from God)
 - Jesus Is Light of God in the World John 1:1-14
(Revealing & Illuminating the Way to Father God)
 - b) **“Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**
 - Jesus is Light unto Salvation & Eternal Life 1 John 1
(He Provides, Secures & Sustains Our Salvation)
 - 2) Pharisees Accuse Jesus of being His Own Witness
 - a) Witness is Invalid
 - 3) Jesus’ Reply: **“Even if I do testify on my own behalf, my testimony can be verified, because I know where I came from and where I am going.”**
 - a) Jesus’ Testimony is Verified
 - Jesus Knows Who He Is (Messiah – Son of God)
 - Jesus Knows Where He Came From (Heaven’s Throne)
 - Jesus Knows Where He is Going (Cross, Grave, Resurrection, Ascension Back to Heaven, Re-Enthroned in Heaven) Heb. 1:1-4
 - Jesus Is God’s True Witness
 - b) **“But you (Pharisees - Religious Leaders) do not know where I come from or where I am going.”**
 - Do Not Recognize Son of God

- Do Not Understand Messiah's Mission
- c) Pharisees (with Sin) Judge by Appearances
- d) Jesus (without Sin) Judges No One
 - "... if I should judge, my judgment is valid, because I am not alone, but it is I and the Father who sent me.
- e) Confirmation of Two Witnesses
 - Required by Mosaic Law Deut. 19:15
 - Jesus (Son of God) is One Witness
 - Father God is the Other Witness
- 4) Pharisees Ask Jesus: "Where is your father?"
- 5) Jesus' Reply: "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."
 - a) You Can Not Know the Father without Knowing the Son
 - b) Hearts Not Open to Spirit of God
- 6) Jesus Not Apprehended
 - a) It was Not His Appointed Time to be Arrested
- b. Jesus Addresses Unbelievers John 8:21-30
 - 1) Jesus' Predictions & Warnings
 - a) "I am going away and you will look for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going you cannot come."
 - Jesus will Return to Heaven
 - Unbelievers will Look for Him (Promised Messiah), but will Die in their Sins (Without Finding Messiah or Salvation)
 - Unbelievers Can Not Enter Heaven
 - 2) Unbelievers Question What Jesus Means
 - 3) Jesus Continues His Warning
 - a) "You belong to what is below, I belong to what is above. You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world."
 - Men Belong to Earth
 - Jesus Belongs to Heaven (Son of God)
 - Jesus - Son of God is Sovereign from:
 - Man "Dust of Earth"
 - World Systems (Governments, Powers & Authorities)
 - Death & Grave
 - Earth Can Not Hold the Son of the Living God
 - b) "That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins."
 - All Men are Sinners & will Die in their Sins (Eternal Damnation & Separation from God)
 - Unless they Accept & Believe that Jesus is "I AM"
 - "I AM" the Source of "Yahweh" the Personal Name of God
Ex. 3:13-15
 - Jesus is One with Father God
 - 4) People Ask Jesus: "Who are you?"
 - 5) Jesus Answers:
 - a) He has been Testifying that He is Messiah – Son of God
 - b) He (Son of God) Could Condemn them
 - c) "But the One (Father God) who sent me is true, and what I heard from

him I tell the world (God's Love & Mercy).”

- 6) People Did Not Understand Jesus
 - a) Hearts/Minds Not Open to Word of God
 - 7) Jesus Declares He is Messiah-Savior
 - a) “When you lift up (Crucify) the Son of Man (Messiah), then you will realize that I AM (Son of God & Savior), and that I do nothing on my own, but I say only what the Father taught me.”
 - Jesus Offers Himself as Sacrifice for Sin in Obedience to Father God
 - b) “The One who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him.”
 - God Will Not Desert Him (When He Suffers & Dies)
 - Jesus is Doing God's Will (Providing Salvation for Mankind)
 - 8) Result: Many People Believe in Jesus
- c. Jesus Son of the Living God John 8:31-59
 The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Israel)
- 1) Jesus Addresses People Who Claim to be Believers
To Qualify, Test and Confirm that they Truly Believe in Him; and to Expand their Faith to Accept Him for Who He Really is – The Son of the Living God.
 - a) “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
 - Jesus Is Truth!
 - Jesus will Set You Free from Sin
 - 2) Peoples' Response:
 - a) “We are descendants of Abraham”

Explanation:

- Abraham is the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob (Israel), Jacob is the father of the 12 tribes of Israel (See “Seed Promise – Part I” Study).
 - God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham (Gen. 12:2-3), making him the father of God's Chosen People/Nation (Israel) through whom the whole world will be blessed (See “Covenants – Part I” Study). God confirmed His covenant with Isaac (Gen. 26:1-5), and then with Jacob (Israel) (Gen. 28:10-15).
 - Here Jesus is speaking to descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, true inheritors of God's Covenant. Jesus, a descendant of Abraham and Israel's Messiah, fulfills that covenant (See “Covenants – Part II” Study).
- b) “.... and have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, ‘You will become free’?”

Observation:

- Jesus is speaking the truth!
- The claim made here by Abraham's descendants that they were never enslaved is not true. Israel was enslaved by Egypt in the Second Millennium BC, the 10 northern tribes were enslaved by Assyria in the 8th Century BC, the remaining tribes were enslaved by Babylon in the 6th Century BC. Following those captivities, they were subjugated by Persia, Hellenistic Kingdoms (Greece, Egypt and Syria), and (at the time of this claim) by Rome.
- God's covenant with Abraham is not conditional. It remains in tact in spite of the Lord's chastisement of His chosen people Israel.

- 3) Jesus' Reply:
 - a) “Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.”

- People Misinterpreted Jesus
 - He is Not Speaking of Physical Bondage to Other Men
(They Failed to Acknowledge Israel's Past Enslavement)
 - He is Speaking of Spiritual Bondage to Sin
(Will They Acknowledge their Enslavement by Sin?)
- b) "A slave does not remain in a household forever, but a son always remains. So if a son frees you, then you will truly be free."
 - Sin Separates People from God
 - Son of God Has the Authority to Set People Free from Sin
Reconciling them to God
- 4) Jesus' Accusation:
 - a) "I know that you are descendants of Abraham. But you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room among you."
 - Not Open to Word of God
 - b) "I tell you what I have seen in the Father's (God's) presence; you do what you have heard from your father (Satan – Father of Sin)."
- 5) People's Defense: "Our father is Abraham."
- 6) Jesus Continues His Accusation:
 - a) "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works of Abraham."
 - b) "But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this."
 - c) "You are doing the works of your father!"
- 7) People Retort:
 - a) "We are not illegitimate."
 - b) "We have one Father, God."
- 8) Jesus Enforces His Accusation
 - a) "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; I did not come on my own, but he sent me."
 - If God is Your Father – Believe in Messiah Whom He Sent
 - b) "Why do you not understand what I am saying? Because you cannot bear to hear my word."
 - c) Claims their Father is Satan
 - You Carry Out Satan's Wishes
 - Satan is a Murderer Who Brought Death on Man
(They Want to Kill the Son of Man)
 - Truth is Not in Satan
 - Lying Speech is Satan's Native Tongue
 - Satan is a Liar & the Father of Lies
 - d) "But because I speak the truth, you do not believe me."
 - Sinners Can Not Tolerate God's Truth
 - e) Jesus' Challenge: "Can any of you charge me with sin? If I am telling the truth, why do you not believe me?"
 - Jesus is Sinless – Proving His Trustworthiness
(How Can They Accuse Him of Lying?)
 - f) "Whoever belongs to God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not listen, because you do not belong to God."
 - Sinners are Separated from God

- 9) Jews Accuse Jesus:
- a) Natural Realm: Being a Samaritan (*See Note Above at John 4:1-42*)
 - Not Fully Legitimate Descendant of Abraham
 - Untrue! Jesus (Son of Man) Direct Descendant of Abraham
Matt. 1:1-16
 - b) Spiritual Realm: Possessed (Blaspheming Against Son of God)

Note. They do not charge Jesus of committing any sins.

- 10) Jesus Replies:
- a) **“I am not possessed; I honor my Father, but you dishonor me.”**
 - They Dishonor the Son of the Living God
 - b) **“I do not seek my own glory; there is One (Godhead) who seeks it and he is the One who judges.”**
 - c) **“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.”**
 - Jesus Is the Life Giving Word
- 11) Jews Retort: “You are possessed” (Confirming their Blasphemy)
- a) “Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? Or the prophets, who died?”
 - b) Who do you make yourself out to be?”
- 12) Jesus Answers Proclaiming to be Greater than Abraham
- a) **“If I glorify myself, my glory is worth nothing; but it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God (God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob).’ You (Descendants of Abraham) do not know him, but I know him. And if I should say that I do not know him, I would be like you a liar. But I do know him and I keep his word.”**
 - Jesus Qualifies What He is About to Proclaim
 - b) **“Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad.”**

Explanation: Jesus refers to Abraham’s sacrifice of Isaac on Mount Moriah (Temple Mount) in obedience to the Lord. The Lord intervened, rescued Isaac and provided a ram for sacrifice. Abraham, foreseeing Messiah (The Lord’s Sacrifice for Sin) names that place “Yahweh-Yireh” meaning: “The Lord Shall be Seen / The Lord Shall Provide”.

- 13) Jews Confront Jesus:
- a) You are Not 50 Years Old (Abraham Lived about 2000 BC)
 - b) You Have Seen Abraham?
- 14) Jesus Answers Proclaiming to be God
- a) **“Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM.”**
 - **“I AM”** the Source of “Yahweh” the Personal Name of God
Ex. 3:13-15
 - Jesus Takes the Personal Name of “Yahweh”
- 15) Reaction of the People
- a) Pick Up Stones to Throw at Jesus
 - Stone Him to Death for Blasphemy (Lev. 24:15-16)
 - b) Jesus Escapes Leaving Temple Area
 - It was Not His Appointed Time to Die

In this Chapter, Jesus Physical Heals a Man Born Blind, Creating Sight where there was None, Proving He is the “Light of the World”.

Jesus, the “Light of the World,” Heals our Spiritual Blindness Enabling Us to See, Recognize and Accept Him as Lord & Savior.

Jesus, Son of God, Divides the World: Matt. 10:32-42, Luke 12:49-53

1) Those “Spiritually Blind” are People Who Reject / Ignore Him

- *Blinded by Satan & Sin Luke 8:9-10; 2 Cor. 4:1-7*

2) Those “Spiritually Sighted” are People Who Accept Jesus as Lord & Savior

- *Jesus (Source of Light) Heals their Blindness by Forgiving their Sins Rev. 3:15-21*
- *Jesus Gives Us Spiritual Sight by Illuminating Our Hearts/Minds with the Holy Spirit Rom.12:1-2*
- *Jesus Gives Us Spiritual Sight / Wisdom of God 1 Cor. 2:6-16*

a. Jesus & Man Born Blind John 9:1-7

1) Jesus & His Disciples See Man Born Blind

- a) Disciples Ask Jesus: “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”
- b) Jesus Answers:
 - “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.”
 - God Planned to Use this Man as a Witness
 - “We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work.”
 - “**While I am in the world, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**”

2) Jesus Heals Man Born Blind

- a) Spits on Ground & Makes Mud
- b) Smears Mud on Man’s Eyes
- c) Instructs Man to Wash Off Mud in Pool of Siloam

3) Man Obeys Jesus

- a) Gains His Sight

Comments.

- *Why did Jesus use such an unusual method to heal this man? He could have healed the man by the spoken word; instead, He makes mud and applies it to the man’s eyes. I believe that the man was born without eyes. Jesus wanted to reveal more about Himself than just a Prophet or Great Healer or Great Teacher (there is no salvation in believing in these). He wanted to prove and enforce His teachings that He is the Son of God by performing this Creative Miracle.*
- *Just as God formed man from the dust of the earth (Gen. 2:4-7); so Jesus spat on the ground, made mud eyes and placed them into the man’s eye sockets. He then instructs the man to wash in the Pool of Siloam (meaning “One who has been sent”) symbolizing the man’s rebirth, resulting in full sight (representing Spiritual Sight gained by man when he/she receives Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and is born into the Kingdom of God John 3:3-7, Rom. 8:14-17, 1 Cor 1:18-25).*

b. Healed Man’s Testimony John 9:8-34

1) Man Witnesses to Neighbors & People John 9:8-12

- a) People Accustomed to Seeing Man as Beggar
 - Some Recognize Him as Blind Man
 - Others Think He Looks Like Blind Man

- b) Man Confesses He is the Blind Beggar
 - c) People Ask How His Eyes were Open
 - d) Man Testifies: “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.”
 - e) People Ask: “Where is he (*Jesus*)?”
 - Looking for Jesus
 - f) Man Does Not Know
- 2) Man Witnesses to Jewish Religious Authorities John 9:13-17
 (Jesus Made Mud & Healed Man on Sabbath)
Religious Authorities Couldn't See – Blinded by the Law & Human Tradition.
2 Cor. 3:12-18
- a) Man Taken to Pharisees
 - b) Pharisees Ask Man How He Received His Sight
 - c) Man Testifies: “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”
 - d) Pharisees Criticize Jesus & Condemn this Healing (*See Note 1 Below*)
 - “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath.”
 - e) People Divided Over Jesus
 - Some Object: “How can a sinful man do such signs?”
 - f) Pharisees Ask Man Born Blind: “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?”
 - g) Man's Confession: “He is a prophet.”
 - Recognizes God's Anointing
- 3) Witness of Healed Man's Parents John 9:18-23
Man's Parents were Afraid to See.
- a) Jewish Authorities Summon Man's Parents for Confirmation
 - Refuse to Believe Man was Born Blind
 - b) Authorities Ask Parents: “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?”
 - c) Man's Parents Answer (*See Note 2 Below*):
 - “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.”
 - “We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.”

Notes:

1. Instead of rejoicing that the man was miraculously healed, the Religious Authorities criticize the healer and condemn him for healing on the Sabbath. They ignored God's Visitation and Blessing, and concentrated on their legalistic interpretation of the Law.
2. Man's parents should have been rejoicing that their son was miraculously healed. Instead they were afraid of the Religious Authorities, who threatened to expel anyone from the Synagogue who confessed Jesus as Messiah.

- 4) Man's Second Witness to Jewish Authorities John 9:24-34
Man Confronts Religious Authorities with His Testimony & Faith
- a) Authorities Summon & Interrogate Man
 - “Give God the praise!”
(Man was Glorifying God by Testifying Jesus Healed Him)
 - “We know that this man is a sinner.”
(Jewish Leaders' False Judgment. They were Unable to Convict)

Jesus of Sin When He Gave them the Opportunity. John 8:46)

- b) Man's Simple Testimony:
 - "If he is a sinner, I do not know." (Man Didn't Judge)
 - One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."
- c) Authorities Continue to Interrogate Man:
 - "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"
- d) Man Continues to Testify:
 - "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again?"
 - "Do you want to become his disciples, too?"
- e) Authorities Ridicule Man
 - "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses!"
 - "We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from."
- f) Man Witnesses with Wisdom:
 - "This is what is so amazing, that you (*Jewish Priests & Scribes*) do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes."
 - "We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him."
 - "It is unheard of that anyone (*Even Moses*) ever opened the eyes of a person born blind."
 - "If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."

Observation. Here we see a stark difference between the blind man who used to sit and beg, and the man who fearlessly confronts the Jewish Religious Authorities. He is not going to deny his healing. He does not totally understand his healing, but tenaciously holds onto it. He does not understand who Jesus is, since he has never seen him (man was blind when Jesus applied mud to his eyes and instructed him to wash it off), but he fearlessly honors Jesus with his testimony. He apparently received more than just his physical eyesight.

- g) Authorities Accuse Man of Sin: "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?"
 - Believing that Man's Blindness Resulted from Sin
 - Showing Themselves Spiritually Blind (John 9:1-3)
 - Considering Themselves Superior to Man Born Blind
- h) Authorities Expel the Man
- c. Jesus Seeks Out the Man He Healed John 9:35-41
To Reveal Himself as Lord & Savior.
 - 1) Jesus Asks Man: "**Do you believe in the Son of Man (Messiah)?**"
 - 2) Man Answers: "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"
 - 3) Jesus' Testimony:
 - a) "**You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he.**"
 - b) Man Born Blind is Seeing Messiah-Son of the Living God
 - 4) Man's Profession of Faith: "I do believe, Lord,"
 - a) Man Understands that Jesus Performed a Creative Miracle
 - Accepts & Confesses Jesus as Lord
 - b) Man Worships Jesus as Lord ("Yahweh")
 - Worship Reserved Exclusively for God (Ex. 20:1-6; Deut. 6:4-5)
 - 5) Jesus Accepts Man's Worship & Reveals Himself as Savior

- a) “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”
- All People Born Spiritually Blind - Result of a Sinful Nature
 - People Who Acknowledge their Blindness (Sins), Repent & Ask Lord for Forgiveness Receive Spiritual Sight 1 John 1:9
 - People Who Do Not Acknowledge their Blindness (Sins) Remain in Darkness (In their Sins) 1 John 1:8
- 6) Pharisees Overhear Jesus & Ask Him:
- a) “Surely we are not also blind, are we?”
- 7) Jesus Replies:
- a) “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.”
- b) Pharisees (Chief Priests & Scribes) Consider Themselves Sighted (More Learned than Ordinary Jews) Remain Blind (In their Sins)
- Remain Blind to God’s Visitation
 - Reject the Person of Jesus – Messiah, Savior & Son of God
 - Do Not Recognize their Need to Repent & Accept Messiah

G. Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd

John 10

1. The “Good Shepherd” in Old Testament

- a. *King David’s Shepherd Lord (Ca 1000 BC)* *Psa. 23*
- 1) *David Wrote: “Yahweh-Rohi” = The Lord - My Shepherd*
 - 2) *Messiah is King David’s Lord* *Matt. 22:41-45*
- b. *Ezekiel’s Parable of the Shepherds (Ca 587 BC)* *Ezek. 34*
- 1) *Prophecy Against Israel’s Shepherds (Priests)*
 - a) *Shepherds Exploited the Sheep (People)*
 - b) *Shepherds Failed to Care for Sheep’s Needs*
 - c) *Shepherds Failed to Seek & Bring Back Strays*
 - d) *Shepherds Harshly & Brutally Lorded it Over Sheep*
 - e) *Sheep Scattered (Physically & Spiritually) for Lack of Shepherds*
 - *Sheep Became Food for Wild Beasts (Pagan Nations)*
 - 2) *Prophecy: The Lord God is Israel’s Shepherd*
 - a) *I (Yahweh) Will Come Against & Judge Shepherds*
 - b) *I (Yahweh) Will Claim & Save My Sheep*
 - c) *I (Yahweh) Will Rescue & Tend My Sheep*
 - d) *I (Yahweh) Will Gather My Sheep*
 - e) *I (Yahweh) Will Bring My Sheep Back to Pasture (Israel)*
 - f) *I (Yahweh) Myself Will Pasture (Shepherd) My Sheep*
(Promise of Christ Jesus: Good Shepherd & High Priest Replacing the Levitical Order of Shepherds. Heb. 7)
 - *Shepherding them Rightly*
 - 3) *Lord’s Judgment of the Sheep (Israelite People)*
 - a) *Lord Separates One Sheep from Another*
(Repentant Jews from Unrepentant Jews)
 - b) *One Shepherd Appointed as Pastor*
(Promise of Christ Jesus: Good Shepherd & King of Kings)
 - *My Servant David (Messiah is from the Lineage of David)*

- *I (Yahweh) Will be Their God*
- 4) *Covenant with Sheep (New Covenant)*
 - a) *I (Yahweh) Will Make a Covenant of Peace*
 - b) *They Shall Know that I (Jesus), the Lord am Their God*
- c. *Zechariah's Allegory of Israel's Shepherds (Ca 487 BC) Zech. 11*
 - 1) *Israel's Shepherds (Jewish Religious Authorities)*
 - a) *Shepherds Sell Sheep for Profit*
(Exploit Sheep & Compromise Integrity of Priesthood)
 - b) *Sheep Bought for Slaughter (People Betrayed, Enslaved & Killed)*
 - c) *Shepherds Have No Concern/Compassion for Sheep (People)*
 - 2) *Christ Jesus: The Good Shepherd*
 - a) *I (Yahweh) Became their Shepherd*
 - *To Be Slaughtered for Sheep Merchants*
(Christ Jesus Condemned by Israel's Priests & Sacrificed)
 - b) *Messiah's Two Staffs (Sign of Authority)*
 - *Staff Called "Favor" (Grace of God)*
 - *Staff Called "Bonds" (Unity of God)*
 - *I (Messiah) Fed My Flocks (Instituted Holy Communion)*
 - c) *Shepherds Banished from God's Kingdom*
 - *Behaved Badly Toward Me (Jesus)*
 - *I Will Not Feed You (Excluded from Lord's Table)*
 - 3) *Messiah Breaks Two Staffs (Inaugurating a New Covenant)*
 - a) *Staff "Favor" Snapped Asunder*
 - *Breaking the Old Covenant with Israel (Fulfilled by Messiah)*
 - *Sheep Merchants (Priests) Understood Word of God (No Excuse)*
 - b) *Messiah Requests His Wages (Services Rendered as Good Shepherd)*
 - *Priests Paid 30 Pieces of Silver*
 - *"Throw it in Temple Treasury!"*
(Prefigures Judas' Betrayal Matt. 26:14-16 & Matt. 27:3-10)
(Jewish Leaders Rejection of Messiah)
 - c) *Staff "Bonds" Snapped Asunder*
 - *Breaking Israel/Judah's Unity with God*
(Opening Way for Gentile Believers)
 - *Lord Raises Up Israel's Destroyer*
(Rome Destroys Jerusalem & Disperses Jewish People 70 AD)
 - 4) *Dirge Over Israel's Shepherds*
 - a) *Blinded by Own Hand (Spiritually Blinded by Rejecting Messiah)*

Comment. *Jewish Chief Priests and Scribes knew the Scriptures, including these prophecies, and understood that the Lord God Himself is prophesied to be Israel's "Good Shepherd". In John 10, Jesus declares to be that "Good Shepherd" making himself equal with God, convicting and infuriating the Religious Authorities.*

2. Jesus Shepherds His People

John 10:1-21

Jesus Declares that He is the Lord God's Only True Shepherd (High Priest), that He is the Only Way into the Lord's Pasture, and that He is a Personal Shepherd to Each & Every One of His Sheep.

