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# 1

## **Learning about Godliness and Prophecy Today**

Jesus prophesied about urgent events just before He was arrested. He spoke so that His disciples would be kept from stumbling. The Jews will make His disciples outcasts from the synagogues. People who kill them will think they are offering service to God. They will do those things because they never knew the Father.

Jesus also prophesied about the Holy Spirit. Jesus told the disciples that He was going to His Father and none of His disciples asked Him where He was going. Sorrow had filled their hearts over the words of Jesus. He then told them that they gained an advantage by His departure. He will send the Holy Spirit to them. The Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning sin because Jesus goes to the Father. The Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning righteousness because Jesus goes to the Father and the disciples will no longer see Him. The Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning judgment, because the rule of this world has been judged.

Jesus withheld saying more, because His disciples could not bear it then. The Holy Spirit, however, will guide them into all truth. He will glorify Jesus, for He will take the things of Jesus and disclose it to the disciples. He will reveal to them the things to come. Because all things the Father has belong to Jesus, so the Holy Spirit will take His things and disclose them to the disciples.

Jesus concluded with a prophecy about his death and resurrection. He put it in very simple terms. He said in a little while the disciples would no longer see Him. Again, in a little while, the disciples would see Him. The disciples did not understand Jesus. So, Jesus said that they will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. The disciples' grief will be turned in to joy, like a woman suffering anguish until her child is born. Therefore, the disciples had grief then, but Jesus will see them and their hearts will rejoice and no one will take their joy away from them.

Jesus then prophesied about prayer. In the future, if the disciples ask the Father for anything in the name of Jesus, He will give it to them. Jesus promised that by receiving, their joy will be made full. Jesus proclaimed that the Father Himself loves the disciples, because they loved Jesus and believed that He came forth from the Father. Jesus said He was leaving the world and going back to His Father. The disciples said Jesus was finally speaking in plain terms. Then they said they believe that God sent Jesus. Jesus replied that an hour has come for them to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Jesus alone. Except that Jesus said He is never alone, because the Father is always with Him.

Jesus spoke these things to the disciples so that in Jesus they would have peace in the world. Jesus promised also that they would have tribulation in the world, but they should take courage, for He has overcome the world.

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Six Hundred Sixty Nine

## Kept Today



Why did Jesus tell the disciples about these things? Jesus told the disciples about these things so that they would not stumble.

Jesus loved the disciples and did not want them to stumble. If we truly love people, we will follow Jesus and speak truth from the Scriptures to our loved ones so that they will not stumble.

Jesus knew how to keep people from stumbling. He told them what to expect in the future so that they would be prepared. Jesus told them about the hatred of the world, the coming of the Holy Spirit and His ministry in them and in the world, and how they would testify about Jesus.

Jesus knows just how to equip us to face the future. He does the same ministry for us today. He wants us to know what to expect, including how to rely upon the power of God to minister and testify for Jesus without stumbling.

## ***Stumbling***

1. **Stumble.** What keeps believers from stumbling? Reading, believing, and heeding the words of Jesus keep us from stumbling.
2. **Concerned.** As Jesus prepared His disciples for His soon departure from Earth via the cross, He was concerned that they might spiritually stumble.
3. **Condition.** Jesus truly cares about our spiritual condition every day and wants to keep us from stumbling.
4. **Spiritual.** Jesus left us with Divine instructions on how to avoid spiritual stumbling.
5. **Truth.** By knowing what Jesus said and applying the truths He taught concerning prayer, the Holy Spirit, loving one another and all the things He talked about during His earthly ministry, He will keep us from stumbling.
6. **Remember.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we remember what Jesus said and live accordingly by faith so that we will not stumble.
7. **Taught.** We rejoice today because Jesus taught us the things we need to know so that He can keep us from stumbling.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the things Jesus said.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering and not stumbling.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for keeping us from stumbling.**

