

Passion Week—Passover: Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled (Thursday, April 2, 33)

John 14

- 1 “Do not let your hearts be distressed. You believe in God; believe also in me.
 2 There are many dwelling places in my Father’s house. Otherwise, I would have told you, because I am going away to make ready a place for you.
 3 And if I go and make ready a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that where I am you may be too.
 4 And you know the way where I am going.”
 5 Thomas said, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?”
 6 Jesus replied, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
 7 If you have known me, you will know my Father too. And from now on you do know him and have seen him.”
 8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be content.”
 9 Jesus replied, “Have I been with you for so long, and you have not known me, Philip? The person who has seen me has seen the Father! How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?
 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you, I do not speak on my own initiative, but the Father residing in me performs his miraculous deeds.
 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me, but if you do not believe me, believe because of the miraculous deeds themselves.
 12 I tell you the solemn truth, the person who believes in me will perform the miraculous deeds that I am doing, and will perform greater deeds than these, because I am going to the Father.
 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.
 15 “If you love me, you will obey my commandments.
 16 Then I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever—
 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, because he resides with you and will be in you.
 18 “I will not abandon you as orphans, I will come to you.
 19 In a little while the world will not see me any longer, but you will see me; because I live, you will live too.
 20 You will know at that time that I am in my Father and you are in me and I am in you.
 21 The person who has my commandments and obeys them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and will reveal myself to him.”
 22 “Lord,” Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “what has happened that you are going to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?”
 23 Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and take up residence with him.
 24 The person who does not love me does not obey my words. And the word you hear is not mine, but the Father’s who sent me.
 25 “I have spoken these things while staying with you.
 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and will cause you to remember everything I said to you.
 27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not let your hearts be distressed or lacking in courage.
 28 You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I am.
 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.
 30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me,
 31 but I am doing just what the Father commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Get up, let us go from here.”

Passion Week—Passover: I Am the Vine (Thursday, April 2, 33)

John 15–16

The Vine and the Branches

- 15:1 “I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener.
 2 He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit in me. He prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it will bear more fruit.
 3 You are clean already because of the word that I have spoken to you.
 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.
 5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me—and I in him—bears much fruit, because apart from me you can accomplish nothing.
 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown out like a branch, and dries up; and such branches are gathered up and thrown into

the fire, and are burned up.

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you.

8 My Father is honored by this, that you bear much fruit and show that you are my disciples.

9 “Just as the Father has loved me, I have also loved you; remain in my love.

10 If you obey my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

11 I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete.

12 My commandment is this—to love one another just as I have loved you.

13 No one has greater love than this—that one lays down his life for his friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

15 I no longer call you slaves, because the slave does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have revealed to you everything I heard from my Father.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that remains, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.

17 This I command you—to love one another.

The Hatred of the World

18 “If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me first.

19 If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you do not belong to the world, but I chose you out of the world, for this reason the world hates you.

20 Remember what I told you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they obeyed my word, they will obey yours too.

21 But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. But they no longer have any excuse for their sin.

23 The one who hates me hates my Father too.

24 If I had not performed among them the miraculous deeds that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen the deeds and have hated both me and my Father.

25 Now this happened to fulfill the word that is written in their law, ‘*They hated me without reason.*’ [[Ps 35:19](#); [69:4](#)]

26 When the Advocate comes, whom I will send you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me,

27 and you also will testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

16:1 “I have told you all these things so that you will not fall away.

2 They will put you out of the synagogue, yet a time is coming when the one who kills you will think he is offering service to God.

3 They will do these things because they have not known the Father or me.

4 But I have told you these things so that when their time comes, you will remember that I told you about them. “I did not tell you these things from the beginning because I was with you.

The Coming Ministry of the Holy Spirit

5 But now I am going to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking me, ‘Where are you going?’

6 Instead your hearts are filled with sadness because I have said these things to you.

7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I am going away. For if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you.

8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong concerning sin and righteousness and judgment—

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

10 concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer;

11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

12 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. For he will not speak on his own authority, but will speak whatever he hears, and will tell you what is to come.

14 He will glorify me, because he will receive from me what is mine and will tell it to you.

15 Everything that the Father has is mine; that is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what is mine and will tell it to you.

Prediction of Joy over His Resurrection

16 In a little while you will see me no longer; again after a little while, you will see me.”

17 Then some of his disciples said to one another, “What is the meaning of what he is saying, ‘In a little while you will not see me; again after a little while, you will see me,’ and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?”

18 So they kept on repeating, “What is the meaning of what he says, ‘In a little while’? We do not understand what he is talking about.”

19 Jesus could see that they wanted to ask him about these things, so he said to them, “Are you asking each other about this—that I said, ‘In a little while you will not see me; again after a little while, you will see me’?”
 20 I tell you the solemn truth, you will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice; you will be sad, but your sadness will turn into joy.
 21 When a woman gives birth, she has distress because her time has come, but when her child is born, she no longer remembers the suffering because of her joy that a human being has been born into the world.
 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

Promise of Answered Prayer and Peace

23 At that time you will ask me nothing. I tell you the solemn truth, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.
 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive it, so that your joy may be complete.
 25 “I have told you these things in obscure figures of speech; a time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in obscure figures, but will tell you plainly about the Father.
 26 At that time you will ask in my name, and I do not say that I will ask the Father on your behalf.
 27 For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.
 28 I came from the Father and entered into the world, but in turn, I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”
 29 His disciples said, “Look, now you are speaking plainly and not in obscure figures of speech!
 30 Now we know that you know everything and do not need anyone to ask you anything. Because of this we believe that you have come from God.”
 31 Jesus replied, “Do you now believe?
 32 Look, a time is coming—and has come—when you will be scattered, each one to his own home, and I will be left alone. Yet I am not alone, because my Father is with me.
 33 I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble and suffering, but take courage—I have conquered the world.”

Passion Week—Passover: Jesus’ Intercessory Prayer (Thursday, April 2, 33)

John 17

1 When Jesus had finished saying these things, he looked upward to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that your Son may glorify you—
 2 just as you have given him authority over all humanity, so that he may give eternal life to everyone you have given him.
 3 Now this is eternal life—that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.
 4 I glorified you on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.
 5 And now, Father, glorify me at your side with the glory I had with you before the world was created.
 6 “I have revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have obeyed your word.
 7 Now they understand that everything you have given me comes from you,
 8 because I have given them the words you have given me. They accepted them and really understand that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.
 9 I am praying on behalf of them. I am not praying on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those you have given me, because they belong to you.
 10 Everything I have belongs to you, and everything you have belongs to me, and I have been glorified by them.
 11 I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them safe in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one.
 12 When I was with them I kept them safe and watched over them in your name that you have given me. Not one of them was lost except the one destined for destruction, so that the scripture could be fulfilled.
 13 But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so they may experience my joy completed in themselves.
 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them, because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but that you keep them safe from the evil one.
 16 They do not belong to the world just as I do not belong to the world.
 17 Set them apart in the truth; your word is truth.
 18 Just as you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.
 19 And I set myself apart on their behalf, so that they too may be truly set apart.
 20 “I am not praying only on their behalf, but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their testimony,
 21 that they will all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. I pray that they will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me.
 22 The glory you gave to me I have given to them, that they may be one just as we are one—
 23 I in them and you in me—that they may be completely one, so that the world will know that you sent me, and you have loved

them just as you have loved me.

24 “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they can see my glory that you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

25 Righteous Father, even if the world does not know you, I know you, and these men know that you sent me.

26 I made known your name to them, and I will continue to make it known, so that the love you have loved me with may be in them, and I may be in them.”

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