Jesus Claims that Israel's Shepherds (Ordained Priests) are Illegitimate ("Thieves & Robbers"); Unless they, like Anyone Else, Accept Him as Lord and Savior, and Follow

Him as their Shepherd (High Priest).

Symbolism Used by Christ:

- *Thieves/Hired Men = Israel's Priests (Shepherds)*
 - *Gate = Entrance Way into the Lord's Pasture (Salvation & Eternal Life)
(Way is through Jesus – His Sacrifice, Death & Resurrection)*
 - *Good Shepherd = Jesus Messiah & High Priest*
 - *Sheep = Jewish Believers in Jesus as Lord & Savior*
 - *Other Sheep Not of this (Israel's) Fold = Gentile Believers*
- a. Jesus Declares to be Israel's Good Shepherd
- 1) Jesus the Lord's Exclusive Shepherd (Eternal High Priest)
 - a) **“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold (Lord's Flock) through the gate (Jesus) but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber (False Shepherds/Sheep - Wolves in Sheep's Clothing).”**
 - Only One Legitimate Way into Lord's Flock
 - b) **“But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd (High Priest) of the sheep (Lord's Flock). The gatekeeper (Father God) opens it for him (Jesus – Messiah), and the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger (False / Illegitimate Shepherds); they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.”**
 - Father God Requires a Pure & Holy Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin for Anyone to Enter His Flock.
 - Jesus Messiah & High Priest Provides that Sacrifice – Becoming Lord's Good Shepherd.
 - Father God is the Gate Keeper Who Opens the Gate to His Pasture.
 - Jesus – Perfect Shepherd & Eternal High Priest – Personally Calls & Leads His Sheep into the Lord's Pasture.
 - Each Individual Person Recognizes Jesus (their Shepherd), Because He/She Has Personally Accepted Him as Lord & Savior.
 - 2) People Did Not Understand Jesus
 - 3) Jesus Explains His Teaching
 - a) **“Amen, amen, I say to you, I AM THE GATE for the sheep.”**
 - Jesus is the Only Way into God's Kingdom.
 - b) **“All who came (before me) are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.”**
 - Jesus' Predecessors (Israel's Priests) are Imperfect Men (Sinners in Need of a Savior). Rom. 2:17-29; Rom. 3:9-20
 - Sheep Only Trust in Jesus
 - c) **“I AM THE GATE. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.”**
 - Jesus is the Only Way into God's Salvation.
 - d) **“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”**
 - Israel's Priests Came Practicing the Law
 - Law Exposes Sin - Convicting Men Rom. 7:7-25
 - Law is Ineffectual in Bringing Salvation to Men Heb. 9:1-10

- Law is Only a Shadow of Lord's Perfect Way Heb. 10:1-4
(Jesus – Lord God's Gateway into His Presence)
- Jesus Came to Give Us Abundant (Spirit Filled & Eternal) Life.
- e) **"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."**
 - *Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" Prophesied in Scriptures (See Section G.1 Above)*
 - Jesus Personally Invested His Life as a Holy & Perfect Sacrifice to Atone for Man's Sin.
- f) **"A hired man (Israel's Priests), who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own (Sheep Belong to the Lord), sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep."**
 - Israel's Priests Have No Vested Interest in Sheep.
- g) **"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."**
 - Jesus Declares His Divinity
 - *He is Israel's Lord Shepherd (Yahweh-Rohi) Proclaimed in Scripture.*
 - Jesus is Our Personal Lord (Yahweh) & Savior (Yeshua).
 - Same Way Father God & Son of God Know Each Other
(We are Adopted Sons of God Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:1-7)
 - Jesus Lays Down His Life for His Sheep
 - Holy & Perfect Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sins
- h) **"I have other sheep (Gentile Believers) that do not belong to this fold (Israel). These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."**
 - Jesus is Not Only Israel's Savior, but Savior of the World
 - Uniting Jew & Gentile into One Flock 1 Cor. 12:12-13
- i) **"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."**
 - Jesus (Good Shepherd & High Priest) Voluntarily Lays Down His Life
Matt. 26:47-54; John 19:10-11; Heb. 10:5-18
 - One Eternal Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin
 - Jesus Takes Up His Life Again – Rising from the Dead
(Proving He has Conquered Sin & Death)
 - Jesus Declares Divine Sovereignty & Authority
 - He has Power Over Life
 - He has Power Over Death
(Jesus is Life Itself – Death Can Not Hold Him)
 - Jesus (Our Divine High Priest) Voluntarily Obeys Father God
Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 5:8-10

Where Israel's Shepherds (Priests) were Willful and Disobedient to God; God's Good Shepherd (Jesus) by His Total Uncompromising Obedience Rectified that Office, thus Becoming Eternal High Priest.

- 4) People Sharply Divided
 - a) “He is possessed and out of his mind; why listen to him?”
 - b) “These are not the words of one possessed; surely a demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”
 - Evidence of the Lord’s Anointing

3. Jesus – Messiah, Son of God & Savior of the World John 10:22-39
 a. *Feast of Dedication (“Hanukkah”)* *1 Macc. 4:36-61*

- 1) *Historical Perspective*
 - a) *Middle East Ruled by Hellenistic Empires*
(Descendants of Alexander the Great’s Generals)
 - b) *Israel a Frequent Battlefield*
 - *Ptolemy Kings of Egypt Against Seleucid Kings of Syria*
 - c) *Reign of Syrian King Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175 - 163 BC)*
 - *Persecuted Jews to Forcefully Assimilate them into Pagan Society*
 - *Imposed Hellenistic Culture & Pagan Religion*
 - *Desecrated Jewish Temple Using it for Pagan Practices*
 - d) *Jewish Revolt under Maccabean Family*
 - *Recaptures Jerusalem*
 - *Restores, Repairs & Purifies Temple*
 - *Re-Institutes Jewish Worship*
 - e) *People Rejoice & Celebrate for 8 Days*
 - f) *Judas Maccabees Declares Feast on December 14, 164 BC*
 - g) *Feast Commemorates Purification & Rededication of Second Temple After Syrian Desecration*

Jesus uses the occasion of the Feast of Dedication to confront those Religious Authorities (Israel’s Shepherds) who reject Him as Messiah (Good Shepherd).

Spiritual Premise:

- *As Israel’s Second Temple was desecrated by Pagan Authorities; so the Lord’s Law/Temple in Jesus’ Day was being Spiritually corrupted/desecrated by self-serving Jewish Religious Authorities (“Thieves/Robbers”).*
- *As Maccabees cleansed and rededicated the Second Temple reestablishing Israel’s Law, Priesthood and Temple Worship; so Jesus offers His Life to cleanse His People (Sheep) from sin, establishing a New Covenant with Himself as High Priest (Good Shepherd) and His Church collectively forming His Temple (“Mystical Body of Christ”).*

b. Jesus Celebrates Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem John 10:22-39

- 1) Jesus Walking in Temple Area
- 2) Jewish Authorities Gather Around Jesus
 - a) Ask Jesus: “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”
- 3) Jesus’ Answer:
 - a) **“I told you and you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify to me (Evidence He is God’s Anointed One). But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep (Spiritually Blind).”**
 - b) **“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can**

take them out of my hand.”

- Jesus Gives, Sustains & Secures Eternal Salvation for All Believers
- c) “My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”
 - Father God is Omnipotent
 - Jesus is One with Father God
- 4) Jewish Leaders Pick Up Stones to Throw at Jesus
- 5) Jesus Confronts them: “I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?”
- 6) Jewish Leaders Answer: “We are not stoning you for a good work but for blasphemy. You, a man, are making yourself God.”
- 7) Jesus’ Reply:
 - a) “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, You are gods’? (Psa. 82:6) If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one (Messiah – Son of God) whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”
 - (1) Jesus Quotes Scripture Applying it to these Jewish Authorities
 - God’s Judgment Against Unjust Judges Psa. 82
 - Jewish Authorities Threatening Jesus
 - “Sons of God” Refers to Israel’s Judges Appointed under the Mosaic Law Deut. 1:9-18
 - Charged to Judge Honestly & Exercise Divine Authority as God’s Delegates on Earth (Hence: “Sons of God”)
 - (2) Jesus Alludes to the Promised Final Judge – Messiah Psa. 82:8
 - “Arise, O God, judge the earth, for yours are all the nations.”
 - (3) Jesus Confirms He is Messiah
 - He (Jesus – Messiah & Son of God) Will Judge Them
 - b) “If I do not perform my Father’s works (Proof of Jesus’ Anointing), do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize (and understand) that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”
 - Jesus Implores Jews to Recognize & Accept God’s Works (Healing, Miracles, etc.)
 - Even if they Reject Him Personally
 - (Believing that Jesus Performed the Works of Father God will Eventually Lead them to Accept Jesus as God’s Holy Anointed One – Messiah Son of God)
- 8) Jewish Authorities Attempt to Arrest Jesus
 - a) Jesus Eludes them
 - b) It was Not His Appointed Time to be Judged!

4. Jesus Returns to Jordan

John 10:40-42

- a. Place Where John Baptized
- b. Many People Believed in Jesus
 - 1) Their Testimony: “John performed no sign, but everything John said about this man was true.”

H. Jesus the Resurrection & the Life

John 11

Jesus Proves His Divinity by Raising Lazarus from the Dead, Demonstrating His Power Over Death.

- *Death (Physical & Spiritual) is the Curse of Sin (Gen.2:15-17, Gen. 3:17-19)*
- *All Men are Sinners and Bound by Death (Rom. 3:23, Rom. 6:23)*
- *Jesus, without Sin, Removes the Curse of Sin & Death (Rom. 8:1-11, Gal. 3:13)*

Jesus Uses this Miracle to Reveal that He Himself is the Ever Present and Eternal Life (i.e. All Life Resides in and Through Him, and that All Created Life Exists Because of Him and is Subject to Him Col. 1:15-20, Heb. 1:1-4).

This Account also Previews Christ's Return to Earth:

- *John 11:1-16 Preview of the Waiting Church Anticipating Christ's Return (Titus 2:11-14)*
- *John 11:17-44 Preview of Christ's Second Coming, Rapture of the Church & Resurrection from the Dead (Matt. 24:36-42, 1 Thess. 4:13-17)*
- *John 11:45-57 Preview of Jesus Messiah & Judge of All Mankind (Living & Dead) (John 5:19-30)*

1. Jesus Tarries

John 11:1-16

- a. Lazarus is Gravely Ill
 - 1) Jesus' Beloved Friend
 - 2) Lazarus in Bethany in Judea
 - 3) Sisters Mary & Martha Send for Jesus
 - a) "Master, the one you love is ill."
- b. Jesus' Response: "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."
 - 1) Jesus Knows Lazarus is Dying
 - 2) Jesus Remains in Jordan until Lazarus is Undeniably Dead
 - 3) Jesus Knows He will Raise Lazarus from Dead
 - a) Jesus will Glorify God in Proving His Divinity (Power Over Death)
 - 4) Jesus Waits 2 Days Before Leaving for Bethany
- c. Jesus Decides to Return to Judea
- d. Disciples Protest Jesus' Decision: "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?"
- e. Jesus Replies:
 - 1) "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world (Jesus – Son of God)."
 - a) Timing of Jesus' Ministry is Crucial
 - b) He Must Walk & Minister in God's Holy Anointing
 - c) He Must Complete His Ministry as Ordained by God
 - d) He Must Fulfill the Law According to its Prescribed Schedule
(e.g. Messiah Must Die as the Lord's Paschal Lamb on Passover & Rise from the Dead on Feast of First Fruits)
 - e) He Must Fulfill All Messianic Prophecies
 - 2) "But if one walks at night (without Spirit / Will / Direction of God), he stumbles, because the light is not in him."
 - 3) "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him."

- a) Jesus Understands that Publicly Raising Lazarus from Dead will Set in Motion (Prophesied) Events Concluding His Public Ministry
 - His Appointed Time to Suffer & Die will be at Hand.
- f. Disciples Misunderstand Jesus
 - 1) Think He is Speaking of Lazarus' Slumber
 - a) Thinking Lazarus will Get Better Naturally
- g. Jesus Explains: "**Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there (to Heal Him), that you may believe. Let us go to him.**"
 - 1) Jesus Wants His Disciples to Witness Him Raising Lazarus from Dead
 - a) To Prepare Them for His Death & Resurrection
 - 2) Jesus Wants His Disciples to Understand Who He Really Is
 - a) Living Eternal Son of God
- h. Thomas' Faith: "Let us also go to die with him."

2. Jesus - Resurrection & Life - Raises Lazarus from Dead John 11:17-44

- a. Jesus Arriving in Bethany of Judea
 - 1) Lazarus in Tomb 4 Days (Undeniably Dead)
 - 2) Many Jews Visiting from Jerusalem (Bethany < 2 Miles Away)
 - a) Consoling Mary & Martha
- b. Martha Meets Jesus Before He Arrives
 - 1) Mary Remains at Home - Unaware Jesus is Coming
 - 2) Martha Addresses Jesus:
 - a) "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
 - Confessing Belief in Jesus' Healing Power
 - b) "even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."
 - Confessing Belief in Jesus' Divine Anointing
 - 3) Jesus Reassures Her: "**Your brother will rise.**"
 - 4) Martha Answers: "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."
 - 5) Jesus Declares His Divinity:
 - a) "**I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.**"
 - (1) Jesus IS Resurrection & Life
 - He IS the Source of All Life John 1:1-4; Heb. 1:1-4
 - He IS Life Itself John 5:21 & 25- 26; 1 John 5:11-12
 - He Grants Eternal Life to Those Who Accept Him & Receive His Gift of Salvation John 5:24; Eph. 2:4-10
 - (2) Jesus' Promise as Resurrection & Life
(Fulfilled at Jesus' 2nd Coming) 1 Cor. 15:50-57; 1 Thess. 4:13-17
 - "**....whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, ...**"
 - Dead in Christ will Rise to Live with Him Forever
 - "**.... everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.**"
 - Believers Living when Christ Returns will be Translated & Caught Up (Rapture) to Live with Him Forever
 - b) "**Do you believe this?**"
 - 6) Martha's Confession of Faith: "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."
 - a) Addresses Jesus as Lord

- Accepting His Declaration: “**I Am the Resurrection and the Life**”
- b) Confesses Jesus as Messiah (Lord’s Holy Anointed One) & Son of God
- c. Mary Meets Jesus
 - 1) Martha Returns Home
 - a) Whispers to Sister Mary: “The teacher is here and is asking for you.”
 - 2) Mary Goes to Jesus
 - a) Jews Who are Consoling Mary Follow Her
 - Think She is Going to Tomb to Weep
 - 3) Mary Meets Jesus on the Way
 - a) Falls at His Feet (Attitude of Honor / Worship)
 - b) Addresses Jesus: “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”
 - Addresses Jesus as Lord
 - Confesses Belief in Jesus’ Healing Power
 - 4) Jesus Sees Mary & Jews Weeping
 - a) Jesus’ Spirit Troubled (at their Grief)
 - b) Jesus Moved by Deepest Emotion (Compassion for Them)
 - 5) Jesus Asks: “**Where have you laid him?**”
 - 6) Jesus Taken to Lazarus’ Tomb
 - a) Jesus Weeps (*Weeps for All People Who Die – Under Curse of Sin*)
 - 7) Reaction of Accompanying Jews
 - a) Seekers & Believers: “See how he loved him.”
 - b) Skeptics: “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”
- d. Jesus Raises Lazarus from Dead (Proving He has Power Over Death)
 - 1) Jesus Approaches Tomb
 - a) Stone Laid Across Entrance (*Representing the Finality of Death*)
 - b) Jesus Directs Martha: “**Take away the stone.**”
(Jesus Removes Curse of Death 1 Cor. 15:21-22 & 55-57)
 - 2) Martha’s Response: “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.”
 - 3) Jesus’ Reply: “**Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?**”
 - 4) Stone Taken Away from Tomb
 - 5) Jesus Looks Up to Heaven & Prays: “**Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.**”
 - a) Jesus Prays Out Loud, so that:
 - People will Hear & Understand that God is Source of this Miracle
 - Jesus is the Holy Son of God (Source of Life)
 - 5) Jesus’ Loud Command: “**Lazarus, come out!**”
 - a) Creator’s Word (Gen 1:3 & 6 & 9 & 11 & 14-15 & 20 & 26-27)
 - b) Commands Dead Man to Life
 - 6) Lazarus Obeys Voice of God, Returns to Life & Comes Out of the Tomb
 - a) Bound Hand & Foot with Burial Linens
(*Mankind Bound by Sin & Death*)
 - b) Face Wrapped in Cloth
(*Sinful Man’s Blindness to the Love & Mercy of God*)

- 7) Jesus' Instructions: "**Untie him and let him go.**"
(*Jesus Delivers Us from Bondage of Sin & Death.*)

Observation/Comment. Jesus is the "Resurrection and the Life".

Each individual person is appointed by God to die once and then to be judged (Heb. 9:27). Christ took our judgment and sentence for sin upon Himself by suffering and dying (curse of sin) on the cross (Col. 2:9-15).

He rose from the dead, ascended into Heaven where He is Enthroned; effecting our resurrection from the dead and transportation into Heaven to live with Him eternally. Within Scripture, and tradition, we see some variations of this eventual process:

- Resuscitation. Lazarus, as well as others throughout Scripture and tradition/history, died and were then resuscitated bringing their mortal/temporal bodies back to life to continue living on Earth until they die at a later time. Examples of people being resuscitated in Scripture: Elijah raises a widow's son (1 Kings 17:17-24), Jesus raises Jairus' daughter (Matt. 9:18-26, Mark 5:23-43, Luke 8:41-56) and a widow's son (Luke 7:11-16); all of whom were resuscitated the same day they died. (It was Jewish custom and practice to bury a person within 24 hours of their demise.) We also have reports of people being resuscitated today. What makes Jesus' resuscitation of Lazarus so unique and extraordinary, is that Lazarus died, was prepared for burial and in the tomb 4 days.
- Resurrection. The body dies and the soul/spirit goes to either be with the Lord, or separated from the Lord awaiting judgment. The souls (conscience mind, emotions, personalities, etc.) of those who die in Christ will be refined to Heaven's standards (1 Cor. 3:10-15); those who die without Christ will carry their sins into eternity. Those who die in Christ will be resurrected, bringing their bodies back to life again in an immortal/eternal (re-created) form that is united with their refined soul (1 Cor. 15:35-57, 1 Thess. 4:13-16), never to die again. Those who die without Christ will be resurrected for judgment and eternal damnation ("Second Death") (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ Jesus was resurrected the third day after his death (Matt. 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20 & 21); witnessed by the women at the tomb, His disciples and at least 500 other people over a period of 40 days (Acts 1:1-11, 1 Cor. 15). Our resurrected bodies will be similar to His.
- Translation. A person who is translated is taken up into Heaven without physically dying, having their mortal/temporal body translated (changed) into an immortal/eternal body. There are 2 recorded translations in the Old Testament, Enoch (Gen. 5:23-24) and Elijah (2 Kings 2:1-12). Believers who are alive on Earth when Jesus returns from Heaven will be translated and taken to Heaven to live with Him forever (1 Cor. 15:50-57, 1 Thess. 4:16-17).
- Assumption is where a dead person's mortal/temporal body is taken into Heaven to be changed into an immortal/eternal body and united with that person's refined soul. Moses is the only example of assumption in Scripture (Jude 9). In Catholic Tradition, the Virgin Mary was assumed into Heaven after her death in about 50 AD.

3. Plot to Assassinate Messiah

John 11:45-57

- a. Division Among the Witnesses
 - 1) Jews Visiting Mary & Martha
 - a) Some Put their Faith in Jesus
 - b) Others Reported the Event to Pharisees
- b. Meeting of Sanhedrin (Jewish High Religious Council)
 - 1) "What are we going to do? This man (*Jesus*) is performing many signs."
 - a) Signs are Evidence of God's Anointing (e.g. Moses, Elijah, Elisha, etc.)
 - b) Jesus Performed Extraordinary Signs
 - Only One to Open Eyes of Man Born Blind (John 9)
 - Only One to Raise a Dead Man from Tomb (John 11:17-44)
 - c) Evidence of His Unique Anointing
 - d) Evidence of His Claim to being Messiah
 - e) Embarrassment to Chief Priests, Scribes & Pharisees

- Who Performed No Signs & Claimed to be Lord's Ordained
- Who Reject Jesus as Israel's Messiah

Observation. The attitudes and motivations of Israel's Religious Authorities are aptly expressed in Wisdom 2:12-22 (one of the Catholic Deuterocanonical Books [Protestant Apocrypha] of the Bible) written about 100 years before Christ's advent:

"Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, Reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.

He professes to have knowledge of God and styles himself a child of the LORD.