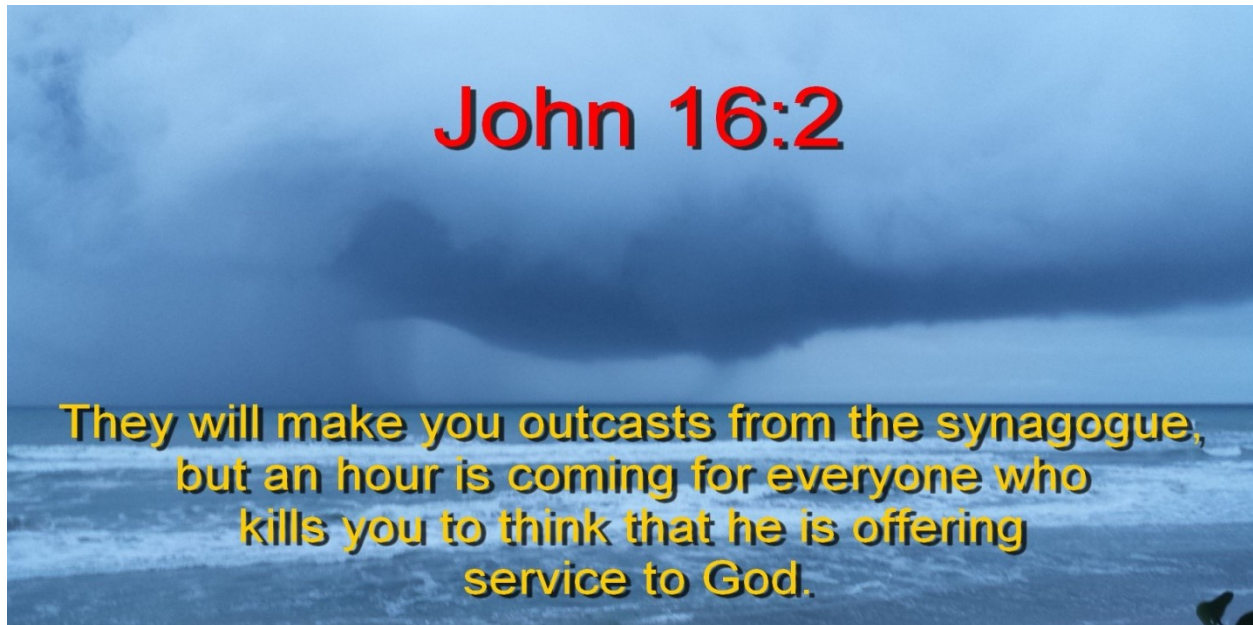
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by not stumbling. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering the things Jesus said to keep us from stumbling?

**HALLELUJAH!**

# Day Six Hundred Seventy

## Outcasts Today



When people try to kill the disciples, what will they be thinking? They will be thinking they are doing service for God.

Jesus warned the disciples that people will make them outcasts from the synagogue. You may recall that the parents of Man Born Blind feared being cast out of the synagogue and so did not say much.

Jesus also revealed a greater danger. In the future, an hour is coming when everyone trying to kill the disciples will think he is offering service to God. People can become very confused about spiritual things. Some people will actually do the desires of their father the devil while thinking they are doing the will of God.

Jesus wanted His disciples to know the various forces arrayed against them. He did not want them to be caught by surprise.



## *Service to God*

1. **Religious.** Will the time come when religious leaders make Christians outcasts? Jesus told His disciples that they would be outcasts from the synagogue.

2. **Murderers.** In fact, Jesus also warned His disciples that they were going to be killed and the murderers would think they were doing the service of God.

3. **Service.** This revelation from Jesus reminds me of Saul of Tarsus. He persecuted the church and thought he was offering service to God.

4. **Sincere.** Just because a religious person sincerely believes he is serving God does not mean that he is actually serving God.

5. **Saul.** Jesus later stopped Saul of Taurus on the Damascus road and Saul the Persecutor of the Church became Saul the preacher of Christ Jesus.

6. **Persecutors.** Living Godly in the family of God means we know that people will persecute Christians and make Christians outcasts and murder Christians just like they murdered Jesus--all the while thinking they are serving God.

7. **Revealed.** We rejoice today because Jesus revealed these things beforehand to keep us from stumbling as we encounter them.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting that some religious people will reject us for following Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that some people believe they are offering service to God by trying to kill us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by reminding one another that Jesus told us what to expect about persecution before it ever happened.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to prepare us for persecution. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting persecution, but knowing that Jesus will help us every step of the way?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Seventy One

## Do Today



Why will they do what they do? They will do these things because they have not known Jesus or His Father.

Jesus explained things to the disciples to prepare them for the future. Their lives will change in many ways once Jesus goes back to heaven. The Holy Spirit will abide in them, and both the Father and the Son will abide in them and they in them.

Jesus also explained new prayer practices. They will pray in His Name. As they keep His commandments, do His will, and ask in His Name, then the Father will give them whatever they ask.

Jesus also explained the persecution they will face. They will be cast out of the synagogue and people will think they are serving God by persecuting the saints.

