**John XII John 12-13 The Glorification (and Self-Humbling) of King Jesus**

Review: John 11:1-44 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus uses a physical sign as testimony to support one of his claims about himself.

John 6 Makes bread I AM the bread of life

John 9 I AM the light of the world gives sight to the man born blind

John 11 I AM the resurrection and the life resurrects Lazarus.

Jesus comes to Bethany. The setting: Lazarus has been dead for four days already.

v. 21 Jesus, if only you had been here. But even now… Martha has great faith.

Jesus: I AM statement #5 I AM the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.

Not I offer resurrection.

Not I have the power to resurrect a person.

No! I, I AM the resurrection and the life.

Jesus is our hope! Both in this life and in the afterlife!

Do you truly believe this as Martha did? Then you will never die!

v. 33 Jesus deeply moved v. 35 Jesus wept. Why? Compassion.

v. 39 Take away the stone.

Many of us have been dead in our sin. Spiritually, we were Lazarus. Hopeless. Laying in a spiritual tomb. No chance. We really stunk! Only Jesus can take away your stone.

v. 39 Martha: But Lord…. you do not understand. The situation is hopeless.

Jesus: Roll away the stone.

v. 43 Lazarus, come out!

Jesus says to you, Come out! Come out from your sin. Come out from your spiritual death.

John 11:53-57 Response. Many believe, but others decide to kill Jesus

v. 55 The Passover is at hand. Jesus no longer says “My time has not yet come.”

His time has come!!! The scene is set. The Passover lamb will soon enter Jerusalem to die for the people.

John 12. A transition. Last chapter in “The Book of Signs.” The signs are now completed, but the passion narrative has not quite started.

1. During this chapter we enter Jerusalem.

2. The public ministry of Jesus comes to an end.

3. The “Book of Signs” ends and the “Book of the Passion” begins

Theme of John 12: The glorification of the king

1. His anointing.

2. His triumphal entry.

3. God: I will glorify your name

4. Jesus will be “lifted up.”

John 12:1-8 Jesus is being prepared for burial.

Mary anoints Jesus anointed with pure nard (Northern India)] Worth 300 denarii. ($30,000 in today’s money?)

Interesting that Jesus does not reject seemingly irresponsible expense to honor or worship him. He lived in poverty, but did not refuse inordinate acts of worship.

12:12-16 The passion story begins as Jesus enters Jerusalem. On Sunday. Palm Sunday.

The scene of Jesus entering Jerusalem is similar to the crowds who welcomed Simon Maccabeus into Jerusalem with shouts of praise and waving palm branches (1 Maccabees 13:51) Welcoming a conquering king.

Crowd shouts Hosannah (save us now) Sounds like Psalm 118:22-26, a psalm which was read at Passover. The crowd is hailing Jesus as king and Messiah. Their political deliverer.

Jesus rides in on a donkey. Warriors ride in on horses. He comes in peace, not as a conquering king.

Irony: He will be made king and he will be glorified, but not how the people think. He will be glorified by dying!!!

v. 9-11 and 17-18 Lazarus is causing troubles for Jesus. An ominous side-note. The raising of Lazarus is very much in the air and everyone knows it. Jesus’ enemies: this is getting out of hand.

12:19 irony The whole world has gone after him (prophetic)

12:23-29 The hour has come. The time is here. The stage is set. All is prepared. No turning back now.

This leads to 12:24 Jesus explains what is about to happen.

12:24-26 The closest to a parable in John. Living for Jesus is like a grain of wheat which dies, and therefore produces much fruit. Jesus is obviously talking about himself, but he is also talking about us.

v. 25 “Hate your life” = willing to die for Jesus. (Jewish idiom = love less)

The only way to fruitfulness/a crop is through sacrificial dying.

Do you want your life to produce a crop for eternity? They you, like Jesus, must die to self.

Q: Do you love your life so much you cannot give it up for Jesus?

Then count yourself among the enemies of Jesus who were in the same position. (John 12:42-43) They “believed” but they did not believe.