To us he is the censure of our thoughts; merely to see him is a hardship for us, Because his life is not like other men's, and different are his ways.

He judges us debased; he holds aloof from our paths as from things impure.

He calls blest the destiny of the just and boasts that God is his Father.

Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him.

For if the just one be the son of God, he will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture let us put him to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him."

"These were their thoughts, but they erred; for their wickedness blinded them, And they knew not the hidden counsels of God; neither did they count on a recompense of holiness nor discern the innocent souls' reward."

- 2) "If we leave him alone, all will believe in him,"
 - a) Concerns of Ordained Religious Leaders Contrary to the Lord's
 - Do Not Understand Who Jesus Is (God's Holy Anointed One)
 - Do Not Understand God's Plan of Salvation Psa. 40:7-11; Isa. 53
 - Do Not Understand God's Desire to Evangelize Hab. 2:14
(Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:8)
 - b) Condemned by their Own Mouths (John 5:19-30)
- 3) "the Romans will come and take away both our land and our nation."
 - a) Fear the Romans (Pagans) More than God Psa. 146:3-4
 - Put their Trust in Man & His Politics (Idolatry) Psa. 40:5
 - Ignore Warnings of Prophets to Trust Lord Not Foreign Powers
(e.g. Isa. 36 - 37)
 - b) Condemned by their Own Mouths
 - Israel Eventually Destroyed by Rome in 70 AD
 - Did Not Recognize their Visitation Luke 19:41-44
- 4) Caiaphas the High Priest:
 - a) "You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish."
 - b) Prophecies as High Priest
 - Jesus Would Die for the Nation (Israel)
 - Jesus Would Die for God's Chosen People (Israel)
- 5) Chief Priests & Pharisees Conspire to Kill Jesus
- 6) Jesus No Longer Moves Freely
 - a) Aware (Spiritual Knowledge & Discernment) of Council's Conspiracy
 - b) Withdraws to Ephraim Near Desert
 - Remains with Disciples

- c. Coming Passover Festival ([Time to Sacrifice Paschal Lamb](#))
 - 1) People Arriving in Jerusalem for Purification Rites & Passover Celebration
 - 2) People Looking for Jesus in Temple Vicinity
 - 3) Orders of Chief Priests & Pharisees
 - a) Report Jesus' Whereabouts to Them
 - Plan to Apprehend Jesus

I. Jesus - God's Perfect Gift

John 12

Lord God's Formal Presentation of His Gift to Israel - His Son Messiah Jesus.

1. Jesus Anointed for Burial

John 12:1-11

Lord God's Gift of a Savior for Mankind.

- *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (John 3:16)*

Anointing of God's Pure & Perfect Paschal Lamb

- a. Jesus Returns to Bethany
 - 1) 6 Days Before Passover (*6 Represents Man. Jesus the Son of Man is Anointed to Die on Passover for the Sins of Man.*)
 - 2) Village Where He Raised Lazarus from Dead
- b. Banquet Held for Jesus
 - 1) Martha Serving
 - 2) Lazarus at Table with Jesus
 - 3) Mary Brings Pound of Costly Perfume
- c. Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet with Perfume (Expression of Love & Adoration)
 - 1) Dries His Feet with Her Hair (Expression of Total Surrender)
 - 2) House Filled with Fragrance (*Sweet-Smelling Oblation to Lord. Example: Holocaust Sacrifice Lev. 1, See Verses 9, 13 & 17*)
(*Sweet Smelling Oblation Signifies Lord's Acceptance of a Sacrifice.*)
- d. Judas Iscariot Protests: “Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days' wages (*Annual Income*) and given to the poor?”
 - 1) Judas' Materialistic Perspective
 - 2) Misses True Value of Jesus (God's Gift of Immeasurable Value)
- e. Jesus Replies:
 - 1) *“Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial.”*
 - a) Accepting Mary's Offering (*Anointing of Feet Symbolizes Lord's Favor on Path that Jesus was to Walk - His Passion & Death*)
 - 2) *“You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”*
 - a) Jesus ([God's Paschal Lamb](#)) a One-Time Eternal Sacrifice Heb. 10:1-18
 - b) Salvation & Good Works Result from Jesus' Sacrifice Eph. 2:4-10
- f. Great Crowd Gathers
 - 1) To See Jesus Who Raised Lazarus from Dead
 - 2) To See Lazarus Who was Raised from Dead
 - a) Chief Priest Conspired to Also Kill Lazarus
 - Many Jews Coming to Jesus Because of Lazarus
(Living Witness to Jesus as Messiah & Son of God)

2. Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem John 12:12-19
 (Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40)

Presentation of God's Gift to Israel - His Pure & Perfect Paschal Lamb.

- *John the Baptist's Pronouncement of Jesus: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)*
- *John the Baptist, Who is from the Priestly House of Aaron (Luke 1: 5-25), Declares Jesus to be God's Perfect & Holy Sacrificial Lamb.*

This first "Palm Sunday" is the 10th Day of the 1st Month in the Jewish Calendar. On that Day Each Israelite Household Procures a Year-Old Male Lamb (Symbolizing Old Covenant & its Messiah) without Blemish (Symbolizing Purity/Sinlessness). The Lamb is Examined for 4 Days to Ensure it is Pure & Spotless. The Acceptable Lamb is then Sacrificed on the Evening of the 14th Day (Feast of Passover). All as Prescribed by Mosaic Law (Ex. 12:1-36).

On this Day, Christ Jesus Presents Himself for Examination to the Israelite People and their Officials as the Lord's Paschal Lamb.

- *Will they Examine & Accept the Lord God's Pure & Perfect Sacrifice?*
 - a. People Gather in Jerusalem to Meet Jesus
 - 1) Next Day (After Anointing in Bethany - See John 12:1 Above)
 - a) 5 Days Before Passover (*See Note Below*)
 - 2) People Heard Jesus was Coming
 - 3) People Gather Palm Branches (Symbol of Peace)
 - 4) People Shout:
 - a) "Hosanna! (O' Save!)"
 - b) "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (Yahweh)"
 - c) "the king of Israel (*Office of Messiah*)."
 - b. Jesus Enters Jerusalem Mounted on Donkey (Beast of Burden)
 - 1) Symbolizing His Salvific Mission
 - 2) Messianic Prophecy Fulfilled: "Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he. Meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass." Zech. 9:9
 - 3) Disciples Did Not Understand Significance or Meaning of Event
 - a) Until Jesus was Glorified & Sent the Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-4
 (Needed Anointing of Holy Spirit to Illuminate their Minds/Spirits)
 - c. People Who Witnessed Jesus Raising Lazarus from Dead
 - 1) Testified in Jerusalem
 - 2) Crowd Came to Meet Jesus because of their Testimonies
 - d. Reaction of Religious Authorities:
 - 1) Speaking Among Themselves: "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the whole world has gone after him." (Their Plot Thickens!)

Note. The Jewish Day starts at Sunset. Jesus entered Jerusalem 5 days before the Passover Sacrifice, the day Jewish People purchase their lamb. They examine their lamb for 4 days to ensure it complies with the requirements of the Law. The Passover Feast (Jesus' "Last Supper") begins after Sunset starting the 14th Day of Month and ends with the Paschal Lamb being sacrificed that evening (before next Sunset), when Jesus will die on the cross (1 Cor. 5:7). That next Sunset begins the Feast of Unleavened Bread (the 15th Day of the Month), during which Jesus will be in the tomb (Ex. 12:1-10 & Lev. 23:4-8). The day following that Sabbath is the Feast of First Fruits (Lev. 23:9-14), when Jesus will rise from the dead

(1 Cor. 15:20-23).

3. Jesus' Coming Hour

John 12:20-36

God's Gift Ordained, Established & Confirmed

- a. Jesus Lays Down His Life for the Salvation of All Mankind
 - 1) Greeks (Representing the Gentile Nations) in Jerusalem
 - a) Worship Feast of Passover
 - b) Approach Philip & Ask to Meet Jesus
 - c) Philip Tells Andrew
 - d) Andrew Informs Jesus
 - 2) Jesus' Answer:
 - a) **“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”**
 - (1) It is God's Appointed Time for Messiah to be Sacrificed
 - (2) **“Son of Man”** Represents All Mankind
 - b) **“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”**
 - (1) Jesus' Grain of Wheat Analogy:
 - Grain (Seed) Planted in Earth
 - Germinates (Dies) and is Nurtured by Soil, Rain, Sun, etc.
 - Grows & Blossoms into a Full Stalk Producing Many Grains (Source of Nourishment & Seeds for Future Crops)
 - (2) Jesus' Death:
 - Brings Salvation to All Men (Jew & Gentile)
 - Produces Abundant Lives for Believers (Living in the Spirit)
 - Nurtured & Nourished by God
 - Spreading the Gospel to Others
 - Produces Eternal Life for Multitudes of Believers
 - c) **“Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.”**
 - (1) Jesus Loves Us More than Life (Willingly Dying for Us)
 - (2) Jesus Calls Us to Love Him More than Life
 - To Die to Self
 - (3) Jesus Calls Us to Renounce Our Worldly Lives
 - To Submit Our Lives to Him (The Author of Life)
 - (4) Jesus Promises Us Eternal Life
 - d) **“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”**
 - (1) Jesus Wants Us to Follow & Serve Him
 - (2) Jesus Promises to be with His Servants
 - (3) Father God will Honor Jesus' Servants
- b. Jesus is God's Ordained Paschal Lamb
 - 1) Jesus Troubled: **“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”**
 - a) Jesus Knows it is His Appointed Time (**“Hour”**) to Suffer & Die
 - He Must Experience & Completely Defeat Every Human Temptation, Emotion, Disease & Spiritual Onslaught
 - b) Jesus Faces Humiliation, Torture, Crucifixion & Death
 - c) *The Purpose Jesus Came to Earth* *Heb. 10:5-7*

- *To be God's Holy & Perfect Paschal Lamb*
 - *Offering Himself for the Atonement of Sin*
- 3) Jesus Cries Out: **“Father, glorify your name.”**
 - a) Totally Submitting to the Will of God
 - 4) Father God's Audible Answer: **“I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”**
 - a) God's Name Glorified in the Old Covenant (Law & Prophets)
 - b) **Jesus - Messiah Shall Fulfill All of the Old Covenant** **Matt. 5:17**
(Including All its Prescribed Sacrifices & Offerings)
 - c) God's Name will be Glorified in Christ Jesus & His New Covenant
 - 5) Crowd of Bystanders Hear God's Voice
 - a) Some Thought it Thundered
 - b) Some Said an Angel Spoke to Him
 - 6) Jesus' Answer:
 - a) **“This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.”**
 - God's Voice Confirms that Jesus is Messiah-Son of Man & Son of God to the People
 - b) **“Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world (Satan) will be driven out.”**
 - Sinful Man Judged by Christ Jesus' Sacrifice (God's Judgment Falls on His Son Jesus - Who Bears Our Penalty for Sin. Isa 53; Rom. 6:1-11)
 - Satan Defeated by Jesus' (Son of Man's) Victorious Sacrifice
 - Overcoming All the Forces of Evil & Sin
Psa. 110:1; Cor. 15:20-26; Heb. 2
 - Overthrowing Satan's Authority (Abdicated by Adam)
Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12-19
 - Regaining Dominion of Earth (Originally Given to Adam)
Gen. 1:26-28; Matt. 28:18-20; Phil. 2:5-11
 - c) **“And when I am lifted up (His Crucifixion) from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”**
 - Jesus' Sacrifice will Draw Men from Every Generation & Nation
 - People Who Repent & Accept Him as Lord & Savior
 - 7) Peoples' Objection:
 - a) “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. Then how can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up?”
 - b) “Who is this Son of Man?”
 - 8) Jesus' Answer - **He IS Messiah the Son of Man & Son of God**
 - a) **“The light will be among you only a little while.”**
 - Jesus - The Light of the World - Will Die that Week
 - b) **“Walk while you have the light, so that darkness may not overcome you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where he is going.”**
 - Remain Faithful to Jesus
 - Jesus is the Light unto Eternal Salvation
 - Trusting in Jesus will Keep You from being Overcome by Sin
(This is Imminently True During the Upcoming Days of Jesus' Arrest, Trial & Execution - While People Call for His Crucifixion)
 - People Without Jesus Remain in Sin
 - Separated from God's Grace
 - Stumbling into Eternal Damnation

- c) “While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of the light.”
 - Believe in Jesus the Light of the World
 - Believers Will Become Children of Light
- 9) Jesus Leaves & Goes into Hiding
 - a) His Public Ministry is Complete
 - b) He Must Minister Privately to His Disciples
 - c) He Must Intercede for His Church
 - d) He Must Prepare for His Suffering & Death

4. Israel Rejects God's Gift

John 12:37-43

- a. Many People Refused to Believe in Jesus
 - 1) In Spite of Signs He Performed
(e.g. Multiplying Food, Healing Lame & Blind, Raising the Dead)
 - 2) In Spite of God's Voice from Heaven (*See Note Below*)
 - 3) *Fulfilling Prophecy:* *Isa. 53:1*
 - “Who would believe what we have heard?”
 - Who Believes Jesus' Witness?
 - Who Believes Jesus' Witnesses (e.g. People He Healed)?
 - “To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?”
 - People Who Saw Jesus Perform the Works of God
- b. People Blinded by Pride, Legalism, Selfishness & Sin
 - 1) *Fulfilling Isaiah's Prophecy Speaking of Messiah's Glory* *Isa. 6:9-10*
 - 2) Preparing the Way for Gospel to be Spread to Gentile Nations Rom. 11:25
- c. Some People Believe in Jesus
 - 1) Some from the Sanhedrin
 - 2) Refused to Admit their Faith in Jesus (Refusing to Witness)
 - Afraid of Pharisees & Expulsion from Synagogue
 - Preferred Praise of Men Over Glory of God

Note. Times the Lord God spoke audibly to crowds/groups of people in Scripture:

1. *The Lord spoke to Israel from Mount Sinai when He instituted the Law (10 Commandments). The people were afraid and rejected a direct relationship with the Lord. Israel demanded that Moses be their mediator to the Lord their God, thus setting the premise for Israel's Priesthood (Ex. 19 & 20).*
2. *Father God spoke on 3 specific incidents during Jesus' ministry:*
 - *At Jesus' baptism the Lord introduced His Son - Israel's Messiah (Lord's Holy Anointed One): “This is My beloved son. My favor (Anointing) rests on Him.” (Matt. 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22)*
 - *At the Mount of Transfiguration, the Lord spoke to Peter, James and John confirming Jesus' supremacy over Moses (The Law) and Elijah (The Prophets) “This is My (Father God's) beloved son on whom My favor (Anointing) rests. Listen to Him” (Matt. 17:1-10, Mark 9:2-10, Luke 9:28-36)*
 - *At the conclusion of Jesus' public ministry confirming Jesus as Messiah-Son of God and Son of Man (John 12:28).*

As Israel rejected the Lord's voice at Mount Sinai, so the people rejected Father God's voice at the conclusion of Messiah's public ministry (Ex. 20:18-21 & John 12:37-41). At the initiation of the Old Covenant, Israel demanded that Moses be their mediator. (Moses is of the Tribe of Levi, designated and consecrated by the Lord as Israel's Priests and Religious.) Jesus fulfills the Old Covenant by becoming mediator between God and Man (1 Tim. 2:5-6), establishing a New and better Covenant as our Eternal High Priest (Heb. 7:22-28).

5. Jesus Concludes His Public Witness

John 12:44-50

*God's Personal Gift Offered to Anyone Who will Receive It.**Realizing that Israel has Rejected God's Gift, Jesus Gives a Personal Invitation for Anyone to Personally Accept God's Gift (Himself as Lord & Savior).*

a. Jesus' Loud Proclamation

1) Jesus & Father God are One

a) **“Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me.”**

- Accept Jesus - Accept Father God
- Look Upon Jesus - See Father God

2) Jesus Is God's Pure Light Sent into the World

a) **“I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness.”**

- Jesus Came into World As God's Light
(Jesus IS the Word of God Proclaimed in the World. John 1:1-14)
 - Revealing the Personality of God
 - Enlightening Man to the Ways of God
 - Illuminating God's Path to Eternal Life
- Jesus (God's Paschal Lamb) Came into World
 - To Rescue Men Out of Darkness (Sin & Its Effects)
 - To Bring Men into God's Light (Salvation)

3) Everyone's Personal Responsibility before God Almighty

a) **“And if anyone hears my words (Spoken by Him, Recorded in Bible or Proclaimed by Church) and does not observe them, I do not condemn him, for I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world.”**

- Every Person a Sinner before God Rom. 3:23
- Jesus Offers Salvation to Every Person John 3:16
- Jesus Came to Save Not Condemn John 3:17

b) **“Whoever rejects me and does not accept my words has something to judge him: the word that I spoke, it will condemn him on the last day,”**

- People are Already Condemned because of Sin John 3:18
- Reject/Ignore Jesus' Words & Remain in Sin John 3:19-21
- People in Sin are Condemned at Final Judgment
- Judged & Condemned by Messiah's Words (Offering Salvation)

c) **“because I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. So what I say, I say as the Father told me.”**

- Jesus Spoke Father God's Words
 - Obeying & Fulfilling Father God's Commands
- His Words are Eternal Life

After Completing His Witness, Jesus Departs from Public Life!

PART III - MESSIAH & HIS DISCIPLES**John 13 -16**

Jesus Completed His Public Ministry.

Jesus Takes His Disciples Aside & Privately Ministers to Them:

- Celebrating His Last Passover Supper with Them.
- Giving Them Final Instructions
- Preparing Them for His Passion & Victory
- Establishing Basic Principles for His Church

A. Jesus Celebrates Passover Supper

John 13 -14

Jesus Celebrates this Last (Passover) Supper with His Disciples.

(Reference Matt. 26:17-35, Mark 14:12-31, Luke 22:7-38)

Passover Commemorates the Lord's Deliverance of Israel from Slavery & their Exodus from Egypt. (Ex. 11 -13, Lev. 23:4-14)

(See "Passover Festival" in "Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Parts I & II" Studies.)

Passover Feast Ritual: Presided Over by Father (Head of Family/Household) {1}

1st. Houses Purged of Leaven

2nd. White Linen & Utensils Set Out

◆ *Father Dons a White Priestly Robe*

3rd. Woman of House Lights Candles

4th. The First Cup ("Cup of Sanctification")

5th. The Hidden Bread

6th. The Four Questions (Asked by Youngest)

7th. Father Chants the Story of Exodus from Passover Book ("Haggadah")

8th. The Second Cup

9th. The Meal

10th. The Third Cup ("Cup of Redemption")

11th. The Fourth Cup ("Cup of Praise" or "Elijah's Cup")

12th. The Hymn

Passover Ritual is Integrated into this Study to Complement the Account in John 13 & 14.

Jesus, as Head of God's Household (Heb.3:1-6), Presides as Father Over the Last Passover Supper Celebrated with His Disciples.

Throughout this Celebration, Jesus Reveals:

- *His Fulfillment of Israel's Passover*
- *Himself as Lord (Son of God) and Savior (God's Paschal Lamb)*
- *Basic Principles of His New Covenant.*

1. Jesus Washes His Disciples Feet

John 13:1-17

a. Before Beginning Passover Supper

1st. House Purged of Leaven (Leaven Symbolizes Sin).

*(Upper Room Prepared for Jesus & His Disciples to Celebrate Passover
Matt.26:17-19)*

- 1) Jesus Knew Time had Come to Leave this World & Return to Father God
- 2) Jesus Loved His Own in World
 - a) He Would Show His Love to the End

(By His Obedience, Sacrifice & Death)

- 3) Satan Already Seduced Judas Iscariot to Betray Jesus Matt. 26:14-16

2nd. White Linens & Utensils Set Out (Symbolizing Righteousness & Purity)

◆ *Jesus Presiding as Father Wears White Robe (Symbolizing High Priest)*

3rd. Woman of House Lights Candles (Jesus is the "Light of the World")

b. During Passover Supper

- 1) Jesus Knew & Understood Who He Was - The Lord of All Creation
 - a) He Had Come From God ("Elohim" - Triune Creator)
 - b) He Was Returning to God (He IS God the Son)
 - c) Father God had Handed All Creation Over to Him
 - God the Son is Messiah, Savior, King of Kings & Lord of Lords

4th. The First Cup ("Cup of Sanctification")

◆ *Father (Jesus) Pours & Serves First Cup*

◆ *Certifies Household is Prepared for Feast*

(Jesus is Certified as God's Holy Sacrifice. John 12:23-32)

2) Jesus Rose from Meal

- a) Took Off His Cloak (*White Priestly Robe*)
(Revealing His Humility & Humanity)
- b) Tied a Towel Around Himself (Representing His Service)
- c) Poured Water in a Basin
- d) Began to Wash Disciples' Feet Drying them with the Towel
(Jesus Washes His Disciples Feet Certifying they are Sanctified to Perform God's Service.)

3) Simon Peter Protests: "Master, are you going to wash my feet?"

4) Jesus Answers: "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later."

5) Simon Peter's Reply: "You will never wash my feet."

6) Jesus' Answer: "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me."
(Only Righteousness & Purity Can Inherit the Kingdom of God)

7) Simon Peter's Acceptance: "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well."

8) Jesus Replies: "Whoever has bathed (*Baptism of Repentance & Faith, Mark 16:16*) has no need except to have his feet washed (*Feet Anointed for Service*), for he is clean all over (*Cleansed by Christ's Blood, 1 John 1:6-10*); so you are clean, but not all (*Referring to His Betrayer*)."

c. Jesus Establishes the Principle of Service for His Church.