## ***Not Known***

1. **Why?** Why will people make Christians outcasts and kill them? Because those people never knew the Father or Jesus.
2. **Evil.** Jesus said that people who did those evil things thought they were offering service to God.
3. **Unsaved.** Unsaved religious people also thought they knew God and that Jesus was a liar and a pretender.
4. **Religious.** Some people can be very religious and very evil at the same time.
5. **Father.** Jesus often spoke about His relationship to the Father and His equality with the Father.
6. **Sent.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know the Father sent His only Son, Jesus, into the world, so that the world might be saved through the Son.
7. **Revealed.** We rejoice today because the Father revealed Jesus to us and Jesus revealed the Father to us; we know both the Father and the Son.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that people oppose the work of Jesus in the saints because they never knew Jesus or His Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus wants us to know that He does not divide the saints, but people who never knew Jesus or His Father oppose the works of God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by standing with one another against the attacks of people who never knew Jesus or His Father.**

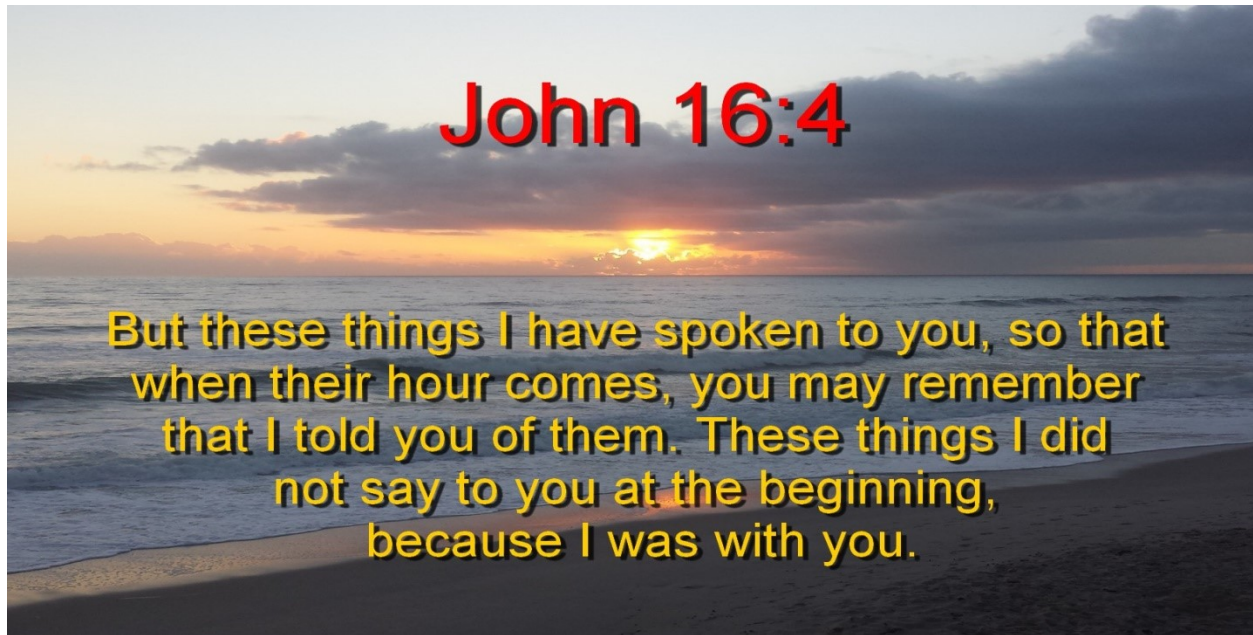
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by realizing that people opposing the works of Jesus never knew Jesus or His Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by trusting Jesus to help you deal with the opposition?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Seventy Two

## Not Say Today



Why did Jesus say these things to the disciples now? Jesus did not say these things at the beginning, because He was with them.

Jesus knows all about change. He was leaving, they were staying, and they would face persecution. Even so, they would continue His ministry, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus told His disciples about the future so that when things happened, they would remember that Jesus had told them about it beforehand. Jesus understood the power of telling people about the future so they would not be surprised when it happened. In fact, they would remember what Jesus said and how He actually prepared them for the future events, both good and bad.

Jesus knew the future and helped His disciples to be ready to face the future. He loved them and told them what they needed to know and how to prosper when He was no longer with them in the flesh.

## ***With You***

**1. Things.** Jesus carefully unfolded new revelation to the disciples. He gauged perfectly what they could understand and when they could understand it. He also knew that they needed to know and when they needed to know it.

**2. Spoken.** Jesus spoke many things over His lifetime. He spoke the things given to Him by His Father.

**3. Hour.** Jesus spoke about the hour of the world forces set against Him. Just as His hour approached, so also the hour of His opponents approached.

**4. Remember.** When their hour had come, Jesus intended for His disciples to remember that He told them of them before they came to pass.

**5. Not.** Jesus had a purpose in not saying these things earlier. At the right time, Jesus tells us what we need to know.