12:27 John’s Gethsemane moment. This is why I came! To glorify God. God: Then I will glorify you. v. 26 And Jesus will glorify us, because those who serve him will go where he goes.

Glorification through death. VERY ironic. This is the theme of John 12!!!

John 12:30-33 glorification. v. 32. I, when I have been lifted up. Double or ever triple meaning here.

On the cross,

resurrection,

ascension,

us lifting him up. Have you been lifting Jesus up?

Jesus’ death is a lifting up. Soooo ironic. The world will never understand.

Because Jesus died and was lifted up, we, too, can die and be lifted up (Romans 6:1-7 Philippians 2:5-11)

At this point Jesus ends his public ministry.

In John, Jesus usually speaks to others, not so much to the apostles (compared to synoptics).

From now he speaks only to his apostles.

Book of Signs ends. Book of the Passion begins.

But first, John summarizes Jesus’ teaching in the Book of Signs:

John 12:44-50

v. 45 I have come as a light.

v. 47 I have not come to judge but to save.

v. 48 But my words will be a judge at the last day. Not only do his words judge us, also his miracles judge us. The resurrection of Lazarus forces us to make a decision.

Reminds us of Deuteronomy 18:18-19 I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet [like Moses, ie. Jesus] speaks in my name.

Are you ready for that judgment? Are you aware what he said?

Ignorance is no excuse. Illustration: You say to the policeman, I did not know there was a stop sign there.

Are you in full obedience to what he said? You had better read the owner’s manual.

**John 13. Jesus shows his love**

John 13:1The Book of the Passion begins. Jesus’ public ministry is now done. From now on, we see Jesus in intimate discussions with his apostles.

John 2-12 Jesus is speaking to “the world”

John 13-17 Jesus is speaking to the church (in the form of the 12 disciples)

John 13:1-17 The leader a servant.

This begins John’s version of the Last Supper (v. 2 The evening meal was in progress).

Jesus totally in control. He knows exactly what he is doing.

What is the impression he wants to leave with his people as he goes? Themes in John 13-17

1. Jesus’ love for his disciples is mentioned 31 times in John 13-17!

2. The Holy Spirit Jesus has our back. Jn. 14, 16

3. The need for unity, abiding in Jesus Jn 15, 17

John 13:1 He loved them “to the end” can mean utterly or right up until his death.

Very dramatic!!! John never forgot this scene. It was etched in his memory.

Jesus stands up (present tense)

The entire section is in the present tense. Jesus lays aside his garments. John wants us to understand that Jesus is washing OUR feet, not just those of the apostles who were there.

Jesus lays aside his garments. (disciples: What is he doing? I have no idea)

Jesus girds himself with a towel. (as a servant/slave would do)

He does this during the meal, not before, breaking with tradition, in order to make a very dramatic point!

He pulls out a basin. He pours in the water. There is total silence in the room. What is he doing? You tell me!

One by one, Jesus washes the feet of all twelve apostles, including Judas. Rabbis NEVER wash the feet of their disciples!

In this world, leaders do not wash the feet of their followers!

v. 8 Peter: Lord, you will never wash my feet! Are you like that—unwilling to be served. Jesus in Acts 20: more blessed to give than to receive.

v. 8 Those who have not been baptized into Christ have no part in Christ.

v. 10 Those who have been baptized, do not need to be rebaptized. They are “clean all over.” They only need to be served by Christ (and by his leaders). This scene is not about salvation but about love and service.

v. 12 Jesus puts his garments back on and, again, dramatically, reclines again.

OK, guys, do you understand what I have done? Now, go and do likewise (v. 15).

Q: How will you put this command into practice? Remember our theme: Coming home!

In case you did not get it yet:

John 13:34-35 A new command.

Summary:

God has already glorified Jesus, but…

Jesus will be glorified as we…

Become like a grain of wheat that dies

Lift Jesus up

Wash one another’s feet

Then, and only then, God will glorify us as well.