(People in Authority Serve People Under their Authority)

1) After Washing Disciples Feet

- a) Jesus Puts on His Cloak (Resuming Role of Father)
- b) Reclines at Table (Resuming Passover Supper)

2) Jesus Asks His Disciples: "Do you realize what I have done for you?"

a) "You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am."

b) "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

- c) “Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him.”
- d) “If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it.”

5th. *The Hidden Bread (Unleavened Bread Represents Sinless/Righteous)*

- ◆ *Father (Jesus) Takes 3 Loaves of Unleavened Bread*
 - *Places in Special White Linen Envelope with 3 Compartments (Symbolizing Trinity: Father, Son & Holy Spirit)*
 - *Bread: Flat (True), Marked with Stripes & Pierced with Holes (Symbolizing Christ & His Sacrificial Wounds)*
- ◆ *Father (Jesus) Removes Middle Loaf (Representing Second Person of Trinity - Christ Jesus Son of God)*
 - *Breaks It, Wraps in Separate Linen Napkin & Hides (“Buries”) It*
- ◆ *Ceremony Conducted Silently (Mystery to be Revealed by Jesus' Death & Resurrection)*

6th. *Youngest (John) Asks 4 Questions:*

(Answered During Recitation of “Haggadah” - See Below)

- ◆ *Question. “Why is this night distinguished from all other nights? On this night we eat only unleavened bread.”*
Answer. “Unleavened bread symbolizes purity.” (Fulfilled by Christ Jesus the Pure Bread of Life)
- ◆ *Question. “On all other nights we eat any kinds of herbs, but on this night only bitter herbs. Why?”*
Answer. “Bitter Herbs remind us of the bitterness of slavery.” (Represent the Bitterness & Bondage of Sin)
- ◆ *Question. “On all other nights we do not dip, but tonight we dip twice. Why?”*
Answer. “The first dip is Israel, going into the Sea and coming out unharmed.” (First Dip Represents Baptism into Messiah's New Covenant)
“The second dip is for the Egyptian army who tried to follow them.” (Second Dip Represents Tears of Repentance, Death to Self & Sin)
- ◆ *Question. “On this night we all recline in our chairs at the table. Why?”*
Answer. “The Jews can now recline, they are no longer slaves and can relax.” (Christians are free from Bondage of Sin, we can Rest in Christ's Finished Salvific Work)

2. Jesus Identifies & Dismisses His Betrayer

John 13:18-30

7th. *Father (Jesus) Chants Story of Exodus (“Haggadah”)*

Serving Ceremonial Foods as He Tells Story, Answering the Questions (Revealing How God Chose to Deliver His People)

- ◆ *Bitter Herbs (Symbolizing the Bitterness of Slavery)*
- ◆ *Shinbone of a Lamb (Representing the Slaughtered Paschal Lamb)*
- ◆ *Parsley for Dipping*
- ◆ *Dish of Salt Water (The Dip)*

- a. **Jesus Excludes His Betrayer: “I am not speaking of all of you. I know those whom I have chosen. But so that the scripture might be fulfilled, ‘The one who ate my food has raised his heel against me.’”**

Psa.41:10

1) *Jesus Dips Parsley into Dish of Salt Water the First Time & Serves His Disciples (Baptism)*

- b. Jesus is Lord:
 - 1) “From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM.”
 - a) Jesus Takes the Personal Name of the Lord “I AM” (Yahweh)
 - b) As Lord, Jesus Knows & Controls His Betrayal, Persecution & Death
 - 2) “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”
 - a) Whoever Accepts Jesus' Witnesses - Accepts Jesus
 - b) Whoever Accepts Jesus as Lord - Accepts Father God
- c. Jesus is Troubled: “Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”
 - 1) One of His Beloved Disciples will Betray Him
 - 2) Disciples Attempt to Identify the Betrayer
 - 3) Peter Signals John (Youngest Disciple) to Ask Jesus
- d. John Asks Jesus: “Master, who is it?”
- e. Jesus Answers: “It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it.”

1) *Jesus Dips Parsley into Dish of Salt Water the Second Time (Tears)*

- 2) Jesus Gives Dipped Parsley to Judas Iscariot
 - a) Satan Enters Judas' Heart
- f. Jesus Releases Judas: “What you are going to do, do quickly.”
 - 1) Disciples Do Not Understand
 - a) Thought Judas (Ministry Treasurer) was Sent to Buy Provisions or Contribute to Poor
 - 2) Judas Eats Bitterly Dipped Parsley & Departs
 - a) It was Night (*Actually & Spiritually*)
- g. Jesus Continues Passover Supper After Judas Departs

Jesus Continues Haggadah Recitation, Serving the Remaining Foods:

- ◆ *Choruses (Sweet Mixture of Fruits & Spices) (Symbolizing Salvation)*
- ◆ *Roasted Egg (Egg is a Pagan Symbol of Fertility.) (Represents that the Gospel will be Spread Among Gentile Nations)*

8th. *The Second Cup*

- ◆ *Father (Jesus) Spills Wine into Everyone's (White) Dish*
- ◆ *Recites Each Plague with Each Drop*
- ◆ *Remembering God's Wrath & Suffering of Egyptian People*

3. Jesus Messiah & Son of God Glorified

John 13:31-35

9th. *The Meal*

- ◆ *The Whole Lamb is Eaten (Symbol of Jesus - Paschal Lamb of God)*
- ◆ *Joyful & Leisurely Celebration*

10th. *The Third Cup ("Cup of Redemption")*

Jesus Institutes the Holy Eucharist:

Matt. 26:26-29

(Sacrament: Perpetual Body & Blood of Christ for the Forgiveness of Sins)

- ◆ *Father (Jesus) Retrieves Hidden Loaf*
 - *Blesses the Bread: "Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth."*
 - *Breaks & Serves the Bread*
 - *Jesus Declares: "Take and eat; this is my body."*
- ◆ *Father (Jesus) Blesses & Serves the Cup: "Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine."*
 - *Jesus Declares: "Drink from it, all of you, this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."*
- ◆ *Jesus Instructs Disciples: "do this in remembrance of me" Luke 22:19*
 - *Old Covenant Fulfilled*
 - *Celebrate this New Covenant Passover (Holy Communion) in Remembrance of Jesus, Not Israel's Exodus from Egypt.*

a. Jesus Instructs Disciples:

- 1) "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. (If God is glorified in him,) God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once."
 - a) Jesus Christ will be Glorified by His Suffering, Death & Resurrection
Phil. 2:5-11
 - b) Jesus Christ will Continue being Glorified through Holy Eucharist
1 Cor. 11:23-26

b. Jesus Predicts His Death: "I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you.

- 1) Disciples Can Not Follow Him in Death
- 2) Disciples Must Remain to Build His Church & Spread His Gospel

c. Jesus' New Commandment:

- 1) "I give you a new commandment: love one another."
- 2) "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."
- 3) "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

4. Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

John 13:36-38

a. Simon Peter (Designated Leader of Church) Will Deny His Lord

- 1) Peter Asks Jesus: "Master, where are you going?"
- 2) Jesus Answers Peter: "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later."
- 3) Peter's Pledge: "Master, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."
- 4) Jesus' Prediction: "Will you lay down your life for me? Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times."

b. Jesus Must Suffer & Die Alone

- 1) He Alone is Savior of the World
 - a) "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."
Acts 4:12

- c. Jesus Alone is Worthy to Atone for Man's Sins Rev. 5
- 1) He Alone is God's Holy Anointed One (Messiah)
 - a) Fulfilling All Scripture & Prescriptions of the Law
 - 2) He Alone is God's Pure & Perfect (Sinless) Sacrifice
 - 3) He Alone Conquered Sin & Death 1 Cor. 15:20-26
5. Jesus' Promise to His Church John 14:1-4
 (To be Eternally United with People Who Accept Him as Lord & Savior)
- a. Jesus' Proposal
- 1) “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”
 - 2) “In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?”
 - 3) “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.”
- b. *Jesus Applies the Jewish Wedding Custom to Himself as Bridegroom & His Church as His Bride.* *Isa. 62:2-5, Matt. 9:14-15*
- Jewish Wedding Custom: {1}
- 1) *The Contract - Groom Contracts with Bride's Father*
(Christ Contracts with Father God - Creator of the Church. Jer. 31:31-34, Heb. 8: 8-12)
 - 2) *The Price - Groom Pays Money to Bride's Father*
(Christ Paid the Price for Us with His Own Life. Luke 22:39-46, Acts 20:28, 1 Cor. 6:19-20)
 - 3) *The Cup - Bride Accepts the Contract by Drinking the Cup*
(Church Accepts Christ's Offer by Celebrating Holy Communion. 1 Cor. 11:23-26)
 - a) *Bride Veils Herself & Remains Chaste*
 - 4) *The Departure of Bridegroom - Groom Returns to His Father's House & Builds a Bridal Chamber*
 - a) *Stating: “I go to prepare a place for you, and then I shall come back to take you with me, that where I am you also will be.”*
(Jesus Returns to Heaven Making the Same Promise. John 14:1-4)
 - b) *Groom Returns for His Bride After His Father Inspects & Accepts the Bridal Chamber.*
(Only Father God Knows When Jesus will Return. Matt. 24:36-39)
 - 5) *The “Stealing” of the Bride - Groom “Steals” Bride & Takes Her to Bridal Chamber* *Matt. 25:1-13*
 - a) *Groom's Entourage Announces His Coming with Shouts/Horns*
(Jesus will Return to Catch Away His Church with Shout of the Archangel & Trumpet of God.. 1 Thess. 4:13-17)
 - 6) *The Bridal Chamber - Bride & Groom Consummate their Marriage*
(Christ's Bride is Unveiled & Intimate with Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:10)
 - 7) *The Marriage Supper - Bride & Groom Celebrate*
(Christ will Celebrate Wedding Feast with His Bride. Rev. 19:1-10)
 - 8) *Celebration Banquet - After the Celebration the Bride Lives with Groom*
(The Church Eternally Lives with Jesus as His Bride. Rev. 21 & 22)
- 11th. The Fourth Cup (“Cup of Praise” or “Elijah's Cup”)* *Matt. 26:29*

- ◆ *Recalls Lord's Promise to Send Elijah to Announce Messiah*
(Mal. 3:23-24) [KJV Mal. 4:5-6]
- ◆ *Empty Chair & Cup Left for Elijah*
- ◆ *Jesus & Disciples Do Not Drink this Cup (Messiah Already There!)*

6. Jesus Is the Way into God's Holy Presence John 14:5-7
- a. Thomas Asks Jesus: "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"
 - b. Jesus' Answer: "**I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through me.**"
 - 1) *Jesus Applies Jew's Traditional Names for Tabernacle Courts to Himself*
Ex. 25 - 27 (See "Tabernacle & Temple – Parts I & II" Studies):
Jesus in the Tabernacle of God
 - a) *Jesus IS the "Way" (Outer Court)*
 - *He is the Only Entrance into God's Heavenly Tabernacle*
 - *He is the Perfect Sacrifice for Sin (Brazen Altar)*
 - *We are Cleansed by His Blood (Laver)*
 - *So We Can Enter with Him into the Inner Court*
 - b) *Jesus IS the "Truth" (Inner Court)*
 - *He is the Only Entrance into God's Holy Place*
 - *He is the "Light of the World" (Lampstand)*
 - *He is the "Bread of Life" (Show Bread)*
 - *He is Our Intercessor before God Almighty (Altar of Incense)*
 - *His Flesh (Veil) was Rent*
 - *So We Can Enter with Him into God's Presence*
 - c) *Jesus IS the "Life" (Holy of Holies)*
 - *He Fulfilled All the Laws (Ark of the Covenant)*
 - *Taking Man's Judgment Upon Himself*
 - *He is the Mercy Seat (Presence of God on Earth)*
 - 2) *Jesus IS the Only Way into Father God's Presence*
 - c. Jesus Continues: "**If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.**"
7. Spiritual Unity in Christ Jesus (Christ, Triune God & Church) John 14:8-21
(Church = All the People Who Accept Jesus as Lord & Savior throughout the Age.)
- a. Jesus IS ONE with Father God John 14:8-11
(Jesus Teaches of His Unity with Father God [He is the Second Person of the Triune God]; Setting a Precedent for His Teaching on the Holy Spirit [Third Person of the Triune God].)
 - 1) Philip Asks: "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."
 - 2) Jesus Answers:
 - a) "**Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'**"
 - If You Look Upon Jesus - You See Father God
 - b) "**Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'"**
 - Jesus IS IN Father God
 - Father God IS IN Jesus

- c) “The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.”
- Father God Dwells in Jesus
 - Jesus Speaks Father God's Words
 - Jesus Performs Father God's Works
- d) “Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.”
- Jesus Exhorts His Disciples (and Us) to Believe that He is One with Father God.
 - Otherwise Believe He Performed the Works of God (Which Will Eventually Lead to Recognizing Jesus as Lord & Savior)
- b. Jesus Challenges His Church John 14:12-14
- 1) “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”
- a) We are to Perform the Same Works as Christ Jesus
 - b) We are to Perform Greater Works than Christ Jesus
 - c) Jesus is Returning to Father God
- 2) “And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.”
- a) Pray in Jesus' Name
 - b) God Will Answer Our Prayers
 - Glorifying Father God in Christ Jesus Our Lord
- 3) What Works did Jesus Perform?
- a) Examples of Jesus' Works from Gospel of John:
 - Turned Water into Wine (John 2:1-11)
 - Cleansed the Temple (John 2:13-22)
 - Proclaimed Salvation to a Religious Leader (John 3:1-21)
 - Converted a Separated Sinner (John 4:1-42)
 - Healed an Incurable Cripple (John 5:1-15)
 - Boldly Declared His Divinity (John 5:16-47)
 - Multiplied Food to Feed the Hungry (John 6:1-15)
 - Walked on Water (John 6:16-21)
 - Healed a Man Born Blind (John 9)
 - Raised the Dead (John 11:1-44)
 - b) How are We to Perform the Same Works as the Son of God?
- c. Jesus' Promise of the Holy Spirit John 14:15-21
(Jesus Promises to Enable His People to Continue His Work on Earth. Acts 1:8)
- 1) “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.”
- a) Jesus Demands Obedience from His Followers
 - b) Christ Enables His People to Keep His Commandments.
 - By Sending “Another” (Divine) “Advocate” (Holy Spirit) to be with His People
(“Advocate/Paraclete/Comforter” Third Person of the Triune God)
 - Spirit of Truth Unrecognized & Unknown to Sinful World
 - Spirit of Truth Known Only to

Christ's Followers

- 2) “I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”
 - a) Jesus Promises to Come to His People
 - Jesus IS ONE with the Advocate (God the Holy Spirit)
- 3) “In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live.”
 - a) Christ Jesus will Die
 - World will No Longer See Him
 - b) Christ Jesus will Rise from the Dead
 - Revealing Himself to His People
 - His People will Recognize & Accept His Divinity
 - Christ Promises His People Resurrected Life
 - Anointing Them to Perform God's Works on Earth
 - Redeeming Them to Live Eternally with Him
- 4) “On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.”
 - a) Christ Unites His People with the Triune God: “On that day (*Day of Pentecost when Jesus Pours Out the Holy Spirit on His Church*) you will realize that”:
 - Jesus IS IN Father God (Glorified & Enthroned at the Right Hand of the Majesty On High)
 - WE (by the Holy Spirit) are in Jesus (Our High Priest & King)
 - Jesus (through the Holy Spirit) is in US (Expanding His Kingdom on Earth)
- 5) “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”
 - a) We Prove Our Love for Christ by Obeying His Commandments
 - Jesus Christ is Our Lord & Master
 - b) We Enter into a Love Relationship with the Triune God
 - Christ will Reveal Himself to His People
- 6) What are Christ Jesus' Commandments?

8. Jesus' Revelation of Himself

John 14:22-31

- a. Jude Asks Jesus Why He will Reveal Himself to Them & Not to the World
- b. Jesus Answers (Spiritually Dividing the World): John 14:23-24
 - 1) “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.”
 - a) “Whoever” Includes Anyone Who:
 - “Will Keep My Word (*Believes & Accepts Jesus' Testimony*)”
John 3-12
 - That He is Messiah-Son of God & Savior of the World
John 3:16-17
 - b) “My Father will Love Him (*Everyone Who Accepts God's Son*)”
 - c) “We (*Triune God*) will Come to Him (*Each Believer*) and Make Our Dwelling Within Him (*Promise of the Indwelling Holy Spirit*)”
 - Holy Spirit IS ONE with Father God
 - Holy Spirit IS ONE with God the Son

- 2) “Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.”
- a) “Whoever” Includes Anyone Who:
- Rejects/Ignores Christ's Testimony John 3:18-21
 - Rejects/Ignores Father God
- c. Jesus Explains the Indwelling Holy Spirit John 14:25-26
- 1) “I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name - he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”
- a) *As the Spirit of God Filled & Indwelt the Tabernacle/Temple under the Mosaic Law (Ex. 40:34-38 & 1 Kings 8:10-13), so God the Holy Spirit will Fill & Indwell His People under Christ's New Covenant.*
- Each of Us Becomes the Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Cor. 3:16
- b) The Holy Spirit will Indwell Us:
- Corporately as Christ's Church 1 Cor. 12, Eph. 2:19-22
 - Individually as Believing Christians 1 John 4:15
- c) “He (Holy Spirit) will Teach You Everything & Remind You of All that I (Jesus Christ) Told You (Disciples).”
- Holy Spirit will Anoint & Inspire Disciples (Church Leaders) to Record, Proclaim & Pass Along Christ's Life & Words
 - Revealing Christ Jesus
- d) Holy Spirit will Personally Reveal Christ to His People
- Anointing Us to Receive Christ's Words
 - Sanctifying Us to Live as Christ
 - Enabling Us to Witness for Christ
- d. Jesus Imparts His Peace Upon Us: John 14:27
- 1) “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”
- a) Christ's Gift of Peace to His People Phil 4:4-7
- True Inner Peace of Christ's Love
 - True Love Casts Out Fear 1 John 4:18
- b) World's Peace is False, Temporary & Exploitative John 14:28-29
- e. Jesus Reminds His Disciples of His Imminent Death & Resurrection
- 1) “You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”
- a) Jesus will Return to Father God Victoriously
- Having Conquered All Forces of Disease, Sin, Evil & Death
 - Having Atoned for Man's Sins
 - Presenting His Holy & Perfect Sacrifice to Father God Heb. 9:11-14
- b) Jesus Prepares His Disciples for His Passion & Death
- f. Jesus' Hour Has Come John 14:30-31a
- 1) “I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me, but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me.”
- a) “Ruler of the World” (Satan)
- Satan's Opportunity to Throw All Forces of Evil Against Jesus to:

- Break Jesus' Spirit - Causing Him to Sin or Beg for Mercy
 - Destroy God's Plan of Salvation
 - Rid the World of Messiah & Retain Dominion of Earth
- b) Satan is Deluded - He has No Power Over the Son of God
- Jesus Voluntarily Submits to Persecution & Death
- c) Jesus Proves His Love for Father God
- Total Obedience to Father God unto a Horrific Death
 - Effecting Father God's Plan of Salvation for Mankind

12th. The Hymn

◆ *Family (Jesus & Disciples) Praise God with Songs*

g. The Last (Passover) Supper is Completed John 14:31b
(Passover Supper is Fulfilled in Christ Jesus)

- 1) Jesus Exclaims: "Get up, let us go."
 a) Jesus & His Disciples Depart for Garden of Gethsemani Matt. 26:30

B. Jesus' Farewell Teaching

John 15 - 16

Passover Supper is Over. Jesus Retires to the Garden of Gethsemani with His Disciples. He Gives them a Final Teaching before Separating Himself to Endure His Passion and Death, which He, as Son of Man, must Suffer Alone.

1. Jesus the True Vine

John 15:1-8

Jesus Teaches that He IS the Source of Our Spiritual Life & Ministry.

Christ Uses the Analogy of a Vine to Explain the Order and Source of His Church.

1) "Vine" is a Symbol of Israel (God's Chosen People) *Isa. 5:1-7; Hos. 10:1*

- *Israel (God's Vineyard) was Unfaithful to their Lord*
 - *Breaking His Commandments*
 - *Rejecting their Messiah*

- *God Raised Up a True Vine (Totally Obedient to God & His Law)*
*(Answering Psalmists Prayer for Restoration of God's Vine. *Psa. 80*)*

2) *Jesus is that "True Vine" - A Faithful & True Israelite (Set Apart by God)*

- *Jewish Believers (e.g. His Disciples) are Natural Branches in Christ's Vine*
- *Gentile Believers (Included Later Acts 10) are Grafted into Christ's Vine*
Rom. 11:11-24

3) *Jesus' Teaching that He is the "True Vine" with His Church its "Branches", Portrays a Vital, Living and Growing Organism Producing an Ever Increasing Bounty of Fruit that's Totally Dependant upon Him.*

a. Jesus Declares to be God's True Vine

John 15:1-3

1) "I AM THE TRUE VINE, and my Father is the vine grower."