**6. Was.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus was with the disciples and taught them what they needed to know at just the right time. Things changed dramatically when He died on the cross, with more changes to follow.

**7. With.** We rejoice today because Jesus tells us things that keep us close to Him and safe in Him. Jesus did not tell the disciples all these things because He was with them, but His physical presence would no longer be with them. Even so, He promised to abide with them forever.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering what Jesus told us previously.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to tell us what we need to know when we need to know it.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus together because He wants all of us to know what He told us before it came to pass.**

### **Application for Today**

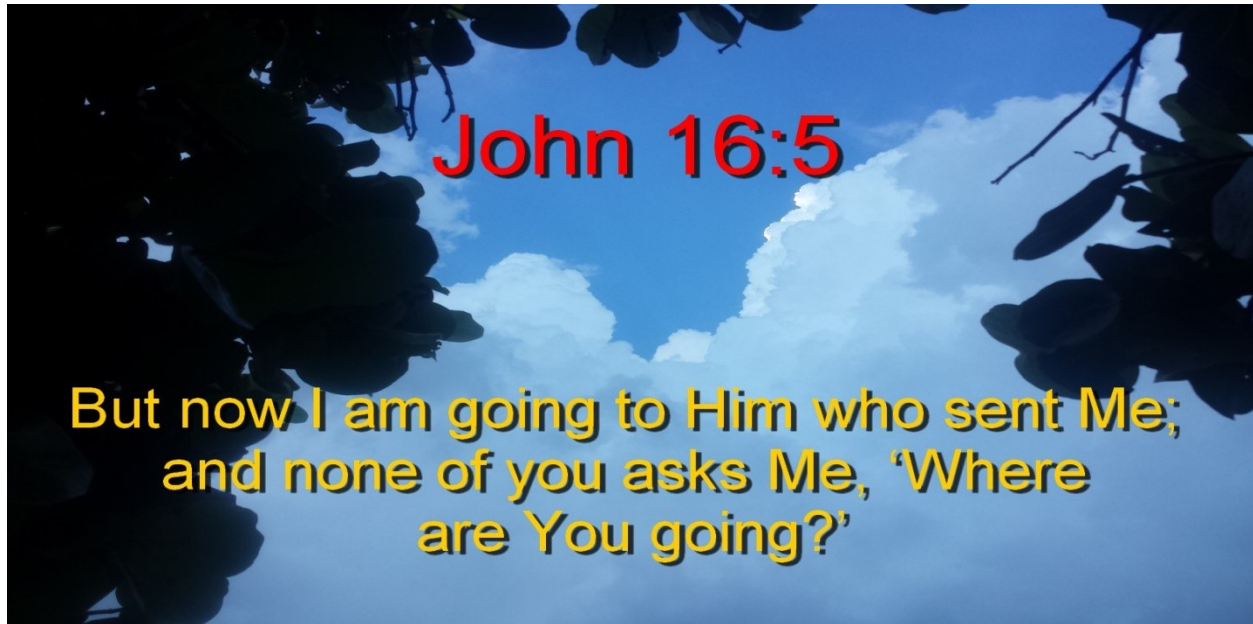
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by listening to Jesus as He leads us and teaches us about the future. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praising Jesus for His revelations of the future so that we would have greater faith in Him?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Six Hundred Seventy Three

## Going Today



Where was Jesus going? Jesus was going to Him Who sent Me.

Jesus answered many questions from His disciples. He even noticed when they did not ask questions.

Jesus noted that none of His disciples asked Him where He was going. Thomas had said that they did not know where He was going. He also said they did not know the way. Jesus answered Thomas that they did know the way and where He was going. He was going to the Father Who sent Him.

Jesus spoke often about the future. Jesus tied the present to the future and the future to the past. He told His disciples about the future so that when it came to pass, they would believe in Him.

Jesus knew how to build faith in people. He created faith, instilled faith and built faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

## ***Asks Me***

1. **Timetable.** As Jesus laid out the order and timetable of events set before Him, the disciples reached a point where they did not ask another question.

2. **Going.** Jesus proclaimed that He was going to the Father who sent Him to Earth.

3. **Where?** At this point none of the disciples asked Him, "Where are you going?"

4. **Silent.** When people grow silent and stop asking questions, often something has changed within their heart.

5. **Prepared.** Jesus continued to prepare the disciples for His death and His return to heaven.

6. **Home.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus always wants us to rejoice when a believer goes home to heaven.

