

## Jesus is Ready

### ❖ Intro

- **Remember our Ultimate Frisbee Bet**
  - So I am going to try to keep it from going too long today
- **Today we are going to briefly touch on the last 3 verses of ch 17**
  - Too important to overlook... but we just didn't have enough time to cover them last week
  - **Then we will look into the first 11 verses of ch 18**
    - Where Jesus is finally going to be arrested and betrayed.
- **So... instead of reading all the verses to start with... we will read them when we get to them today...**
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- **From that point I think Jase is going to finish ch 18**
  - Then we will have 1 sermon from 19; 1 from 20 and 1 or 2 from 21
  - So we will have somewhere between 5 and 20 more sermons on John
  - Then I believe we will be moving on to 2 Peter...

### ❖ Recap

- 4 sermons on ch 17
- **1) The glory of God in Sacrifice**
  - The Hour Has Come
  - Jesus Prays for Glory so He Can Glorify
  - Jesus is Given Authority to Give Eternal Life
  - What is Eternal Life
  - Doing God's Work Glorifies God
  - The Glory of Jesus in the Presence of the Father
- **2) Jesus Has Shown us God**
  - 1) What Jesus Has Done For His Followers
  - 2) Followers Response to Jesus
- **3) Jesus Continues to Pray for His followers**
  - 1) Jesus Pleads with the Father that they be kept in His name
  - 2) Jesus Prays for Their Oneness in the World
  - 3) Jesus Prays for Their Joy in the World
  - 4) Jesus Prays for Their Protection in the World
  - 5) Jesus Prays for Their Sanctification by the Word
- **4) That We Be One and See His Glory**
  - 1) Jesus Knows Who You Are!
  - 2) Jesus Prays for Our Unity
  - 3) Jesus Prays For Us to Be With Him
  - **Every time I saw an armadillo this week.... I remembered that Jesus prayed for our Unity...**
    - And the simplest way for us to achieve this unity...
    - Is look to the Author and perfecter of our faith... Jesus...
    - And let us mimic Him...
    - Let us be Christ-Like

## ❖ Jesus Prays for Us To be Where He is

- John 17:24-26 <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

### ➤ Be Where I am... to See my Glory

- **Jesus wants us where He is...**
  - Remember earlier He told them He sees them as friends...
  - And that friendship passes down to us...
- **It's simply amazing to think that God himself....**
  - Wants me to be where He is...
  - We could spend hours thinking about the possibilities of what all this means...
- **Just let it live inside you**
  - Let it create a confidence within you...

### ➤ He then Ends His Prayer

- **Oh Righteous Father**
  - He ends His prayer based off His trust in His Father...
  - He is claiming to know God intimately as His Son
- **He calls Him righteous... He referred to Him as Holy Father Earlier (and it is a different word)**
  - ◆ His Holiness is totally unique to Him... Sets him apart from all creation
  - ◆ We see it is impossible to describe God with just one word...
  - The Word Righteous here means.... Faultless... guiltless... one who obeys rules and follows laws
  - What an interesting name for His Father....
  - In light of the fact that Jesus is about to be crucified... for the law breaking of His people
- **Jesus calls the Father Righteous...**
  - And He knows that they have decided on counsel together with the Holy Spirit
  - To break the hold sin has on man...
  - By Sending Jesus to the earth to be a man....
  - To live sinlessly and perfectly...
  - And to offer himself up as a sin offering...
  - So that... God can save us and forgive us... yet still remain Righteous...
- **God can not be called righteous if He just overlooks our sins...**
  - If He just gives it a pass...
  - This is what Paul meant when He said...
  - **Rom 3:26 “It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”**
- **He says... I know you... and these know You...**
  - So... Hear my prayer... Answer my prayer...
- **Jesus has the Utmost Confidence in His Father**

- He knows when He goes to Him, He will be heard....
- He goes to His Righteous Father
- **Did you know you can have the same confidence**
  - John 1:12 <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
    - ◆ So... notice... you are His children now if you have received and believed
    - ◆ Also notice
  - Hebrews 4:16 <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

➤ **He Ends His Prayer:**

▪ **Saying that He completed and is going to complete His Mission**

- <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”
- He had declared the Father’s name to them...
  - ◆ How? By His Words and His Life
- **He was going to continue to make it known...**
  - ◆ And He would do that by allowing himself in a few minutes
  - ◆ TO be arrested, tried, beaten and crucified...