- a) Christ Jesus is the Life Source of His Church
- b) Father God Planted His Son on Earth as His Seedling John 12:24
- c) Father God Cultivated His Son to Complete His Mission Isa. 53:2

2) "He (Father God) takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

- a) "Branches" are God's People
- b) "Fruits" are the Works of God Done Through His People

(Fruits of Spirit Gal. 5:22-23)

- c) Father God Cuts Off Every Branch Not Bearing Fruit
 - Israelites Who Never Accept Jesus as Messiah
 - People Who Claim to Believe in Jesus but have No Works
 - Impossible to Separate Faith in Christ from Works
James 2:14-17
 - Works Result from Our Salvation Eph. 2:8-10
- d) Father God Prunes People Bearing Fruit
 - “Pruning” Cuts Away Sin/Self of Each Believer to Increase their Yield of Works
- 3) “You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.”
 - a) Disciples Received & Accepted the Word of God
- b. Remain in Jesus - The Source of Our Salvation & Good Works John 15:4-8
 - 1) “Remain (Live) in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.”
 - a) Abide in Christ Jesus
 - Submit Totally to Him Gal. 2:19-20
 - b) Jesus Christ is Our Source of Faith & Works Heb. 12:2
 - As a Branch Relies on its Vine's Life Substance to Live & Produce Fruit, So We Must Rely on Christ Jesus to Live & Produce Works.
 - 2) “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”
 - a) As We Grow & Mature in Christ We will Produce Greater Works
 - b) Without Jesus We Can Do Nothing!
 - All Our Talents, Intellect, Education, Wealth, Position, Etc. are Useless Without Christ (Gifts of the Spirit. 1 Cor 12:1-11)
 - 3) “Anyone who does not remain (live) in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.”
 - a) People Who Rebel Against Jesus will be Discarded
 - 4) “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.”
 - a) God Answers the Prayers of His People when:
 - We Continue to Abide in Him, and
 - We Believe & Obey the Word of God
 - 5) “By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”
 - a) God is Glorified through Our Faith & Good Works
2. Jesus Christ's Commandment John 15:9-17
Christ Teaches His Disciples that His Kingdom is Based upon Love:
 - He Came to Earth Because of God's Love for Us. John 3:16-18
 - He Ministered to the People in Love. Acts 10:37-38
 - He Laid Down His Life as the Ultimate Expression of His Love. John 15:13

Here, Christ Jesus Commands Us to Love One Another. John 15:12

 - Love is the Essence of Christ's Church 1 John 4 & 5

Comment. Our Salvation & Service are God's Gift of Love:

Eph. 2: 8-10

- “For by grace (God's Unmerited Favor that He Lovingly Offers to Us) you have been saved through faith (Which We Accept & Receive by Faith), and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works (Not Earned), so no one may boast.”
- “For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works (We Activate/Confirm Our Acceptance of God's Gift by Extending His Love to Others) that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.”

- a. Jesus Proclaims God's Love John 15:9-11
 - 1) “**As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.**”
 - a) Father God IS Love 1 John 4:16
 - The Love that Father God (1st Person of the Triune God) has for Christ Jesus (God the Son – 2nd Person of the Triune God) is Immeasurable, Intimate, Inseparable & Eternal
 - b) Jesus Christ IS Love Rom. 8:28-39
 - The Love that Jesus Christ has for Us is Immeasurable, Intimate, Inseparable & Eternal
 - c) Christ Jesus Requires that We Live in His Love
 - 2) “**If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.**”
 - a) Jesus Remained in Father God's Love by Keeping His Commandments
 - b) We Remain in Christ's Love by Keeping His Commandments
 - c) What are Christ Jesus' Commandments?
 - 3) “**I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.**”
 - a) Jesus' Joy is in His People
 - Saved by His Blood & Walking in His Love
 - b) Our Joy is in Christ Jesus - Our Lord, Savior & God
- b. Jesus: “**This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.**” John 15:12
 - 1) Love is the Basis of the Old Covenant Law
 - a) God's Greatest Commandments Matt. 22:36-40, Mark 12:28-31
 - The Greatest Commandment: “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”
Deut. 6:4-5
 - The Second Commandment: “...You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.” Lev. 19:18
 - Jesus: “**The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.**” Matt. 22:40
 - b) *How Does Love Fulfill the Law?* *Rom. 13:8-10*
 - *Examples from Ten Commandments:* *Ex. 20:1-17*
 - *If One Loves the Lord He/She Will Keep God First in their Life, Will Not Practice Idolatry (Paganism/Hedonism, Love of Money/Things, etc.), Will Not Take Lord's Name in Vain.*
 - *If One Loves His/Her Neighbor, He/She Will Not Steal from their Neighbor, Seduce their Neighbor's Wife/Husband, nor Lie About their Neighbor.*
 - c) Jesus IS the Ultimate Love Fulfillment of the Law Rom. 5:1-11

- 2) Jesus Commands Us to Love One Another as He Loves Us
- a) How Did Jesus Love Us?
 - He Left His Throne in Glory
 - He Came to this World of Sin to Live the Life of a Man
 - He Lived a Holy Life in Total Obedience to Father God
 - He Ministered to the Needs of People
 - He Uncompromisingly Proclaimed God's Word
 - In Spite of Rejection, Hatred & Persecution
 - He was Unjustly Tried as a Blasphemer & Criminal
 - Without Offering Defense
 - He Voluntarily Suffered & Died in Our Place
 - c. Jesus' Love Relationship John 15:13-16
 (Close Personal & Intimate Love Relationship between Christ & His Followers)
 - 1) **“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.”**
 - a) Jesus is the Ultimate Expression of God's Love John 3:16-17
 - b) Jesus Voluntarily Lays Down His Life for Our Salvation
 Matt. 26:47-54; John 10:14-18; Heb. 10:5-18
 - c) Jesus Calls Us Friends
 - A Friend is Closer than a Brother Prov. 17:17; Prov. 18:24b
 - A Person Chooses His Friends John 6:37-40, 44 & 70
 - 2) **“You are my friends if you do what I command you.”**
 - a) We Prove Our Love for Christ by Following & Obeying Him
 - 3) **“I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.”**
 - a) Jesus Reveals Himself, His Ways & Mission to His Friends (Church)
 - b) Jesus Reveals His Will for Each Individual's Life to that Friend (Person)
 - 4) **“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.”**
 - a) Christ Chose Each of Us to be His Friend Eph. 1:3-6
 - b) Christ Appoints Us to be His Witness (Extending His Love to Others)
 - By the Example of Our Life Matt. 5:14-16
 - By Performing Good Works James 1:27
 - By Proclaiming His Word Matt. 10:32
 - c) Father God will Answer Our Prayers, When:
 - We Produce Lasting Fruit (Fulfilling Christ's Will for Our Lives)
 - We Pray in Jesus' Name (Representing Christ on Earth)
 - d. Jesus Confirms His Commandment: **“This I command you: love one another.”**
 (Attributes of Christ-Like Love. 1 Cor. 13:4-7)
3. The World's Hate John 15:18-27
Jesus Warns His Disciples about the World's Hatred and Resulting Persecution. The Sinful World is under Satan's Authority (John 12:31-32, Rom. 8:18-25). Satan's Kingdom is Based on Pride, Sin, Deceit, Hatred & Rebellion against God; the Antithesis of and in Direct Conflict with Christ's Kingdom (John 10:10).
- a. Jesus Warns His Followers of World's Hatred John 15:18-22

- 1) "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first."
 - a) World Hates Us because It Hates Our Lord (Jesus Christ)
- 2) "If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you."
 - a) We Do Not Belong to this World of Sin & Darkness
 - Born into Family of God John 1:10-13
 - Citizens of Heaven Phil. 3:20
 - b) World Hates Us because We Belong to Christ
- 3) "Remember the word I spoke to you, 'No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours."
 - a) We Share in Christ's Sufferings
 - Christ's Suffering Bought Our Salvation Acts 20:28
 - We (Christians) are Christ's Mystical Body 1 Cor. 12:12-26
 - Christ Partakes in Our Suffering Acts 9:1-5
(When the World Persecutes Us - They Persecute Jesus)
 - b) We Share in Christ's Testimony
 - We (Christians) are Recipients of Christ's Love Rom. 5:1-11
 - People Who Accept Our Testimony - Accept Jesus Christ
- 4) "And they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me."
 - a) We are Persecuted because of Our Lord (Jesus Christ)
 - b) World Does Not Know their Creator Rom. 1:18-32
 - Does Not Honor His Son Sent into the World John 3:16-18
- 5) "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin; but as it is they have no excuse for their sin."
 - a) Jesus (Light of the World) Exposes Men's Sin John 3:19-21
 - People Deliberately & Knowingly Sin
 - b) Christ's Gospel Convicts Men of Sin
 - Offering Salvation for Repentance from Sin Mark 16:15-16
- b. Jesus Indicts the World for Hating Father God John 15:23-25
 - 1) "Whoever hates me (God the Son) also hates my Father (God the Father)."
 - a) Jesus Christ is One with Father God John 10:30
 - 2) "If I had not done works among them that no one else ever did, they would not have sin; but as it is, they have seen and hated both me and my Father."
 - a) Jesus Performed Works of God (e.g. Healing) Testifying He IS God's Messiah (Holy Anointed One)
 - People Who Witnessed Jesus' Anointing & Rejected His Testimony
 - 3) "But in order that the word written in their law might be fulfilled, 'They hated me without cause.'"
 - a) Jesus Offers Love - The World Returns Hate Psalms 69:5
- c. Jesus Indicts the World for Hating His Witnesses John 15:26-27
 - 1) "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."
 - a) Jesus Confirms His Promise to Send the Holy Spirit
 - b) Holy Spirit will Testify that Jesus is Lord
 - 2) "And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."

- a) We Testify that Jesus is Lord by the Holy Spirit
 - Having Heard & Received Christ's Testimony
 - Proclaiming & Ministering the Gospel in Jesus' Name

4. Jesus Christ's New Covenant

John 16

Jesus Reveals His New Covenant to His Disciples, that will soon be Inaugurated by the Holy Spirit (Third Person of the Triune God). His New Covenant will be Based on an Intimate Love Relationship between God and His People, not on the Legal Observance of the Law as the Old Covenant. Jesus Christ Obeyed and Fulfilled the Old Covenant, Establishing a New and Better Covenant (Heb. 7 - 9). His New Covenant is Founded upon Him, His Life, Sacrifice, Resurrection & Glorification.

- a. Jesus Warns His Disciples of Religious Persecution John 16:1-4
Jesus Establishes the Premise for His Teaching on the Holy Spirit by Warning His Disciples of Religious Persecution. (Conflict will Occur between Religious Authorities who Require Legal Observances, Regiments and the Like, and Believers who are Led by the Spirit of God.)
 - 1) Jesus Prepares His Disciples: **“I have told you this so that you may not fall away.”**
 - 2) **“They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me.”**
 - a) Persecutors Do Not Know God
 - Jewish Persecutors Do Not Know the God of the Old Testament (If they Knew their Lord & His Scriptures, they would have Recognized His Holy Anointed One - Jesus their Messiah)
 - Gentile Persecutors Do Not Know their Creator
 - b) Persecutors Do Not Know God's Son (Jesus Our Lord & Savior)
 - Do Not Honor His Commandment "Love One Another"
 - 3) **“I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you. I did not tell you this from the beginning, because I was with you.”**
 - a) While Jesus was On Earth they Persecuted Him
 - b) When Jesus Leaves Earth - They will Persecute Us
- b. Jesus' Departure & Coming Holy Spirit John 16:5-16
Jesus Teaches His Disciples of the Holy Spirit (Divine Advocate/Comforter) who He will Send to Earth after He (Son of God) Returns to Father God.
 - 1) Jesus will Leave the Earth
 - a) **“But now I am going to the one who sent me (God the Father), and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’**
 - Disciples Understand & Accept that Jesus Is the Son of God
 - b) **“But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts.”**
 - 2) Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit
 - a) **“But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate (Holy Spirit - Third Person of the Triune God) will not come to you. But if I go, I (Son of God) will send him to you.”**
 - b) Jesus Must Complete His Salvific Mission Before Sending the Holy Spirit.
 - His Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin John 19:30
 - His Death Destroying the Curse of Sin

- His Resurrection Proving His Power Over Death
 - Gaining Us Eternal Life
- Presentation of His Offering before Most High God Heb. 9:11-12
- His Ascension into Heaven & Glorification
- His Enthronement at Right Hand of Majesty on High Heb. 1:1-4
 - From Which He Will Send the Holy Spirit

As the Shekinah Glory of the Lord Filled the Tabernacle (Ex. 40:34-38) Only After it was Completed & Consecrated (Purified) by Blood (Heb. 9:18-22); So Christ Sends the Holy Spirit upon Men (Acts 2:1-4) Only After He has Completed His Salvific Mission, Consecrating Us to be Pure & Acceptable Tabernacles for God the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16).

- 3) The Coming Advocate (Holy Spirit)
 - a) **“And when he (Advocate / Holy Spirit) comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation:**
 - **“sin, because they do not believe in me;** John 3 :18-19
 - Reject Christ as Savior - Remain in Your Sins
 - **“righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me;**
 - Jesus - God's Righteous One - Returns to Heaven
 - The Holy Spirit will be God's Righteous Presence on Earth
 - **“condemnation, because the ruler of this world (Satan) has been condemned.”** John 12:31-32
- 4) Holy Spirit's Mission / Work
 - a) **“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.”**
 - Disciples Not Ready to Receive Full Measure of Christ's Teaching
 - Need to Witness His Suffering, Death & Resurrection
 - Need to Commune with their Resurrected Lord
 - Need to be Anointed by the Holy Spirit
 - b) **“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.”**
 - Holy Spirit will Reveal God's Word to Us
 - Holy Spirit will Teach Us
 - Holy Spirit will Guide & Direct Us
 - c) **“He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”**
 - Jesus Bequeaths His People to the Holy Spirit
 - Holy Spirit will Abide in Christ's People
 - Same Holy Spirit by Whom Jesus was Conceived in Mary
Luke 1:34-35
 - Same Holy Spirit Who Anointed Jesus for Ministry
Luke 3:21-22; Luke 4:14-21
 - Holy Spirit will Teach Us of Christ
 - Holy Spirit will Glorify Christ Jesus through Us
(We are God's Anointed Ones on Earth)
- 5) Jesus Reaffirms His Imminent Death & Resurrection: **“A little while and you will no longer see me (‘Christ has Died’), and again a little while later and you**

will see me (*'Christ is Risen'*)."

- c. Return of Jesus - Our Resurrected Lord John 16:17-33
- 1) Disciples Question Jesus' Statement
(Showing They Did Not Understand - Need the Holy Spirit)
 - a) "What does this mean that he is saying to us, '**A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me,**' and '**Because I am going to the Father**'?"
 - b) "What is this '**little while**'? We do not know what he means."
 - 2) Jesus Answers What His Disciples Wanted to Ask Him:
 - a) "**Are you discussing with one another what I said, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?**"
 - b) "**Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn (When Jesus is Crucified), while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy (When Jesus is Resurrected).**"
 - c) Jesus Uses the Analogy of a Woman in Labor: "**When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.**"
(Christ's Church is Begotten by His Death & Resurrection)
 - Christ Must Suffer & Die
 - His Disciples will Weep & Mourn
 - Christ will Rise from the Dead
 - His Disciples will Rejoice
 - Christ's Church will be Born
 - When He Sends the Holy Spirit (Day of Pentecost)
 - 3) Jesus Authorizes His Disciples/Church
 - a) By His Resurrection:
 - "**On that day you will not question me about anything.**"
 - No Need for Disciples to Question Christ
 - They will have Witnessed His Resurrection
 - "**Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.**"
 - He Will Give Disciples Power of Attorney to Use His Name
(Pray to Father God as Though Jesus was Praying)
 - b) Upon Baptism of Holy Spirit (Day of Pentecost - Birth of Church):
 - "**I have told you this in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but I will tell you clearly about the Father.**"
 - Veiled Speech will be Clarified by Holy Spirit
(Need Holy Spirit to Discern Things of God. 1 Cor. 2:10-16)
 - "**On that day you will ask in my name, and I do not tell you that I will ask the Father for you.**"
 - He Will Give Church Power of Attorney to Use His Name
(Inspired & Led by the Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:26-27)

- He Gives Us Personal Access to God's Throne Heb. 4:14-16
- c) **“For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God.”**
 - Father God Loves Us Because of Our Faith in His Son
- 4) Jesus Reaffirms His Return to Father God: **“I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father”**
- 5) Disciples Profession of Faith:
 - a) **“Now you are talking plainly, and not in any figure of speech.”**
 - b) **“Now we realize that you know everything (*Jesus IS Omniscient*) and that you do not need to have anyone question you. Because of this we believe that you came from God (*Jesus IS the Son of God*).”**
- 6) Jesus' Prediction:
 - a) **“Do you believe now? Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered (*At Jesus' Arrest, Trials & Crucifixion*) to his own home and you will leave me alone.”**
(Disciples will Loose their Courage Without the Holy Spirit)
 - Jesus - Son of Man - Must Suffer Alone to Atoner for Man's Sin
 - Jesus is the Only Pure (Sinless) & Perfect Sacrifice
 - b) **“But I am not alone, because the Father is with me.”**
- 7) Jesus Conquers the World
 - a) **“I have told you this so that you might have peace in me.”**
 - Jesus Conquers Sin & Death
 - True Peace (Right Relationship with God) is IN Christ Jesus
 - b) **“In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.”**
 - Jesus Experienced & Conquered World's Troubles Heb. 2:14-18
 - Have Courage & Trust in Christ Jesus 1 John 5:5
 - JESUS CHRIST IS LORD Phil. 2:5-11

{1} Source of “Passover Feast Ritual” and “Jewish Wedding Custom” – Zola Levitt Ministries.

PART IV - MESSIAH & HIS FATHER**John 17**

Jesus Completed His Public Ministry.

Jesus Completed Teaching His Disciples & Preparing them for His Death & Resurrection.

Jesus Addresses His Heavenly Father in Prayer

A. Jesus Christ's High Priestly Prayer

John 17

After Completed His Ministry on Earth, Jesus takes His Messianic Office as High Priest. The Exclusive Functions of Israel's Priests are to 1) Intercede to the Lord for the People, and 2) Offer Sacrifices to the Lord. In John 17, Jesus Intercedes to Father God for His People before He Offers Himself as God's Holy & Perfect Sacrifice (John 18 & 19).

As the High Priest Intercedes for God's People at the Altar of Incense, Before Entering Beyond the Veil into the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement; So, Jesus (Our High Priest) Intercedes for His People before Offering His Flesh (Veil) for the Atonement of Sin (Heb. 10:19-22).

1. Jesus Affirms Completion of His Ministry

John 17:1-8

Jesus Approaches Father God to Make a Final Report before Dying (i.e. "Death Bed" Confession & Testament, Heb. 9:16-17), Offering a Prayer that can Only be Uttered by the Son of the Living God.

- 1) *Jesus Asks God to Glorify Him (Divine Prerogative), and Affirms that He will Glorify God by His Suffering & Death.*
- 2) *Jesus Affirms that God Gave Him Authority Over All Mankind, Authorizing Him to Grant Eternal Life to Men (Divine Prerogative).*
- 3) *Jesus Affirms that He has Completed the Messianic Mission God Assigned Him, for which He Left His Throne in Heaven to Accomplish, and Requests that God Return to Him the Divine Glory He Enjoyed before the Creation of the World.*
- 4) *Jesus Affirms that He Revealed the True Nature of God to His Disciples, Prepared and Entrusted them to Spread His Gospel of Salvation to the World.*

In this Prayer, Jesus Affirms His Messianic Office of High Priest, Claiming His Authority to Intercede for His People.

a. Jesus Raises His Eyes to Heaven (Face to Face Gesture) & Prays: John 17:1-3

- 1) **"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,"**
 - a) The Ordained Time has Arrived for Christ Jesus to be Sacrificed
 - b) Jesus Asks Father God to Glorify Him (Accept His Sacrifice)
 - Even though Men will Dishonor, Debase & Disfigure Him
Isa. 52:13-15
 - Even though He will Become Sin
2 Cor. 5:21
 - c) Jesus Will Glorify Father God by Remaining Faithful & Obedient throughout His Suffering & Death
Phil 2:5-11
- 2) **"just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him."**
 - a) Father God Gave Jesus Authority Over All Peoples
Eph. 1:19b-23; Col. 1:15-20
 - Granting Salvation & Eternal Life to All Believers

John 6:37-40; Rom. 8:28-34; Eph. 1:3-6

- 3) “Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ (Messiah).”
 - a) Eternal Life is to Intimately Know Father God John 14:6-11
 - b) Eternal Life is to Know Jesus Christ - God the Son. Acts 4:11-12
 - b. Jesus Completed His Work on Earth John 17:4-5
 - 1) “I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.”
 - a) Jesus Accomplished the Mission Assigned by Father God
 - Glorifying Father God
 - 2) “Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.”
 - a) Jesus (Son of God) Remembers & Requests His Pre-Incarnate Glory
Prov. 8:22-31; John 1:1-5; Heb. 1
 - c. Jesus Entrusted His Disciples with the Gospel John 17:6-8
 - 1) “I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.”
 - a) Jesus Revealed Father God to His Disciples
 - By Revealing Himself - the Son of God
 - b) Jesus' Disciples Accepted His Testimony
 - Disciples (Believers) Belong to Christ Jesus
 - 2) “Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.”
 - a) Jesus Imparted Father God's Words to His Disciples
 - They Believed Jesus & Accepted His Testimony
 - They Believe & Understand that Jesus Is the Son of God
2. Jesus Prays for His Disciples John 17:9-19
Jesus Intercedes for His Disciples Who were Entrusted with His Gospel. Jesus' Prayer is Eternal, Continuing to Church Leaders & Lay Witnesses throughout the Church Age.
- a. Jesus Affirms His Disciples Belong to God John 17:9-10
 - 1) “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.”
 - a) Jesus Intercedes for His Disciples
 - Not the World (Unrepentant Unbelievers)
 - b) Jesus' Disciples Belong to the Lord God
 - God the Father & Christ Jesus - God the Son
 - c) Christ Jesus is Glorified in His Disciples
 - b. Jesus Asks God to Protect His Disciples John 17:11-12
 - 1) “And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.”
 - a) Jesus is Leaving the World & Returning to Heaven
 - b) Jesus Asks Father God to Protect & Preserve His Disciples
 - Disciples Sustained in Jesus' Name
 - c) Jesus Prays for Unity of His Disciples
 - Unified in Jesus' Name

- Unified with the One Triune God (Father, Son & Holy Spirit)
 - Unified in Spirit with Each Other
- 2) **“When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled.”**
- a) Christ's Sustaining Power John 10:27-30
- Guards, Protects & Preserves Our Salvation
 - Lost None Except One Destined as Betrayer Psa. 41:10
- c. Jesus' Intercession as Mediator between Heaven & Earth John 17:13-16
- 1) **“But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely.”**
- a) Jesus is Leaving the World & Returning to Father God
- b) Jesus Mediated for His Disciples while on Earth
- He will Continue to Mediate in Heaven 1 Tim. 2:5-6
 - Disciples will Know & Understand His Role as Mediator
- c) Shared Joy of Jesus & His Disciples Heb. 4:14-16
- Jesus Christ Experienced & Understands Our Humanity, Temptations, Suffering, etc.
 - We Can Confidently Approach God's Throne of Grace
 - Jesus Christ will Effectively Intercede for Us to Father God (Who will Not Refuse His Only Begotten Son)
- 2) **“I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.”**
- a) Jesus Is the Word of God John 1:1-14
- He Spoke His Word into His Disciples
- b) The World Hates Jesus' Disciples John 3:19-21
- The Word is Repugnant to this World of Sin & Darkness
 - The Word Convicts Sinners
- c) Disciples Do Not Belong to this World of Sin
- Any More than Jesus (God's Sinless Son) Belonged to World
 - Repentant Disciples are Forgiven, Redeemed & Freed from Sin
- 3) **“I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one.”**
- a) Jesus Prays His Disciples Remain in the World
- As a Witness of Christ's Saving Grace
- b) Jesus Asks God to Keep them Secure in His Grace
- 4) **“They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.”**
- a) Disciples are Citizens of Heaven Phil. 3:20
- b) Disciples are Christ's Ambassadors on Earth 2 Cor. 5:20
- d. Jesus Consecrates His Disciples for Service John 17:17-19
- 1) **“Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.”**
- a) Jesus Consecrates His Disciples
- Declares them Holy/Sacred & Set Apart for God's Service
- b) Jesus Is the Way, the Truth & the Life John 14:6
- Jesus Asks God to Consecrate His Disciples in Truth
 - Give them the Same Holy Spirit that was in Him
- 2) **“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in**

truth.”