7. **Heaven.** We rejoice today because Jesus returned to the Father and we will see both of them in heaven.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by asking Jesus the right questions.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we realize that Jesus notices when we do not ask questions.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by learning from Jesus every day, and asking the right questions.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God because we know that Jesus went back to His Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by looking forward to Jesus coming back to earth?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Seventy Four

## Sorrow Today



What effect did the words of Jesus have upon the disciples? The things Jesus said to the disciples filled their hearts with sorrow.

Jesus completely understood the effect that His words had on the disciples. At times we tend to overlook the effects that our words have upon others. We must use the right words from God at just the right time.

Jesus knew that some words cause sorrow. He told them He was leaving and they were staying. They would even face stiff opposition against them, after Jesus had gone back to His Father.

Jesus explained that sorrow fills the heart. Jesus had real emotions, just like His Father has real emotions. The words of Jesus brought deep emotion to the hearts of the disciples.

## ***Heart***

1. **Sorrow.** Why were the disciples filled with sorrow? The words of Jesus filled the hearts of the disciples with sorrow.

2. **Emotions.** Jesus understands how words can affect our emotions.

3. **Understands.** Jesus understands the sorrow we feel when we hear bad news. Sometimes we think something is bad news but it turns out to be good news.

4. **Difficult.** Jesus told His disciples that they would be persecuted, afflicted, cast out, and murdered after He returned to His Father. Some news can be difficult to hear.

5. **Words.** Jesus always understands that His words can bring both joy and sorrow.

6. **Affect Us.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus says things to us that affect our emotions.

7. **Loves.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves us and lifts us up with His words.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that the words of Jesus often bring strong emotions into our hearts.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus cares for us and the sorrows we feel.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we recall that Jesus carried our sorrows.**

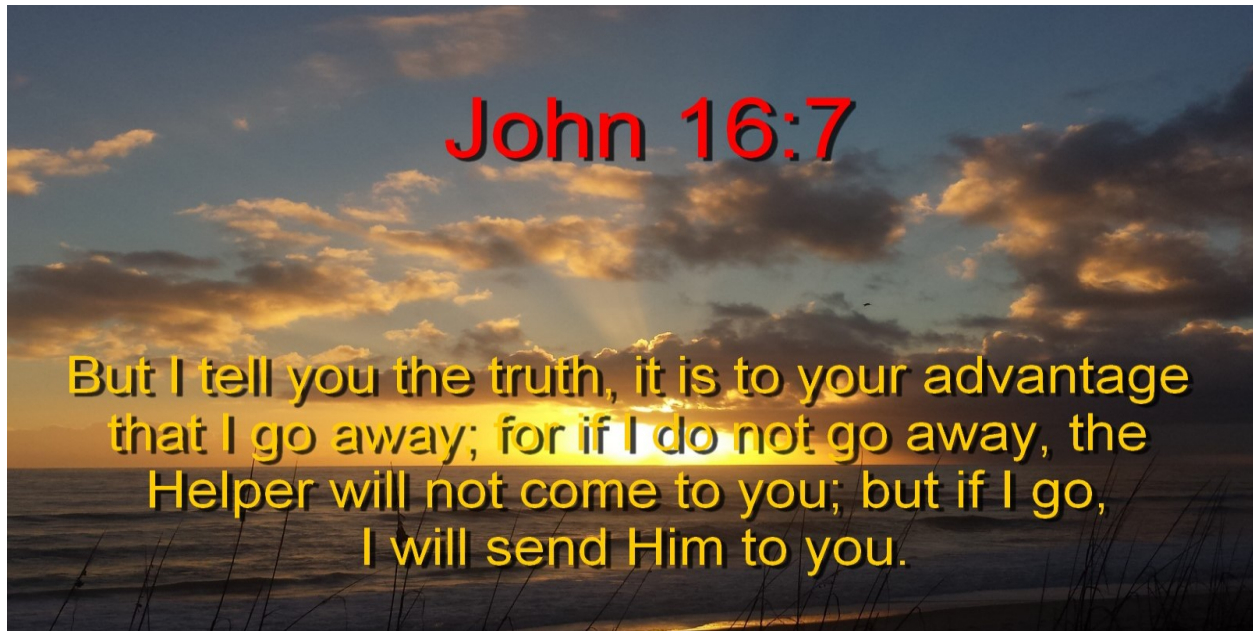
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding how the words of Jesus affect our hearts. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by letting Jesus control the emotions in your heart?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Seventy Five

## Advantage Today



What advantage did the disciples gain by Jesus going away? The disciples gained the advantage of the Helper coming to them.

Jesus promised He was telling the truth. He always told the truth, but emphasized He was telling this important truth about the Holy Spirit. While sorrow filled the hearts of the disciples because Jesus was going away, Jesus told them that they were actually gaining an advantage.