▪ **And His Goal...**

- That the love He has from the Father may be in them...
- His motivating desire is Love...

➤ **The Cross is a picture of Love...**

- John summed it up for us in:
  - John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave is only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 18:1-11 <sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” <sup>5</sup> They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

❖ **Jesus is Betrayed**

❖ **After Prayer He leaves to go to the garden**

- Now.... There is a lot more to this scene
- But this is all that John shares with Us... and He has his reasons for telling us what He told us

- Remember.... He live with him for 3 years practically...
- And to sum all that up in one book is tough...
- So, if you want the whole story that we have been given... Read the other 3 gospels...
  - I will get into some of it, but not all of it...

#### ❖ **The Betrayer comes**

- **We have not seen Judas since He left them at supper**
  - When Jesus told him to and do what He had to do quickly
  - He had been busy... He had gotten his 30 pieces of silver...
- **You ask:**
  - Why did Judas betray Jesus...
  - **Because Jesus did not fit his mind's idea of a Messiah... of God... of a King**
    - Since He did not fit was Judas thought He should be...
    - Judas rejected Him as Messiah...
  - **Also because there was no foreseen earthly benefit from following Jesus**
    - He was not going to get rich or have power
    - Which I think He thought He would...
    - He thought Jesus would become King
    - And likely over the whole world and Especially Israel...
  - **Now He sees otherwise...**
    - That Jesus has no plans to become an earthly King
    - Even though He has had multiple chances to allow this to happen
    - And was even pressed about this by His own disciples...

#### ➤ **Application:**

- Very often people today are the same way...
- **They do not come to Jesus correctly because:**
  - He does not fit what their mind says God should be like..
  - Or maybe they come to a Jesus that is unlike the one the Bible says He is...
  - And they live lives in the dark and follow false doctrines...
- **Also... People come to Jesus and leave the faith**
  - When they find out that Jesus has called us to sacrifice...
  - He has called us to give up things in this world
  - To gain in the next
  - **So they leave the Faith when their earthly wants are not satisfied...**
    - ◆ They say... if it is this hard... I do not want it...
    - ◆ Such a sad place to be...

#### ❖ **Judas knew where they would be**

- Because Jesus often met here to pray

#### ❖ **They come with Torches and Lanterns... and weapons...**

- Although the sky was lit up with a full moon...
- They came thinking they may have to search for Him
- As He may hide himself from them...

❖ **But.. there He is... Ready to go... Ready to offer Himself Up**

- Oh how precious that is for us... Jesus was ready to go to the cross for us...
- **We see in verse 4**
  - Jesus already knew all that was going to happen to Him...
  - There was no guesswork here... It was already planned out...
  - He knew ever strike He would receive...

❖ **So He asks them: Whom do you seek?**

- **And they say Jesus of Nazareth...**
  - And Jesus boldly says... **"I am He"**
- **And When He does.... The power of who He is is seen...**
  - And the soldiers and Judas draw back
  - And they fall to the ground...
- **Wow... that is amazing... and fitting right...**
  - That even in His arrest, his accusers and those that come to arrest Him
  - Fall down in a symbol of worship...
- **Even the enemies of God will one day worship Him...**
  - What does Paul says about this:
    - **Philippians 2:9-11** <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
    - Praise God for Jesus this morning... and let us tremble that we often do not live this way now