- a) As Father God Sent His Son (Jesus Christ) into the World (Consecrated & Anointed by God the Holy Spirit)
 - So Jesus (God the Son) Sends His Disciples into the World (Consecrated & Anointed by God the Holy Spirit)
- b) Jesus Consecrates (Devotes) Himself for His Disciples (Church)
 - In His Atoning Sacrifice & Death
 - In His Life Giving Resurrection
 - In His Heaven Bound Ascension & Glorification
 - In His Enthronement at Right Hand of the Majesty on High
 - Making Constant Intercession for Us
- c) Jesus Consecrates His Disciples in Truth
 - By Sending the Holy Spirit (Who Is Truth) Upon His Disciples
 - Truth as Revealed by the Holy Spirit
 - To Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ & Instruct Believers
 - Truth as Empowered by the Holy Spirit
 - To Perform the Works of God as Testimony to Christ Jesus

3. Jesus Prays for All Believers John 17:20-26

Jesus Intercedes for All People Who Hear and Believe Christ's Witnesses. Everyone who Accepted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior throughout the Church Age.

- a. Jesus Prays for the Unity of All Believers John 17:20-23
 - 1) **“I pray not only for them (Disciples He Prayed for in Verses 9-19), but also for those who will believe in me through their word,”**
 - a) Jesus Prays for All People Who Believe the Testimonies of His Disciples & their Spiritual Descendants.
 - Everyone Who Accepted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior
 - Individual & Personal Acceptance of Jesus Christ
 - People from All Cultures, Generations & Denominations
 - b) Jesus Applies the Petitions He Prayed for His Disciples to All Believers
 - All Believers are to be His Witnesses
 - 2) **“so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.”**
 - a) Jesus Prays for Unity Among All Believers
 - Testifying to the Love of Christ John 13:34-35
 - b) Jesus Prays for Unity of All Believers with the Triune God (Christ Jesus - Son of God - Representing Us in the Godhead)
 - That All His Believers will be United as the Father, Son & Holy Spirit are United in One Eternal Godhead.
 - Father God in Jesus - Son of Man (By the Holy Spirit)
 - Jesus - Son of God - in Father God (2 Persons of Godhead)
 - All Believers in God's Presence
 - Testifying that God Sent Christ Jesus (His Son) into World
 - 3) **“And I have given them the glory (Holy Spirit) You gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.”**
 - a) Jesus Gives the Holy Spirit (3rd Person of Godhead) to All Believers

- Unifying All Believers as Christ Jesus is United with Father God
 - Jesus Living in Us (By the Holy Spirit)
 - Father God Living in Jesus (God the Son)
 - Sanctifying All Believers
 - Transferring Christ Jesus' Holiness to Us 2 Cor. 5:21
 - Bringing Us into Perfection 1 Cor. 1:30; 1 John 4:11-17
 - Uniting Us as One Body
(Christ's Mystical Body. 1 Cor. 12:12-31; Eph. 4:3-6 & 11-13)
 - Testifying to the World, that:
 - Father God Sent His Son Jesus Christ into World
(The Source & Means of Salvation)
 - Father God Loves Jesus' Followers (Adopting them as Sons of God, Gal. 4:6-7), as He Loves Jesus Christ His Only Begotten Son (John 3:16).
- b. Jesus Prays that All Believers will be with Him John 17:24
(Jesus Christ Secures Eternal Life for All Believers)
- 1) **“Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”**
- a) Sovereign Omnipotent God Gave All Believers to Jesus Christ
- Father's Love Gift to His Son
- b) Jesus (Having been Given His People) Asks that they be with Him
(Where is Jesus Christ? Glorified & Enthroned at God's Right Hand)
- To See & Experience His Glory (Beatific Vision) Eph. 2:4-7
 - Extending Father God's Love to Us
 - We Become Sons of God Rom. 8:14-17
 - We Experience Christ's Glory Rom. 8:18-23
 - We Share in God's Love Rom. 8:28-34
- c) Jesus Professes Father God's Love for Him - Son of God
- Love that Existed Before Creation of the World
 - Immeasurable Love within the Godhead
 - Infinite Love Cycle: Father Loves Son, Son Loves Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit Loves Father; Father Loves Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit Loves Son, Son Loves Father.
(Jesus Brings Us into that Cycle of Love)
 - Love was the Impetus for Man's Creation Gen. 1:26-30
 - With the Capacity to Know, Love & Commune with God
 - Love was the Impetus for Man's Salvation
Rom. 5:6-8; Eph. 1:3-6; 1 Pet. 1:18-21; 1 John 4:9-10
- c. Jesus Prays that Father God's Love for Him will Live In Us. John 17:25-26
- 1) **“Righteous (Just) Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me.”**
- a) The World (of Sin & Darkness) Does Not Know God (their Creator)
- b) Jesus (Son of Man) Knows Father God Intimately
- c) Jesus' Followers Know that Father God Sent Him 1 John 1:1-5
- That He IS God the Son 1 John 4:2
- 2) **“I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”**

- a) Jesus Testified that God IS His Father
 - Jesus will Continue to Testify throughout the Church Age
 - Testifying to the World through His People
- b) Jesus Testified to God's Love
 - By His Holy Life
 - By His Word
 - By His Sacrifice, Death & Resurrection
- c) Jesus Imparts God's Love to His People (Declaring Himself One of Us)
 - Living In Us through the Holy Spirit
 - Extending God's Love to the World

DOES FATHER GOD ANSWER HIS SON'S PRAYERS?

YES & AMEN!

PART V - MESSIAH'S HOLY SACRIFICE

John 18 -19

The Gospel of John Gives a Spiritual Account of the Arrest, Trials, Persecution, Suffering and Death of Jesus Christ. Each Recorded Event, with its Specific Information (Although Accurate & True) has Spiritual Significance (of which this Author Only Caught a Few).

(Other Accounts of Jesus' Sacrifice: Matt. 26:47-27:66; Mark 14:43-15:47; Luke 22:47-23:56)

Jesus is the Lord's Unblemished Paschal Lamb (Ex. 12:1-28; Lev. 23:4-8; 1 Cor. 5: 7), Celebrated in the Passover Supper (See John 13 & 14 Above) and Sacrificed, as Scheduled within the Passover Festival and Prescribed by Law. There are 3 Feasts Celebrated within the Passover Festival: Passover Supper, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits. The Jewish Day Starts at Sundown:

- *Jesus Christ Celebrated His "Last" Passover Supper with His Disciples, was Arrested, Tried and Executed on the Same Day, the 14th Day of the 1st Month in the Jewish Calendar, that Ended with the Paschal Lamb being Sacrificed in the Temple.*
- *Jesus' Dead Body Rested in the Tomb that Sabbath (God's Day of Rest), the 15th Day of the 1st Month, when Jews Celebrate their Feast of Unleavened Bread (Jesus is the "Bread of Life" Without Leaven/Sin).*

A. Messiah's Arrest & Trials

John 18

Spiritual Perspective of Jesus Christ's Arrest & Trials.

Jesus being Arrested in a Garden is Symbolic of the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3), Where:

1. *Adam (Man) Sinned by Disobeying God, Resulting in:*
 - a. *Loss of Innocence - Recognizing Themselves as being Naked*
 - b. *Afraid, Ashamed & Hiding from Lord God*
 - c. *Abdicating His God Given Dominion of Earth to Satan*
2. *God Judged Man:*
 - a. *Cursing the Ground:*
 - *Requiring Man's Lifelong Labor for Sustenance*
 - *Competing with Nature for Resources (Thorns, Insects, Germs/Viruses, etc)*
 - b. *Cursing Man with Death (Physical & Spiritual)*
 - *"For you are dirt, and to dirt you shall return."*
3. *Lord God Gives His Covenant/Promise to Sinful Man in Garden of Eden*
 - a. *Promise of Satan's Defeat & Man's Redemption*
 - *"I (God) will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He (Woman's Offspring) will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."*
 - b. *Covering Adam & Eve's Shame with Leather Clothes*
 - *Establishing God's Requirement of Blood Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin*
4. *Lord God Banished Man from Garden of Eden*
 - a. *Guarded by an Angel with a Fiery Revolving Sword*
 - *Keeping Man from Partaking of the "Tree of Life" (Eternal Life) in a Sinful Condition*

Jesus is Arrested in a Garden to be Tried & Executed for Crimes (Sins) He Did Not Commit, Reversing the Effects of Man's Sin that Originated in the Garden of Eden:

1. *Jesus (the Last Adam) Lived a Sinless Life in Total Obedience to Father God (Rom.5:12-19; 1 Cor. 15:45-49):*
 - a. *Jesus, Innocent of Sin, Hanged Naked on Cross Becoming Our Sin & Shame*
 - b. *Jesus was Publicly Exposed Unashamed*
 - c. *Jesus Regains Dominion Over Earth as God Originally Intended for Man*
2. *Jesus Justifies Man to God (Rom. 5:1-11):*
 - a. *Jesus was Crowned with Thorns Taking Upon Himself the Land Curse, Conquering it, thus Dominating All Nature (e.g. Disease)*
 - *Jesus Is Our Source*
 - b. *Jesus, Without Sin, Died in Our Stead - Gaining Us Eternal Life*
 - *Christ was from Heaven & Returned to Heaven*
3. *Jesus is the Fulfillment of the Lord's Covenant with Adam*
 - a. *Jesus, being Born of a Virgin, becomes the “Woman’s Offspring” who Strikes Satan's Head (Mortal Wound) Destroying Him, while Satan & His Offspring Strikes Jesus' Heel (Jesus' Suffering & Death - Temporarily Halting His Public Walk/Ministry).*
 - b. *Jesus Became God's Holy & Perfect Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin*
4. *Jesus was Arrested, Bound & Escorted from Garden by Sinful Men*
 - a. *Jesus (Word of God) Reunites Man to God (Heb. 4:12-16)*
 - *Rejecting Peter's Defense by the Sword*
 - *Inviting All Peoples to Eat of His Tree of Life that Gives Eternal Life (John 6:35-58)*

1. Jesus Arrested John 18:1-14
 - a. *Jesus & Disciples Cross Kidron Valley into Garden (Gethsemani)*
 - 1) *Garden Familiar to Disciples & Judas Iscariot*
 - 2) *Judas Leads Band of Soldiers & Guards*
(Jesus had Released Judas to Betray Him. John 13:21-30)
 - a) *Dispatched by Chief Priests & Pharisees*
 - *Signifying Spiritual Warfare*
 - b) *Carrying Lanterns, Torches & Weapons*
 - *Lanterns to Subdue Messiah the “Light of the World”*
 - *Torches to Quench Messiah's Zeal - The Spread of His Gospel*
 - *Weapons to Bodily Capture Messiah-Son of Man*
 - 3) *Jesus Knows they Came to Arrest Him*
 - a) *Steps Forward & Asks: “Whom are you looking for?”*
 - b) *They Answer: “Jesus the Nazorean”*
They Ask for “Jesus the Nazorean/Nazarene” Not “Jesus of Nazareth”;
Probably Meaning a Term of Contempt, They Inadvertently Refer to a Messianic Title:
 - *“He (Jesus) went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He shall be called a Nazorean’.”* Matt. 2:23
 - *“But a shoot (Hebrew ‘Netzer’) shall sprout from the stump of Jesse (Jesse's Youngest Son - King David),..... The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him”* Isa. 11:1-5
 - *“Nazareth” is a Derivative of “Netzer” Meaning “Shoot / Branch-Town”*

- *“Nazorean/Nazarene” Means “Shoot/Branch-Man” (Messiah)*
- c) Jesus Replies: **“I AM.”**
*Jesus (Yeshua) Takes the Personal Name of Lord (“I AM” =Yahweh),
 Declaring His Divinity Ex. 3:13-14*
 - Judas Iscariot there to Confirm Jesus' Witness
 - Soldiers & Guards Drew Back & Fell to Ground
 - *Soldiers & Guards Could Not Stand in Jesus' Presence*
 - *Priests Could Not Stand when Yahweh's Presence Filled
 Tabernacle/Temple Ex. 40:34-35; 1 Kings 8:10-12*
- d) Jesus Asks Again: **“Whom are you looking for?”**
- e) They Answer: “Jesus the Nazorean.”
- f) Jesus Answered, **“I told you that I AM (Confirming He is the Lord). So if you are looking for me, let these men go.”**
 - *Jesus Allows Himself to be Arrested*
 - *Soldiers/Guards Have No Power Over Him*
 - *Jesus Voluntarily Submits to being Arrested - To Fulfill His Salvific Mission as the Lord's Paschal Sacrifice.*
 - *Jesus Alone is Arrested*
 - *He Alone is Without Blemish (Sinless)*
 - *Only He Can Atone for Our Sins*
 - *His Disciples Must be Spared to be His Witnesses*
 - Jesus Confirms His Prayer to Father God: **“.... none of them (Disciples) was lost except the son of destruction”** John 17:12
- b. Simon Peter Draws a Sword
 - 1) Peter's Reaction is Physical Defense
 - 2) Peter Strikes High Priest's Servant
 - a) Cuts Off His Right Ear
 - *Symbolizing Deafness of Israel's Unbelievers Matt. 13:13-16*
 - *Servant's Name is Malchus (Jesus Heals Him. Luke 22:50-51)*
 - 3) Jesus Admonishes Peter: **“Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup (His Sacrifice & Death) that the Father gave me?”**
- c. Soldiers Seize & Bind Jesus
 - 1) Jesus Allows Himself to be Bound - *Jesus Takes Our Bondages Upon Himself:*
 - a) *Physical: He Experiences Physical Paralysis*
 - *So He Can Understand, Intercede & Heal those so Afflicted*
 - b) *Soul/Mind: To Release those Bound by Neuroses, Drugs, etc.*
 - c) *Spiritual: To Release Us Who are Bound by Sin & Death*
 - 2) Jesus Led to Annas:
 - (The Tethered Paschal Lamb Led to High Priest to be Sacrificed.)*
 - a) High Priest Emeritus
 - b) Father-In-Law of Caiaphas the High Priest
 - c) Patriarch of the Family of High Priests
 - 3) Caiaphas' Prophecy: **“.... it is better for you that one man (Jesus) should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish.”** John 11:49-52

In Jesus' Trials We See the Spiritual Law of Supremacy.

Jesus Who is God the Son (Second Person of the Triune God) is Superior to All Human Authority, Voluntarily Submits to them in Order to Bring Salvation to the World.

1. *Jesus, Messiah & Son of God, is Tried by Jewish Hierarchy for Blasphemy.*
 - *Peter, Who is Messiah's Chief Disciple & Key Witness, Denies Jesus. Peter Represents All of Jesus' Disciples/Witnesses.*
 - *Annas, Who is the High Priest Emeritus, Father-In-Law and Family Patriarch to Caiaphas the Ruling High Priest. Annas is the Supreme Jewish Authority.*
 - *Caiaphas, as High Priest, Resides Over the Sanhedrin (Jewish High Court) Assures that Annas' Agenda is Accomplished.*
2. *Jesus is Tried by Civil Authorities as King of Kings.*
 - *Pilate, Roman Governor of that District, is Under Orders by His Superiors to Keep the Peace in Judea. He Must Maintain a Good Political Relationship with the Jewish Leaders, and Put Down any Insurrection Against Rome. Pilate is Confronted with Jesus Claiming to be a King (Who was Not Accepted by the Jewish Authorities, nor Appointed by Rome).*

Jesus had the Authority, at Anytime During His Ordeal, to have Legions of Angels Dispatched to Rescue Him (Matt. 26:53-54); but Chose to Remain Obedient to Father God's Will Fully Accomplishing His Salvific Mission (Phil. 2: 5-11).

2. Peter's First Denial

John 18:15-18

Peter, Jesus' Chief Disciple & Key Witness.

Peter Denies Jesus before Messiah's Trial by Jewish Authorities.

a. Simon Peter & Another Disciple (John) Followed Jesus

- 1) John was Known to High Priest
 - a) Enters High Priest's Courtyard with Jesus
- 2) Peter Stands Outside at Gate
 - a) *Jesus' Chief Witness is Excluded from His Trials*
- 3) John Spoke to Gate Keeper (Servant Girl)
 - a) Bringing Peter in Courtyard

- *Opens a Way for Peter to Enter Courtyard as Christ's Witness*

b. Servant Girl Asks Peter: "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?"

- 1) Peter Answers: "I am not."
 - a) *Peter Denies that He is Messiah's Disciple*

c. Peter Joins Servants & Guards (*Jesus' Persecutors*)

- 1) Standing Around Charcoal Fire
 - a) *Charcoal a Byproduct of Charred Wood (Represents Loss of Peter's Zeal)*
- 2) Warming themselves Against the Cold

3. Jesus' Trial Before Religious Authorities

John 18:19-24

Jesus is Tried as Israel's Messiah & Son of God.

Jesus Stands Alone before Annas' Inquisition.

Jesus is Examined by Annas, under Old Covenant Law, to Determine if He Should Go to Trial before the Sanhedrin (Similar to Today's Grand Jury Hearing).

a. Annas (High Priest Emeritus) Questions Jesus

- 1) About His Disciples (To Obtain a "Hit List"?)
- 2) About His Teaching/Doctrine (To Judge Him)

b. Jesus Answers:

Jesus Challenges Annas to Bring an Accusation Against Him, Collaborated by at Least 2 Witnesses, in Accordance with the Law.

Deut. 19:15

- 1) **"I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in**

the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing.”

- a) Jesus Publicly Declared His Doctrine
- 2) “Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.”
 - a) Where are Annas' Witnesses?
- c. One of the Temple Guards Strikes Jesus in the Face (*To Intimidate Jesus*)
 - 1) “Is this the way you answer the high priest?”
- d. Jesus Confronts His Attacker: “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?”
- e. Annas Sends Jesus to Caiaphas (Ruling High Priest)
 - 1) Jesus Remains Bound & Under Arrest

Jesus' Trail Before Caiaphas (Ruling High Priest) and the Sanhedrin (Jewish High Court) are Not Recorded in Gospel of John (Re: Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:63-71). By Sending Jesus to them Bound and Under Guard, Annas Suggests His Desired Outcome of their Trial.

4. Peter's Second & Third Denials

John 18:25-27

- a. Simon Peter Still Warming Himself by Fire
 - 1) Others at Fire Asks Peter: “You are not one of his disciples, are you?”
 - a) Peter Answers: “I am not.”
 - *Peter (Jesus' Chief Witness) Confirms His Denial that He is Messiah's Disciple*
 - 2) A Relative of Servant Whose Ear Peter Cut Off Confronts Peter
 - a) “Didn't I see you in the garden with him?”
 - b) Peter Denies It.
 - *Peter (Jesus' Chief Witness) Denies Being in the Garden (Associated in Any Manner) with Jesus*
 - 3) Immediately a Cock Began to Crow
 - a) Fulfilling Jesus' Prediction: “Will you (Peter) lay down your life for me? Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.”