The Helper coming was the advantage for the disciples. Jesus went back to His Father, but He sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Jesus called that an advantage for them.

Jesus loves for us to have the advantage of the Holy Spirit, also called the Helper. The Holy Spirit helps us in many ways. He empowers us, teaches us and guides us.



## ***Send***

1. **Sorrow.** Sorrow filled the disciples' hearts because Jesus told them that He was going away.
2. **Going.** Jesus explained that it was to their advantage that He was going to heaven.
3. **Advantage.** The great advantage was that Jesus would send the Helper to the disciples.
4. **Helper.** If Jesus did not go away, then the Helper would not come to them.
5. **Plans.** Jesus has a great way of turning our sorrow into joy because of His plans.
6. **Sent.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus sent the Helper to us and He lives within us.
7. **Indwells.** We rejoice today because the Helper indwells each believer, just as Jesus promised.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by appreciating the advantage we have.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God because the Holy Spirit has provided an advantage for us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by enjoying the advantage of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by enjoying the advantage of the Holy Spirit today. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving the Holy Spirit in your lives today?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Seventy Six

## He Comes Today



What will the Holy Spirit do when He comes? The Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

We know that the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost after Jesus prophesied about the coming of the Holy Spirit. When He came, He filled believers and Jesus baptized them in the Holy Spirit. The church was born in an instant.

The Holy Spirit performs ministries. He is one of the three divine Persons, all one God. The Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment.

When the Holy Spirit draws the contrast between sinful behavior and righteous behavior, He will convict people of their sin. Some will repent and be saved. The vast majority will feel convicted, but rebel against God and His salvation. The Holy Spirit will convict those rebels that judgment awaits them.

## ***Convict***

1. **Helper.** What does the Helper do today now that Jesus sent Him?
2. **Indwells.** The Helper indwells every believer and testifies about Jesus.
3. **Ministry.** The Helper also provides a three-fold ministry to the world. The helper convicts the world of (a) sin; and (b) righteousness; and (c) judgment.
4. **Salvation.** God loved the world and sent Jesus so that by faith in Him people of the world would be saved and not perish.
5. **Repent.** God convicts people of their evil thoughts and actions. He wants sinners to repent.
6. **Conviction.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know the Helper convicts the world today.
7. **Gift.** We rejoice today because we have received the free gift of eternal life and the Helper convicted us of our sin and our need of a Savior, Jesus.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding the work of the Holy Spirit.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that the Holy Spirit convicts people of sin, righteousness, and judgment.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping the Holy Spirit as God.**

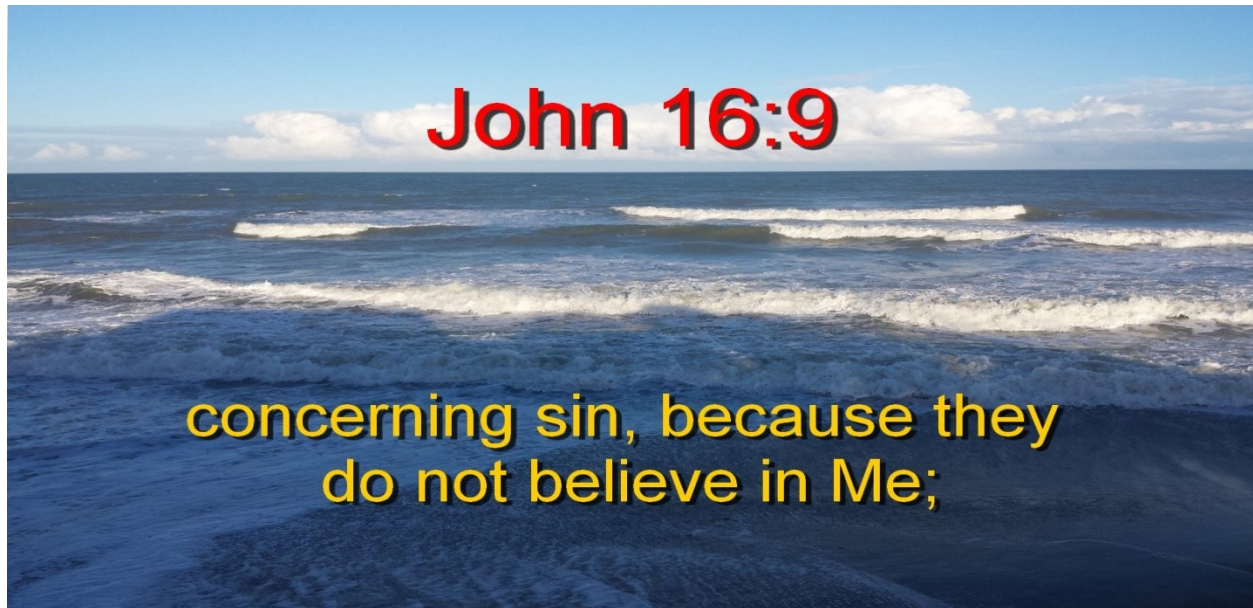
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by seeing the Holy Spirit convict people today. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving the Holy Spirit for His many ministries?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Seventy Seven

## Concerning Sin Today



What does it mean that the Holy Spirit will convict people concerning sin? The Holy Spirit will come and convict people about sin.

