

# The Gospel of John #7

## December 22, 2019 (John 13:18-38)

- 1) In foretelling his betrayal (vv18-21), Jesus was troubled -what other feelings do you perceive Jesus to be feeling at this time? Explain.
- 2) Why do you think Jesus told his disciples about His coming betrayal?
- 3) What do you sense to be the disciples' reaction(s)? Describe what you feel the atmosphere of the gathering was after Jesus' statement in v21.
- 4) After Jesus had given the bread to Judas (v26), identifying him as the betrayer, why was there not some sort of reaction towards him by the other disciples?
- 5) What was the significance of Jesus' statement to Judas, "do it quickly"?
- 6) Judas had been part of a very intimate group for 3 years. What does his action of betraying Jesus say about him? What does Jesus' reaction say about Him?
- 7) V34 – Jesus says "Love one another". Why does He refer to it as a "new command"?
- 8) Knowing of Peter's personality, how do you think he felt after hearing v38?

## December 29, 2019 (John 14:1-14)

- 1) In this lesson, Jesus begins his farewell message. What do you think was His purpose in giving this message? Why was it needed?
- 2) V4 Jesus states, "You know the way to the place where I am going". Explain why Thomas would ask his question in v5.
- 3) Why does Jesus use the analogy of v2: "In my Father's house are many rooms"? (in KJV – "many mansions").
- 4) V6 – what comfort was it to the disciples for Jesus to say, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life"? Should that have been necessary to say to them?
- 5) VV 9-14. What tone of voice do you imagine Jesus was using at this time?
- 6) What is your understanding of v12?
- 7) Is it necessary for us today to pray "in Jesus' name?"

## January 5, 2020 (John 14:15-31)

- 1) In John 14, Jesus has been trying to comfort and reassure His disciples. How does commandment-keeping help their sense of security? V15 and 21.
- 2) What do you learn about the Holy Spirit in vv16-17? In vv25-27?
- 3) Describe/explain the significance of verse 26.
- 4) What is the difference between how Jesus gives peace and how the world does?
- 5) What did the "prince of the world" have to do with that moment? (v30)
- 6) What impact do you think v31 had on the disciples at that time?
- 7) In various Bible versions, the Holy Spirit is referred to as Counselor, as Advocate, as Comforter, as Helper. *Which of these best describe Him in your life? Why?*

### **January 12, 2020 (John 15:1-27)**

- 1) What are some reasons that Jesus used the analogy of the vine and the branches? What analogy or analogies might he use today instead?
- 2) V2 says that pruning a productive branch will make it "even more fruitful". What are some ways that spiritual pruning occurs?
- 3) Jesus called his disciples his "friends". (v14-15) Why was that important to the disciples? Why was it important for Jesus?
- 4) What is the "fruit that will last"? (v16)
- 5) Since the emphasis in vv9-17 was on love, why does Jesus then start talking about hate in v 18?
- 6) What are the various messages that Jesus was trying to communicate to the disciples in this discussion? To us?

### **January 19, 2020 (John 16:1-33)**

- 1) How prepared do you suppose the disciples were to hear Jesus' statement in v2? Shocked? Surprised/not surprised? Prepared for it? Describe.
- 2) V7 – Jesus tries to comfort the disciples by saying: "It is for your good that I am going away", and tells them why. What level of comfort do you think they felt?
- 3) Discuss the three goals of the works of the Holy Spirit listed in vv 8-11.
- 4) Why do the disciples seem so confused in vv17-18? Does that seem surprising?
- 5) End of v30 says, "This makes us believe that you came from God." What is the explanation of this statement?
- 6) In this chapter the disciples have: been put on notice (v2); filled with grief (6); confused (vv17-18); received promise of joy (v22); felt assured (v30); and been assured by Jesus (v33). What does this say about them? Their assignment?

### **January 26, 2020 (John 17:1-26)**

- 1) What specifically is Jesus requesting in v5? What does that mean?
- 2) Why did Jesus pray that (1) the Father would "keep" the disciples and (2) that they might be "one"? Verse 11.
- 3) In v13, Jesus prays that the disciples might have "the full measure of my joy within them". What did He mean by that phrase? Why did He think it was important to include that in His prayer?
- 4) What does He mean by his request stated in v17? What is its purpose?
- 5) Discuss the importance of Jesus' request in v24. Do Christians think enough about how concerned Jesus is about them? Why or why not?
- 6) Overall - why do you think Jesus saw fit to record this lengthy prayer?
- 7) What lessons or examples can we learn from this chapter to apply to our prayer life?