John 13:37-38
- b. *Cock Crows at Sunrise.*
 - 1) *First Half of that Day (Sunset to Sunrise) is Over:*
 - a) *Jesus (Lord's Paschal Lamb) Celebrated Passover Supper, was Arrested & Tried as Israel's Messiah (Jesus Provides Salvation to the Jews)*
 - 2) *Second Half of that Day (Sunrise to Sunset) has Begun:*
 - a) *Jesus will be Handed Over to the Gentiles to be Tried & Executed (Jesus will Provide Salvation to the Gentiles)*

5. Jesus' Trial Before Civil Authorities

John 18:28-40

Jesus Tried as Messiah-King of Kings

- a. Jews Take Jesus from Caiaphas to Roman Praetorium (Roman Governor's Palace/Residence & Court in Jerusalem)

John 18:28-32

Jesus Provides Salvation to All Mankind

 - 1) Early in the Morning
 - 2) Jews Did Not Enter Praetorium
 - a) Avoid Ritual Impurity During Passover Festival

- Same Day they Ate Passover Supper
 - b) *Israel was Required to Keep their Homes Pure of Leaven (Representing Sin) During the Passover Season (Ex. 12:14-20). Any Dwelling with Pagan Idols, Leavened Bread, etc., (such as a Roman's) would be Considered Impure & Would Not be Entered by Jews During Passover.*
- 3) Pilate Meets Jews Outside Praetorium
- a) Pilate Demands: “What charge do you bring (against) this man?”
 - b) Jews Answer: “If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.”
 - c) Pilate Responds: “Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law.”
 - d) Jews Answer: “We do not have the right to execute anyone”
(*Stoning was the Legally Prescribed Sentence for Blasphemy - the Crime that the Jewish Court Convicted Jesus. Lev. 24:16*).
 - Indicating they Sought Crucifixion
(*Wanted Rome to Carry Out their Sentence, Giving its Complicity*)
 - Fulfilling Jesus' Prediction of How He Would be Executed
Matt. 20:17-19; John 12:30-33
- b. Pilate Goes Back into Praetorium & Summons Jesus John 18:33-38a
Jesus, Who is Pure (Sinless), was taken into an Impure Residence (Representing a Sinful Heart), Cleansing that Residence by His Holy Presence.
- 1) Pilate Asks Jesus: “Are you the King of the Jews?”
 - 2) Jesus Answers: “**Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?**”
 - a) Jesus Asks for Witnesses to Accuse Him (*Keeping True to Jewish Law*)
 - 3) Pilate Retorts:
 - a) “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me”
 - b) “What have you done?”
 - 4) Jesus Answers (*Professing to Being a King*):
 - a) “**My kingdom does not belong to this world.**”
 - b) “**If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants (would) be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.**”
 - c) “**But as it is, my kingdom is not here.**”
 - 5) Pilate Says: “Then you are a king?”
 - 6) Jesus Answers (*Confirming that He is a King*):
 - a) “**You say I am a king.**”
 - b) “**For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.**”
 - *Jesus is the Pure Word of God (Eternal Truth) John 1:1-14*
 - *Jesus, Who Is Truth Itself (John 14:6), Stands before Pilate (Representing Mankind)*
 - *Jesus Offers Eternal Truth (Salvation) to All Mankind*
 - c) “**Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.**”
 - *Jesus' Kingdom is Based on God's Truth*
 - *One Must Accept Messiah's Testimony to Enter His Kingdom*
 - 7) Pilate's Response: “What is truth?” (*Man's Cynical Response*)
 - a) *Mankind is Deluded by Sin & Satan (Father of Lies John 8:44)*

(Men Lie So Much Can Not Tell Truth from Lies.)

- b) Pilate (Representing Sinners) Does Not Belong to Messiah's Kingdom
 - Does Not Listen to Messiah-King of All the Universe
 - Does Not Recognize Truth!
- c. Pilate Goes Outside Praetorium to Meet Jews Again John 18:38b-40
 - 1) Pilate Gives His Verdict: "I find no guilt in him."
 - 2) Pilate Offers Compromise - Instead of Releasing Jesus (An Innocent Man)
 - a) "But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"
 - 3) Jews Shout Back: "Not this one but Barabbas!"
 - a) Barabbas Imprisoned for Insurrection Against Rome
Jesus Takes the Place (Death Sentence) of a Sinner.

B. Messiah's Suffering & Death

John 19

Spiritual Perspective of Jesus Christ's Suffering & Death.

Jesus Provides Total Redemption (Body, Soul/Mind & Spirit) by His Suffering & Death

- *His Body was Broken for Our Healing* *Acts 3:4-8; 1 Pet. 2:21-24*
- *His Blood was Shed for Our Salvation* *Heb. 9:22; 1 John 1: 6-10*

1. Jesus Interrogated by Civil Authorities

John 19:1-15

a. Pilate Orders Jesus to be Scourged

John 19:1-3

(Jesus Tortured to Extract a Confession)

1) Roman Soldiers Scourge Jesus

- a) Jesus Securely Tied Exposing His Entire Body
- b) Soldiers Systematically Whip Every Surface of Jesus' Body
 - Multi-Thong Instrument (Flagrum) of Torture that Tears Flesh
 - Roman Scourge Referred to as "½ Death"
 - *The Curse of Sin is Death* *Gen. 3:19*
 - *All Diseases/Infirmities are Processes of Dying*
 - *Isa. 50:6 "I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting."*
 - *Isa. 50:7 "The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."*

c) Jesus Takes All Man's Infirmities Upon Himself

- *As Roman Scourge Injured Every Surface of Jesus' Body; So Jesus' Wounds Provide Healing from Every Disability & Disease*
- *Isa. 53:4 "Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured. While we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted"*
- *Isa. 53:5 "But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed."*
- *Isa. 53:6 "We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all."*

2) Soldiers Mock Jesus as King of the Jews

a) Jesus' Head Crowned with Thorns

(1) "Thorns" Symbolize the Land Curse

Gen. 3:17-19

- *The Earth (Originally Under Man's Dominion) is Cursed because of Sin*
 - *Requires Man's Toil for Sustenance*
 - *Nature Competing for Resources (Thorns, Insects, Germs, Weather, etc.)*
 - *Man Abdicated His Dominion to Satan by Succumbing to His Temptation*
- (2) *Jesus Takes the Land Curse Upon Himself*
 - *Jesus (Son of Man) Regains Man's Dominion of Earth*
 - *Jesus is Our Source*
- (3) *Jesus Takes All Mental/Emotional Illnesses Upon Himself*
- (4) *Jesus Takes All Man's Addictions & Dependencies Upon Himself*
- (5) *Jesus Renews Man's Mind that is Corrupted by Sin Rom. 12:2*
- b) *Threw Purple Cloak on Jesus' Shoulders*
 - *Purple Cloak Symbolizes Royalty*
 - *Roman Soldiers Represent Human Authority*
 - *(Mockingly) Bestowing Kingship on Jesus*
 - *Jesus (Son of Man) Takes Man's Royal Authority Upon Himself*
 - *Prefiguring His Reign: Isa. 9:5 "For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests"*
- c) *Soldiers Repeatedly Slap Jesus' Face (Representing His Countenance)*
 - *Proclaiming: "Hail, King of the Jews!"*
 - *Psa. 22:13-14 "Many bulls surround me; fierce bulls (Strong Soldiers) of Bashan (Gentile Nation) encircle me. They open their mouths against me (Mock Him), lions that rend (Tear His Flesh) and roar (Demanding a Confession)."*
 - *What Soldiers Meant as Degradation, Jesus Turns into Victory Phil. 2: 5-11*
- 3) *Jesus Remains Silent During Entire Ordeal*
 - a) *He Does Not Confess to Any Crime (He is Sinless)*
 - *Remaining True to Himself (Word of God & Son of God)*
 - *To Confess to a Crime He Did Not Commit would be a Lie*
 - *Christ Jesus Is Truth Itself - He Can Not Lie John 14: 6*
 - *"God is not man that he should speak falsely, nor human (Son of Man) that he should change his mind..." Num. 23:19*
 - b) *He Does Not Cry for Mercy*
 - *He Carries the Full Measure of His Sacrificial Mission*
 - *He Will Not be Subject to Man's Will*
 - c) *Isa. 53:7 "Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth."*
- b. *Pilate Exposes Jesus to the Crowd John 19:4-8*
 - 1) *Pilate's Announcement:*
 - a) *"Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him."*
 - *Jesus was Put to the Test Without Confessing Any Crime (Sin)*
 - b) *Pilate Appeals to their Justice*

- 2) Jesus Brought Out of the Praetorium
 - a) Revealing His Torn Flesh
 - b) Revealing His Bruised Face
 - c) Wearing a Crown of Thorns
 - d) Wearing a Purple Cloak
 - 3) Pilate Proclaims: "Behold, the man!"
 - a) Proving Jesus has been Thoroughly Tested
 - b) *Isa. 52:14 "Even as many were amazed at him - so marred was his look beyond that of man, and his appearance beyond that of mortals"*
 - c) *Prefiguring His Gospel through the Ages: Isa. 52:15 "So shall he startle many nations, because of him kings shall stand speechless; For those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it."*
 - 4) Chief Priests & Temple Guards Shout: "Crucify him, crucify him!"
 - 5) Pilate Replies:
 - a) "Take him yourselves and crucify him."
 - b) "I find no guilt (Crime/Sin) in him."
 - 6) Jews Answer: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."
 - 7) Pilate Becomes Afraid because of their Charges
 - a) Is Jesus the Son of God?
 - 8) Pilate Goes Back into the Praetorium
- c. Pilate Interrogates Jesus John 19:9-15
- 1) Pilate Asks Jesus: "Where are you from?"
 - 2) Jesus Does Not Answer the Roman Governor
 - a) *Isa. 53: 7 "Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth."*
 - b) *Jesus Does Not Defend Himself - Relying on His Superior Intellect*
 - c) *Jesus Does Not Ask for Mercy - Relying on Man's Mercy*
 - d) *Jesus Does Not Cop A Plea - Relying on Man's Justice*
 - 3) Pilate Responds to Jesus' Silence: "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?"
 - 4) Jesus Replies: "**You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one (Chief Priests) who handed me over to you has the greater sin.**"
 - a) Jesus Voluntarily Lays Down His Life
 - 5) Pilate Tries to Release Jesus
 - 6) Jews Shout:
 - a) "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar."
 - b) "Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."
 - 7) Pilate Goes Outside the Praetorium to the Crowd
 - a) Sits on Judge's Bench (Called "Stone Pavement" in Hebrew "Gabbatha")
 - b) Orders Jesus Brought Out before Him to be Judged
 - It was About Noon
 - *Jesus, God's Holy & Righteous Judge, Who will Judge All Peoples is Unjustly Judged by Man.*
 - 8) Pilate Addresses the Jews: "Behold, your king!"
 - a) Pilate Presents Jesus to Crowd

- He was Thoroughly Scourged Without Confessing Any Crime
 - He was Thoroughly Interrogated Without Confessing Any Crime
 - He was Mocked & Humiliated Without Confessing Any Crime
- b) Jesus Stands before them as a King
- Crowned with Thorns, Wearing a Purple Robe & a Reed Scepter in His Hand
- 9) Jews Shout Back: “Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!”
- 10) Pilate Exclaims: “Shall I crucify your king?”
- 11) Chief Priests Confession: “We have no king but Caesar.”
- a) *Echoing Lord's Lament to Prophet Samuel when their Forefathers Requested a King to Rule Over them* 1 Sam. 8
- “Grant the people's every request. It is not you (Prophets/Judges) they reject, they are rejecting me (Lord) as their (Messiah) king”
- b) *Instead of Accepting an Israelite King like their Ancestors*
- c) *Instead of Accepting Promised Messiah from House of David as King*
- d) *They Accept a Pagan Gentile King to Rule Over them.*
- 12) Pilate Succumbs to Chief Priests' Pressure
- a) Convicts an Innocent Man
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2. Jesus' Crucifixion & Death John 19:16-37
- a. Pilate Orders Jesus to be Crucified John 19:16
- b. Jesus Led Outside City to “Place of the Skull” (Hebrew = “Golgotha”) John 19:17
- 1) Jesus Carries His Own Cross
- a) *Jesus Carries the Sins of the World*
- b) *Isa. 53:8 “Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people”*
- c) *Psa.35:15-16 “Yet when I stumbled they gathered with glee, gathered against me like strangers. They slandered me without ceasing; without respect they mocked me, gnashed their teeth against me.”*
- 2) *Jesus Led Outside City to Atone for Sins, Symbolically Becoming Israel's Scapegoat* Lev. 16:20-22
- a) *High Priest Lays Both Hands on Scapegoat on Day of Atonement*
- *Confessing All Israel's Sins & Placing them on Goat's Head (Israel's High Priest Condemned Jesus)*
 - *Goat Led to Desert & Released to Carry Off their Iniquities (Priests Released Jesus to Gentiles, Who Led Him Outside the City to be Executed, Carrying Our Sins Away from Us into a Desert)*
- b) *Psa. 103:12 “As far as the east is from the west, so far have our sins been removed from us.”*
- c. Soldiers Crucify Jesus John 19:18-22
- 1) *Psa. 22:17-18 “Many dogs (Gentiles) surround me; a pack of evildoers closes in on me. So wasted are my hands and feet that I can count all my bones”*
[Psa. 22:16 KJV “they pierced my hands and my feet”]
- a) *Hands Pierced - Jesus Enables Us to Perform the Works of God*
- b) *Feet Pierced - Jesus Enables Us to Walk with God*

- 2) Jesus Crucified between 2 Convicted Criminals
 - a) *Sinless Jesus Died a Sinners Death*
 - b) *Jesus Takes the Place of Sinners - Dying in Our Stead.*
- 3) Pilate's Inscription Placed on Jesus' Cross
 - a) Inscription: "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews."
 - Written in Hebrew, Latin & Greek
 - *Jesus' Gospel to be Proclaimed to Jews & Gentiles*
 - b) Jews Complain to Pilate
 - "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"
 - c) Pilate Responds: "What I have written, I have written."
 - *Roman Governor (Top Governmental Official in Judea) Unknowingly Writes an Accurate Testimony of Jesus' Royalty*
- d. Soldiers Take Jesus' Clothing John 19:23-24
 - 1) Jesus Exposed Naked on Cross before World
 - a) *Jesus Takes Our Guilt & Shame Upon Himself* *Gen. 3: 7-11*
 - 2) Soldiers Divide Jesus' Clothing
 - a) 4 Ways One for Each Solider
 - b) Tunic Woven in One Piece
 - "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,"
 - 3) *Fulfilling Scripture: Psa. 22:19 "they divide my garments among them; for my clothing they cast lots."*
- e. Jesus' Followers at the Cross John 19:25-27
 - 1) Jesus' Mother (Virgin) Mary
 - 2) Mary Wife of Clopas - Virgin Mary's Sister (Mother of James, Joseph/Joses, Simon & Judas/Jude. Matt. 27:55-56, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 24:9-10)
 - 3) Mary Magdalene
 - 4) Jesus Seeing His Mother with John, Says:
 - a) Addressing Mary: "Woman, behold, your son."
 - b) Addressing John: "Behold, your mother."
 - John Took Jesus' Mother into His Home & Cared for Her
 - *Apparently Jesus had No Brother(s) to Care for His Mother.*
 - *Jesus Spiritually Gives His Mother Mary to the Church*
 - *As Mary Released Jesus of Family Responsibilities to Begin His Public Ministry (John 2:3-5); So Jesus at the End of His Public Ministry, Releases His Mother into the Care of His Faithful Disciple (The One at the Cross)*
 - *John (Jesus' Beloved Disciple) Represents the Church*
- f. Jesus Remains on Cross All Afternoon (Other Accounts of Jesus' Crucifixion: Matt. 27:35-58; Mark 15:21-41; Luke 23:32-49)
 - 1) *Jesus Remains on Cross Until He Conquers All The Forces of Evil & Sin*
 - 2) *Jesus is the Lord's Holy Holocaust (Whole Burnt Offering)*
 - 3) *Jesus is the Lord's Holy Libation*
 - a) *His Blood Poured Out for Sins of the World*
 - b) *His Face, Entire Body, the Wooden Cross and Ground Below were Soaked by His Blood*
- g. Jesus Knowing His Sacrifice is Fully Completed John 19:28-30
 - 1) Says: "**I thirst.**"

- a) *Psa. 22:15-16 “Like water my life drains away; all my bones grow soft. My heart has become like wax, it melts away within me. As dry as a potsherd is my throat; my tongue sticks to my palate; you lay me in the dust of death.”*
- b) *Jesus Thirsts for Sinners*
- 2) *Soldiers Soak Sponge in “Common Wine” (Vinegar)*
- a) *Place it on Hyssop & Raise to Jesus' Bloody Lips*
- *Hyssop was Used in the First Passover as Part of Israel's Preparation for God's Final Plague on Egypt Ex. 12:21-23*
 - *Hyssop Dipped into the Blood of Sacrificed Lambs. (Symbolic of Jesus the Slain Lamb of God.)*
 - *It was Used to Spread that Blood on the Doorpost & Lintels (Jesus' Cross) of Israel's Dwellings (Hearts of People). (Jesus' Blood was Spilled on Cross, Covering [Atoning for] the Sins of Believers.)*
 - *The Lord Dispatched the Angel of Death to Kill All First-Born in Land of Egypt as His Last Plague. (Death of God's Only Son, Jesus Christ, is the Final & Eternal Sacrifice for Sin.)*
 - *The Angel of Death “Passes Over” any Dwelling Covered by the Blood of the Lamb. (Curse of Death Passes Over People Who Accept Jesus' Sacrifice as Atonement of their Sins.)*
 - *Hyssop was Also Used in Israel's Purification Rite for Leprosy. Lepers are Considered Unclean Under Mosaic Law. A Leper who is Cured must Go through a Purification Rite which Includes Sacrificial Cleansing using Blood & Water. Lev. 14:1-9*
 - *(Leprosy is Symbolic of Sin. It is Highly Contagious & Naturally Incurable.)*
 - *(We Sinners are Unclean before a Holy God, and must be Cleansed by the Blood of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. As Blood and Water were used to Purify a Cured Leper; So, Blood and Water Issued from Jesus' Side Initiates His New Covenant under which We are Cleansed of Sin.)*
- 3) *Jesus Tastes Wine & Exclaims: “It is finished.”*
- a) *Psa. 69:22 “Instead they put gall in my food; for my thirst they gave me vinegar”*
- *Jesus Tastes Sins of the World - Bitter as Vinegar*
- b) *Jesus Finished His Earthly Life, Ministry & Sacrifice*
- c) *Jesus Experienced & Conquered Every Human Temptation, Emotion, Disease & Spiritual Onslaught*
- *Man Unjustly Persecuted Jesus, Subjecting Him to Hate, Cruelty, Horrendous Tortures, Degradation and Humiliation:*
 - *Jesus Never Complained*
 - *Jesus Never Cried for Mercy*
 - *Jesus Never Defended Himself*
 - *Jesus Never Returned Insult nor Threatened His Persecutors*
 - *Jesus was Never Resentful, Vengeful nor Unforgiving*
 - *Jesus Never Cursed God or His Persecutors*

- *Jesus Never Gave into Hate nor Rage*
 - *Jesus Never Used His Power to Minimize nor Truncate His Suffering*
 - *Etc., Etc., Etc.*
 - *Satan Poured Out All His Wrath & Resources (Man & Demonic) Against Jesus in an Attempt to Break His Will or Make Him Sin*
 - *Jesus Resisted & Overcame All the Forces of Evil*
 - *Jesus Never Sinned*
 - *Jesus Defeated Every Principality & Power*
 - *Etc., Etc., Etc.*
- 4) Jesus Bows His Head & Releases His Spirit (Dies)
- a) *Psa. 31:6 "Into your (Father God's) hands I commend my spirit"*
- *Trusting in Father God for His Resurrection*
- b) *Jesus (Without Sin) Dies on a Cross (Tree - Produce of the Earth) Gaining Eternal Life for Mankind, and Securing His Dominion Over the World, Sin & Death*
- *John 12:31-32 "Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world (Satan) will be driven out. And when I (Christ Jesus) am lifted up from the earth (On Cross), I will draw everyone to Myself."*
- h. Jesus Taken Down from Cross John 19:31-37
- 1) Jews Do Not Want Bodies Hanging on Crosses
- a) Their Sabbath Begins at Sundown
- It is the Feast of Unleavened Bread
- b) Ask Pilate to Break the Legs of Men being Crucified
- Remove Bodies from Crosses

Comment. Roman Crucifixion was designed so that the victim slowly suffocates by his own body weight. In order to take a breath, the victim must painfully raise his body by straightening out his legs. Death is hastened by breaking a victim's legs.