Jesus related that convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit to people not believing in Jesus for salvation. God draws people to salvation. As the Father draws people to Himself, the Holy Spirit convicts people of their sin.

Conviction means bringing sin to people's spiritual attention and impressing upon them the evil nature of sin. Some people experiencing conviction concerning sin also move on to Godly sorrow, repent, and change their mind and their ways by the power of God. They become a new creature in Christ at the moment of salvation.

Conviction comes through the Holy Spirit ministering to people. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would come and convict people of sin. The world will not appreciate that ministry, and will oppose the word of the Holy Spirit like it opposed the ministry of Jesus.

## ***Believe***

1. **Convicts.** Because Jesus sent the Helper, He convicts the world concerning sin.
2. **Sin.** Sin means that we fall short of the glory of God.
3. **Recognition.** The first step towards salvation by faith alone is recognizing that you are a sinner who needs a Savior.
4. **Power.** By His divine power the Helper convicts the world of sin.
5. **Unbelief.** The Helper convicts the world of the sin of unbelief in God, especially unbelief regarding Jesus as Savior.
6. **Helper.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know the Helper convicts people of the sin of unbelief about Jesus Christ as the only true Savior.
7. **Faith.** We rejoice today because the Helper convicted us of sin and we received Jesus as Savior by faith alone.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Holy Spirit convicts people concerning sin.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we see the ministry of the Holy Spirit convicting people of their sin and leading them to salvation.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving the Holy Spirit for convicting us of our sin, so that we turned to Jesus, our Savior, for salvation.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by witnessing the Holy Spirit at work convicting people of sin. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thanking the Holy Spirit for His ministry of convicting people of their sin?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Six Hundred Seventy Eight**

## **Concerning Righteousness Today**



What does it mean that the Holy Spirit will convict people concerning righteousness? The Holy Spirit will convict people concerning righteousness because Jesus goes to the Father and the disciples will no longer see Him.

Jesus described the ministry of the Holy Spirit to include conviction concerning righteousness. Many people had rejected Jesus and tried to kill Him because He said He and His Father are One. Jesus declared repeatedly that God sent Him and He is the Son of God.

The Holy Spirit will convict people concerning righteousness because Jesus was proved righteous by going to the cross, offering the perfect sacrifice for sin, being raised from the dead, and then ascending to heaven.

## *To the Father*

1. **Why?** Why will the Helper convict the world concerning righteousness? The Helper will convict the world concerning righteousness because Jesus went to His Father and the disciples no longer saw Him.

2. **Helper.** Jesus explained the ministry of the Helper Whom He would send to the disciples after His death.

3. **Conviction.** Conviction here means that the Helper will bring to the conscious minds and hearts of the world the fact that Jesus is righteous and they are not by rejecting Him as Messiah.

4. **Witnessed.** The world witnessed the righteousness of Jesus every day He lived on earth and loved the world.

5. **Righteousness.** Jesus demonstrated His righteousness by continuously doing His Father's will and accomplishing His Father's work.

6. **Daily.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we see the Helper convicting the world of righteousness every day.

7. **Ministry.** We rejoice today because Jesus went to His Father and we do not see Him, but He sent us the Helper who ministers to us all the time.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that the Holy Spirit convicts people concerning righteousness.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that the Holy Spirit convicts people concerning righteousness because Jesus ascended to His Father and the world no longer sees Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping the Holy Spirit for His conviction concerning righteousness.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by watching the Holy Spirit convict people concerning righteousness. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by worshiping Jesus for His righteousness?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Six Hundred Seventy Nine**

## **Concerning Judgement Today**



What does it mean that the Holy Spirit will convict people concerning judgment? The Holy Spirit will convict people concerning judgment because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

The devil is the ruler of this world. He was the covering cherub and very beautiful. One day sin was found in his heart because his heart was lifted up because of his beauty. He corrupted his wisdom by reason of his splendor. Unrighteousness was found in him.