❖ **After they fall down... Jesus asks them again....**

- This is funny to me...
- **He is like... Whom do you seek... they say Jesus of Nazareth...He says I am he**
  - And they all fall down....
- **So He has to ask them again...**
  - Whom do you seek...
  - Probably while they are still on the ground... and starting to get up...
- **Note:**
  - **Let me tell you all something... and let me tell myself the same thing...**
  - **Do not play with God... He is not to be messed with...**
  - **Do not think you can pull one over on God or work around His commands and laws...**
  - **He is much to Holy to be trivialized...**
- **After He asks them, they say again....**
  - And Jesus being kind doesn't make them fall to the ground a second time...
  - Once was enough to get the point...
  - And they say Jesus of Nazareth
- **So... Jesus says... I told you that I am He....**

- Then He thinks of His disciples and says... So if you seek me... let these men go...
- And He says this to fulfill His word when He said
- **“of those you gave me I have lost not one”**
- **So Jesus is always staying true to prophecy and the word of God**
  - And He is watching over His disciples
  - He is making sure they will be there to see him crucified buried and raised
  - And then that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit
  - And will take the gospel to the whole world...
  - His plan is in place...

#### ❖ Then enter the great Muskateer Peter...

- **Peter... takes His sword** and chops off the right ear of the high Priest's servant... whose name was Malchus...
  - John is paying attention to detail and reminding people of the truth of His testimony
  - Remember John was there... John sees all of this...
  - It is important to God and to John that there be a faithful testimony...
  - **John tells us in 1 John...**
    - That he had seen it with his own eyes and heard it with his own ears and touched Him with his own hands... and is now giving us a first hand testimony...
- **Peter.... Who promised Jesus He would not deny Him...**
  - Is taking matters into his own hands...
  - He is ready to fight...
- **What does this show us...**
  - I think it shows us Peter did have great courage... and we see that by the life He lived
  - But I think we also see that the disciples STILL did not understand what had to happen
  - They were still unable to see that Jesus must die
  - Even though He had told them repeatedly that it must happen
- **Now... we know from the other gospels that**
  - Jesus heals the ear of Malchus...
  - And I think it fitting that He did this for the servant of the High Priest... in particular...
  - The same high priest that was about to find Him guilty of Blasphemy...

#### ❖ Jesus Is Ready to Drink the Cup...

- **So His response to Peter is this:**
  - **<sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”**
  - **Not the first time Peter had tried to come in the way of Jesus and the will of God...**
    - Jesus even rebuked him calling him satan...
    - He remember that folks... even the best of believers can give you some faulty advice...
    - But Jesus is ready... and nothing will stand in His way...
- **Drink the cup the Father has given me...**
  - **The Father Had given it to Him...**

- We see it was the Father's will that He suffer for His children...
  - ◆ Isaiah 53:10 <sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief;
  - ◆ Acts 2:22-23 <sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.
- **So Jesus was Ready because He knew it was the will of His Father...**
  - ◆ And if it be His will it is the best and for the greatest glory of God...
- **Application:**
  - ◆ If we could just live like this...
  - ◆ Ready to follow and accept the will of God in all things for our life...
  - ◆ Even in the cup of suffering...
  - ◆ What a marvelous testimony that would be to the world around us...
  - ◆ That we trust God and they will glorify God through it...
  - ◆ Because ... know this... suffering will come to everyone...
    - Usually at some point on this earth...
  - ◆ So walk with the Lord in such a way that you are ready when it comes...
- **He is Ready to drink the cup**
  - The cup was the wrath of God.... The cup was to be a sin offering...
  - **Jesus didn't just die there on the cross.... He took on sin...**
    - 2 Corinthians 5:21 <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
    - He was made to be sin... not just die for it... but Jesus became sin....
    - Wow... what an amazing thing He did... and what amazing ramifications for the world...
  - Peter tells us in 1 peter 2..... **that Jesus bore our sins in his body on the tree**
- **So... Jesus readies himself to go to the cross... and He goes with this mindset**
  - Hebrews 12:2 <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
- **Can we all look to live with this type of devotion to the will of God...**
  - This is what God has called us to... to leave all behind
  - And follow Him...
  - How are you doing today...
  - And if you say... not very well...
  - Then what will you do about it... nothing? Or will you give in to God to trust and follow Him...