- 2) Soldiers Break the Legs of Other Men Crucified with Jesus
- 3) Soldiers Saw Jesus was Already Dead
- a) Did Not Break His Legs
- 4) One Soldier Thrust Lance into Jesus' Side
- a) Proving Jesus is Dead
- *As God Put Adam into a Deep Sleep (Prefiguring Death), Opened His Side Removing a Rib to Create Eve (His Wife); So Jesus' Side was Opened after His Death to Birth His Church (His Bride).
Gen. 2:21-25; Matt. 9:14-15*
- b) Blood & Water Flows Out of Jesus' Side
- *Jesus Began His Public Ministry by Turning Water into Wine at Wedding Feast in Cana* John 2:1-12
 - *Water Symbolizes His Baptism when He was Anointed for Public Ministry* Matt. 3:13-17
 - *Wine Symbolizes His Blood Poured Out at the End of His Public Ministry, Giving Birth to His Bride the Church*
 - *Jesus' Death Fulfills Old Covenant & Initiates His New Covenant*
 - *Water Represents Baptism* Mark 16:15-16

- *Blood Represents Holy Eucharist*

Matt. 26:26-29

- 5) Saint John is an Eyewitness to Jesus' Death
 - a) Testifies to its Accuracy, Validity & Truth
 - b) Testified that His Words are Truth
 - c) John is the Author of this Gospel
- 6) Confirming Scriptures:
 - a) *Psa. 34:21 "God watches over all their bones; not a one shall be broken"*
 - *No One Took Jesus' Life from Him (By Breaking His Legs)*
 - *Jesus Completed His Work of Salvation, after which He Voluntarily Dies*
 - b) *Zech. 12:10 "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and petition; and they shall look on him whom they have thrust through, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a first-born."*
 - *Breaking the Heart of God*

3. Jesus' Burial

John 19:38-42

(References: *Matt. 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56*)

a. Jesus' Secret Followers

- 1) Joseph of Arimathea - Member of Sanhedrin (*Mark 15:43a*)
 - a) Secret Disciple in Fear of Jewish Authorities
 - b) Asks Pilate for Permission to Remove Jesus' Body from Cross
 - *Pilate Grants His Request*
 - c) Takes Jesus' Body Off Cross
- 2) Nicodemus - Member of Sanhedrin
 - a) Man Who Came to Jesus at Night *John 3:1-21*
 - b) Man Who Spoke for Justice in Behalf of Jesus *John 7:45-52*
 - c) Brought 100 Pounds of Myrrh & Aloes Mixture
 - *Myrrh is One of the Ingredients Used in Holy Anointing Oil Prescribed in Mosaic Law* *Ex. 30:22-33*
 - *Holy Oil Used to Anoint:*
 - *The Tabernacle Tent (Jesus is God's Tabernacle)*
 - *The Ark of the Covenant (Jesus Fulfilled the Law)*
 - *The Table of Show Bread (Jesus is the Bread of Life)*
 - *The Lambstand - Menorah (Jesus is the Light of the World)*
 - *The Altar of Incense (Jesus is Our Intercessor)*
 - *The Altar of Holocausts (Jesus is the Lord's Holy Sacrifice)*
 - *The Laver (Jesus Cleanses Us from Sin)*
 - *Israel's Priests (Jesus is Our High Priest)*
 - *Myrrh is One of Gifts Given by Wise Men to Jesus - King of Jews* *Matt. 2: 9-12*
 - *Myrrh Used in Embalming*
 - *Prophetic Ode to Messiah King: Psa. 45:9 "With myrrh, aloes, and cassia your robes are fragrant....."*
 - *Aloes a Fragrant Ointment Used to Perfume Garments & Beds*
 - *Myrrh & Aloes are Ingredients in Messiah's Garden (Representing His Bride/Church)* *Song of Songs 4:13-16*

- 3) Joseph & Nicodemus Prepared Jesus' Body for Burial
 - a) Bound Body with Cloth Wrappings & Spices
 - *Anointing the Body with Myrrh*
 - b) In Accordance with Jewish Customs
 - *Perfumed Grave Clothes with Aloes*
- b. Jesus Buried
 - 1) Jesus Laid in a Tomb Near where He Died (Place of Execution)
 - a) Hurried Burial
 - Sabbath begins at Sunset (God's Day of Rest)
 - Jews Celebrate Feast of Unleavened Bread at Sunset
 - b) Jesus' Body Lies in the Tomb on Feast of Unleavened Bread
 - Jesus Is the Bread of Life John 6:35-58
 - 2) Jesus Laid in a New Unused Tomb
 - a) *Isa. 53:9 "A grave was assigned him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers. Though he had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood."*
 - 3) Jesus Laid in a Garden Tomb
 - a) *As Adam was Expelled from Garden (Eden) with the Curse of Sin (i.e. Death) on Him; So, Jesus (Without Sin) was Buried in a Garden having Died to Paid the Full Price for Man's Sin. Gen. 3:21-24*
- c. Jesus Christ Completed His Salvific Mission
 - 1) *Isa. 53:10 "But the LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him."*
 - a) *John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."*
 - b) *Isa. 53:11 "Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear."*
 - c) *Isa. 53:12 "Therefore I will give him his portion among the great (Phil. 2: 5-11; Heb. 1:1-4), and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty, Because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; And he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses."*

Jesus Christ's Body (Bread of Life) Lies in a Tomb During the Feast of Unleavened Bread

PART VI - MESSIAH'S VICTORY**John 20 - 21**

The Gospel of John Gives a Spiritual Perspective of Actual Events that Occurred at Jesus Christ's Resurrection (of which this Author Only Caught a Few).

(Other Accounts of Jesus' Resurrection: Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24 & Acts 1:1-11)

Christ Jesus was Literally and Bodily Resurrected from the Dead and IS ALIVE.

- *He Appeared to Women at the Tomb, His Disciples, and more than 500 People Over a Period of 40 Days after His Resurrection (Acts 1:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:1-8).*
- *He is the Only Religious Leader in Human History to Prove He has Power Over Death by Rising from the Dead. Since a Person Can Not Give What He Does Not Possess, Jesus is the Only Person in Human History that can Legitimately Offer and Give Eternal Life to People (John 5:39; John 14:6; Acts 4:11-12).*
- *Throughout the Centuries, Jesus Continually Proves that He is Alive by Answering Prayers (John 14:12-14), Changing Lives (2 Cor. 5:17-18) and Performing Miracles (Acts. 3:1-10), All in His Name.*

Jesus Claimed to be the Son of God (John 3:16-17; John 5:19-40; John 8:57-58; John 14: 8-11). He Proved His Word by Rising from the Dead. He Is Life Itself (John 14:6). Death Can Not Hold Him. He Eternally Conquered Sin & Death, Offering Mankind the Promise of Resurrection and Eternal Life (John 11: 25-26; 1 Cor. 15:50-58).

The Third Feast of the Passover Festival is the Feast of First Fruits (Lev. 23:9-14), which is Celebrated the Day Following the Sabbath (i.e. Sunday) During Passover. It Commemorates Israel's First Harvest in the Promise Land. Jesus Christ Rose from the Dead that First Day of the Week (i.e. Sunday) on the Feast of First Fruits, Fulfilling that Feast by becoming the "First Fruits" of All People Who will be Resurrected unto Eternal Life under His New Covenant. (1 Cor. 15:20-26).

A. Jesus Christ Is Resurrected from the Dead

John 20

1. Jesus Christ Is Alive

John 20:1-29

a. The Empty Tomb

John 20:1-10

Jesus' Empty Tomb Resonates throughout the Ages. Everywhere the Gospel is Proclaimed, Men and Women are Confronted with Jesus' Empty Tomb. Where is the Crucified One? Where is the King of the Jews? Where is Messiah the Son of God? The Answer is Essential to Our Eternal Salvation - HE IS RISEN!

- 1) Early Morning on First Day of Week (Sunday) (*Feast of First Fruits*)
 - a) Before Sunrise
 - b) *Represents a New Morning - A New Beginning - A New Covenant for Mankind*
- 2) Mary Magdalene Goes to Jesus' Tomb (*To Care for the Dead*).
 - a) Stone Covering Entrance was Rolled Away
 - *Jesus' Passion & Resurrection Softens Our Hardened Hearts*
 - *So We are Able to Accept Him - Our Risen Lord*
 - b) Mary Runs & Reports to Peter & John
 - "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where

- they put him.”
- *Mary's First Testimony is of an Empty Tomb*
- 3) Peter & John Run to Jesus' Tomb (*Looking for Jesus*)
- a) John Reaches Tomb First
 - Looks In But Does Not Enter (*Waits for Peter - Chief Disciple*)
 - Jesus' Shroud Lying on Ground
(*Jesus has No Further Need of His Burial Clothes*)
 - b) Simon Peter Arrives & Enters Tomb
 - Sees Jesus' Shroud on Ground (*Jesus No Longer Clothed by Death*)
 - Sees Head Cloth Rolled Up by Itself (*Jesus' Testimony is Alive*)
 - c) John Enters Tomb
 - Sees Empty Tomb & Believes (*Accepts Jesus' Resurrection by Faith*)
John, Who was a First-Hand Witness of Jesus' Horrific Suffering & Death (Being at the Foot of the Cross), is the First Disciple to Believe in Christ's Resurrection.
 - *Furthermore, Jesus Predicted He would Die & Rise from the Dead*
Matt. 16:21; Matt. 20:17-19
 - d) Disciples Did Not Understand Scripture that Jesus had to Rise from Dead
 - *Psa. 16:10-11 “For you (Father God) will not abandon me to Sheol (Nether World), nor let your faithful servant (Messiah) see the pit (Physical Corruption). You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.”*
- 4) Peter & John Return Home
- b. Jesus Appears First to Mary Magdalene John 20:11-18
Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene in a Garden of Tombs. Mary Spiritually Represents Eve who was Seduced by Satan in the Garden of Eden to Bring Adam (Mankind) into Sin & Death. Jesus Reveals His Resurrection First to Mary Magdalene, whom He Delivered from Satan's Seduction (Luke 8:2), to Bring the Message of His Resurrection to His Disciples.
- 1) Mary Remains at Tomb Site Crying
 - a) She Looks Inside Tomb
 - b) Sees Two Angels in Dazzling Robes
 - One Seated where Jesus' Head had Lain (*Representing New Covenant*)
 - One Seated where Jesus' Feet had Lain (*Representing Old Covenant*)
 - 2) Angels Ask Mary: “Woman, why are you weeping?”
 - 3) Mary Answers: “They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him.”
 - 4) She Turned & Saw Jesus
 - a) Did Not Recognize Him (Eyes Probable Full of Tears)
 - 5) Jesus Asks Mary: “**Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?**”
 - a) Mary Assumes it is the Gardener
 - b) She Asks: “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.”
 - 6) Jesus Reveals Himself. “**Mary!**”
 - a) She Recognizes Jesus' Voice
 - *John 10:27 “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”*

- b) He Called Her Name (*Jesus Calls Us into a Personal Relationship*)
 - *John 10:3 "... sheep hear his voice, as he (Messiah the Good Shepherd) calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."*
- 7) Mary Turns to Jesus & Proclaims: "Rabbouni" (Teacher in Hebrew)
 - a) She Holds onto Jesus
- 8) Jesus Says: "**Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'**"
 - a) He Instructs Mary Not to Cling to Him
 - b) He Must Go to Father God
 - c) He Commissions Mary to Witness to His Disciples

Comment. Why did Jesus tell Mary Magdalene not to cling to Him? Why did He have to ascend to Father God before appearing to His Disciples? I do not know the answers to these questions, it's a mystery. I often thought that Jesus, as the Lord's Slain & Resurrected Messiah, had a task to accomplish in the Spiritual Realm, to bring His Blood into God's Heavenly Sanctuary as an Eternal Sacrifice.

- *In Hebrews 9, we read that Israel's High Priests entered the Holy of Holies of Earth's Tabernacle with the blood of animal sacrifices to annually atone for Israel's sins; which was a foreshadow of Messiah's Eternal Sacrifice. Jesus, who was Ordained as Eternal High Priest after His Resurrection (i.e. God would not ordain a dead person), entered the Heavenly Sanctuary with His Own Blood once and for all for the atonement of man's sins.*
- *Somehow, Jesus' Blood that was spilled on Earth must have been supernaturally gathered and brought to Jesus, who as Our Eternal High Priest presented it as a Holy and Living Sacrifice to God Almighty in the Heavenly Sanctuary.*

- 9) Mary Goes to Disciples & Witnesses of Jesus' Resurrection
 - a) "I have seen the Lord"
 - b) Testifying to What Jesus Told Her
- c. Jesus Appears to His Disciples John 20:19-23
 - 1) First Appearance that Sunday Evening
 - a) Doors Locked in Fear of the Jews
 - Who Persecuted Jesus & Condemned Him to Death
 - b) Jesus Stands Among His Disciples
 - Greets His Disciples: "**Peace be with you.**"
 - Shows them His Hands & Side
 - Disciples Rejoice
 - c) Jesus Commissions His Disciples
 - "**Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**"
 - *Father God Sent Jesus into the World to Bring Salvation*
 - *Jesus, Likewise, Commissions His Disciples to Bring His Gospel of Salvation to the World. Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18*
 - *Jesus' Disciples Spent 3 Years in His Presence, Walking with Him, Witnessing His Miracles, Listening to His Public Sermons, and Receiving His Private Lessons (Completing His Seminary)*
1 John 1:1-4
 - d) Jesus Breathes on His Disciples (*Imparting the Holy Spirit*)
 - "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**"
 - *As God Breathed into Man's (Adam's) Nostrils and Man became a Living Soul (Gen. 2: 7); So, Jesus Breathes on His Disciples Imparting God the Holy Spirit*

into their Lives making them a New Creation (2 Cor. 5:17).

- “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”
 - *Jesus Breathes on His Disciples Ordaining them to Carry Out His Work Here on Earth.*
 - *Jesus Authorizes His Disciples to Forgive Sins - In His Name (Giving them “Power of Attorney” on Earth)*
- d. Thomas was Absent when Jesus Appeared to His Disciples John 20:24-25
 - 1) Other Disciples Witness to Thomas of Jesus' Resurrection & Visitation
 - a) “We have seen the Lord.”
 - 2) Thomas Rejects their Testimonies
 - a) “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”
- e. Jesus Appears Second Time to His Disciples John 20:26-29
 - 1) Week Later (*Presumably Next Sunday - A New Beginning for Thomas*)
 - a) Disciples Behind Locked Doors
 - Still Afraid of the Jews
 - b) Thomas was with the Other Disciples
 - 2) Jesus Stands Among His Disciples
 - a) Jesus' Greeting: “Peace be with you.”
 - 3) Jesus Addresses Thomas Directly
 - a) “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”
 - 4) Thomas' Declaration of Faith: “My Lord and my God!”
 - a) *Thomas Confesses the Divinity of Jesus Christ*
 - b) *Christ Accepts His Confession*
 - 5) Jesus' Response:
 - a) “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
 - *Speaking about All of Us Who have Accepted the Testimonies of Jesus' Disciples and their Spiritual Successors.*
 - *Christ Jesus is More Alive than Anything We Can See, or Visualize, in this Temporal World.*
 - b) We are to Live by Faith Not Sight
 - *Heb. 11:1 “Faith is the evidence of things not seen.”*
 - *Rom. 10:9 “... .. if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*
 - *Rom. 1:17 “The one who is righteous by faith will live.”*
 - *Heb. 11:6 “without faith it is impossible to please him (Lord God), for anyone who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”*
- 2. John's Personal Testimony John 20:30-31
 - a. “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of (his) disciples that are not written in this book (*Gospel of John*).”
 - b. “But these are written that you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.”

B. Jesus Christ Commissions His Church

John 21

1. Jesus' Appearance in Galilee John 21:1-23
 - a. Disciples Return to their Occupation (Livelihood) John 21:1-8
 - 1) Fishing on Sea of Tiberias (Galilee)
(7 of 11 Remaining Disciples went Fishing with Simon Peter, Represent that Christ's Church will Consist of Many Denominations - See Note 1 Below)
 - a) Simon Peter
 - b) Thomas ("Twin") *(Foreshadows East / West Schism)*
 - c) Nathaniel from Cana
 - d) Zebedee's Sons *(Foreshadows Protestant Reformation)*
 - e) Two Other Disciples
 - 2) Simon Peter had Invited them to Join Him Fishing
 - a) They Agreed & Followed
 - 3) Boat Out on Sea All Night
(Night Represents that they were Not Following the "Light of World" but Pursing their Natural Livelihoods - Outside the Lord's Calling on their Lives)
 - a) Caught Nothing
 - *Relying on their Own Abilities as Professional Fishermen*
 - *Jesus: "... .. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." John 15:5*
 - 4) Jesus Stands on Shore at Daybreak
(Daybreak Represents Conception of Christ's Church)
 - a) Yells to Disciples/Fishermen: **"Children, have you caught anything to eat?"**
 - b) They Answer: "No."
 - 5) Jesus Instructs Disciples: **"Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something."**
 - a) Disciples Obey
 - Catch So Many Fish they could Not Haul in Net
(Jesus is Our Abundant Supply)
 - 6) John Recognizes Jesus
 - a) Says to Peter: "It is the Lord."
 - b) Did they Remember Jesus' Words?
 - **"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."** Matt. 4:19
 - 7) Disciples Come to Jesus
 - a) Peter Clothes Himself & Jumps into Water
 - *Covers His Embarrassment/Shame*
- *He had Denied Jesus*
 - *Anxious to Meet Jesus Again*
- *Desire to Reconcile with Jesus*
 - b) Other Disciples Bring Boat into Shore
 - *Dragging Net Full of Fish (Produce of the Earth)*
- *Phil. 4:19 "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus"*
 - Boat About 100 Yards from Shore
(Symbolizes Separation of Secular Life from God's Call on their Lives)

- b. Jesus Cooking Fish & Warming Bread on Charcoal Fire John 21:9-1
Jesus was Already Cooking Fish and Warming Bread on Charcoal Fire when His Disciples Arrive with their Catch:
- *Fish Provided by Jesus Represent Men and Women Already Gathered (i. e. Disciples & Other Followers) into His Kingdom During His Public Ministry*
 - *Jesus (the Bread of Life) Prepares a Meal for All of Us - His Spiritual Food*
 - *He Already Suffered & Died to Give Eternal Life to Man*
 - *Here He Warms Bread Symbolizing Rejuvenation of His Disciples' Zeal*
 - *Charcoal Fire Represents Jesus' Passion Consummated on the Cross*
- 1) Says to Disciples: **"Bring some of the fish you just caught."**
(Fish Caught by Disciples Represent Men Caught for Christ's Kingdom.)
(These Fish were Caught Only by Following the Lord's Word.)
 - 2) Simon Peter Boards Boat
 - a) Hauls In Net Full of Fish (*Abundant Catch*)
 - 153 Large Fish (*153 Represents the Nations - See Note 2 Below*)
 - Net Not Torn (*Jesus Preserves Our Work*)
 - 3) Jesus Invites Disciples: **"Come, have breakfast."**
 - a) No One Asks Who He Was
 - b) All Knew it was their Lord Jesus Christ
 - c) *Church Knows Jesus as Personal Lord & Savior*
 - 4) Jesus Serves Disciples Bread & Fish (*Jesus is Our Only Source of Salvation*)
 - 5) Third Time Jesus Appeared to His Disciples After His Resurrection
- c. Jesus Charters His Church John 21:15-23
- 1) After Disciples had Eaten Meal
(Jesus Christ Fully Satisfies All His Disciples/Followers)
 - 2) Jesus Addresses Simon Peter
 - a) *Jesus Calls Simon Peter Out from Among His Disciples & Gives Him the Choice to Serve Him as Head of His Church:*
 - ***"No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."*** *Matt. 6:24*
 - *Simon Peter Must Turn Away from Worldly Concerns to Serve Christ*
 - b) Jesus' First Question: **"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"** (*Jesus Asks Peter if He Loves Him More than His Livelihood*)
 - Simon's Answer: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
 - Jesus Instructs Him: **"Feed my lambs."**
(Teach & Serve Christ's People /Church's Laity)
 - c) Jesus' Second Question: **"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"**
 - Simon's Answer: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
 - Jesus Instructs Him: **"Tend my sheep."**
(Become a Shepherd - Pastor - to Christ's Church)
 - d) Jesus' Third Question: **"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"**
 - Peter Hurt that Jesus Asks 3 Times if He Loves Him
 - Answers: "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."
 - Jesus Instructs Him: **"Feed my sheep."**
(Teach & Serve Clergy, Religious & Workers of Christ's Church)

- e) Jesus Tells Peter the Consequences of Following & Serving Him.
 - “Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”
 - Indicating that Peter Would be Crucified
 - f) Jesus Instructs Peter: “Follow me.”
 - *Jesus Basically Says to Peter: Now that You Understand Your Commitment and the Consequences - Follow Me!*
- 3) John's Fate
- a) John was Following Jesus & Peter
 - b) Peter Asks Jesus: “Lord, what about him?”
 - Referring to John
 - c) Jesus Replies: “What if I want him to remain until I come? What concern is it of yours? You follow me.” (*Jesus Tells Peter it is Not His Concern what Happens to John. Just Keep Following Jesus by Faith!*)
 - Starting the Rumor that John would Never Die (*See Note 3 Below*)
 - Jesus Never Say that, but What if that was His Will.

Notes.

1. *I believe that since only 7 of the remaining 11 Disciples went fishing with Peter, it symbolically represents that Christ's Church will be made up of other Christian Denominations. For example, Philip (who wasn't named as one of these fishermen) converted an Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40) who started the Coptic Church. Seven is the number of perfect completion, symbolizes that the Church originally led by Peter will persevere unto the end of the Age.*
2. *I believe the 153 fish caught by Jesus' Disciples symbolically represent that peoples from every Nation will be gathered into Christ's Kingdom. It's interesting to note that the fish caught by the Disciples (Representing Gentiles) were added to the fish Jesus was already cooking (Representing Israelite Believers) for the meal He was preparing.*
3. *John out lived all of Jesus' 12 Apostles to be His Evangelist/Witness and Church Leader for over 60 years. John wrote this Gospel, 3 Letters to the Church and Book of Revelation which included visions of the Glorified Christ & His Churches, God's Heavenly Throne, Judgment of the World, and Christ's Second Coming, Kingdom & Eternal Reign.*

2. John's Personal Testimony

John 21:24-25

- a. “It is this disciple (*John*) who testifies to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.”
- b. “There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written.”