God judged the devil for his sin. He was cast down from his position as anointed cherub who covers. He once walked on the holy mountain of God and he walked in the midst of the stones of fire. The devil lost his positions of great honor.

Because God judged the devil, every sinner on earth who does the desires of the devil faces the same judgment. Jesus said they were already

judged, because they have not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.

## ***The Ruler of This World***

1. **Ruler?** Who is the ruler of this world? The devil is the ruler of this world and he has already been judged.

2. **Devil.** Because the devil has already been judged, the Helper convicts the world of judgment.

3. **Judged.** Jesus taught that everyone who does not believe in Him has been judged already.

4. **Unbelief.** The Helper convicts people that judgment rests upon them for their unbelief.

5. **Rescue.** God loves to rescue people from judgment and unbelief through the ministry of the Helper.

6. **World.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we see that judgment rests upon the whole world today for their unbelief in Jesus as Savior.

7. **Freed.** We rejoice today because we no longer live in the domain of darkness and we have been freed from judgment for our sins because Jesus has saved us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the ruler of this world is the devil.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God realizing that the devil has been judged already.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by witnessing the convicting work of the Holy Spirit in showing that the devil has been judged already.**

### **Application for Today**

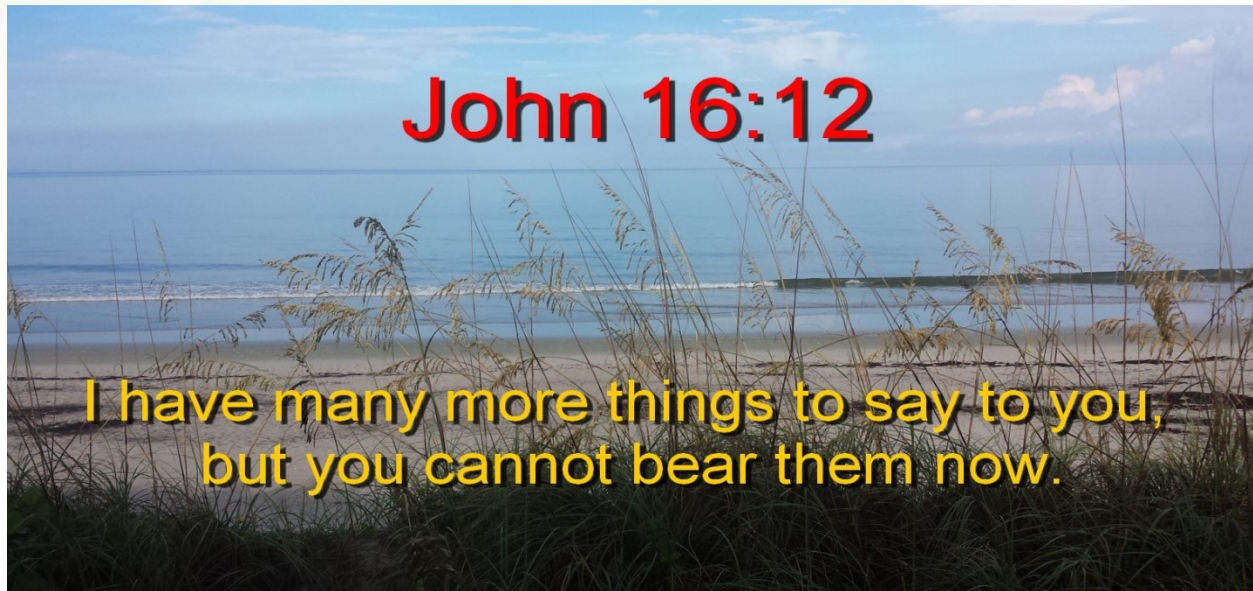
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by looking upon the devil as judged already. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting the Holy Spirit to convict the world concerning sin, because the devil has been judged already?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Six Hundred Eighty

## More Things Today



Why did Jesus leave many more things unsaid? Jesus had many more things to say, but the disciples could not bear them now.

Jesus cared for the disciples. He understood that people can only bear so much new information at one time. In this case, the disciples would soon see Jesus crucified and buried.

Jesus wisely knew that the disciples could not bear to hear all the things Jesus had to say to them. He carefully controlled what He told the disciples. In our lives Jesus also takes care about how much we can bear.

Jesus knew the power of His words upon people. Jesus still had many things to tell the disciples, but He knew what they could bear. We should be careful like Jesus and not tell people more than they can bear now. Words from Jesus always carry great weight, but we should be careful like Jesus to be not overburden people.

## ***Cannot Bear***

1. **Limited.** Why did Jesus limit the things He revealed to us? He only gave us what we could bear at the time.
2. **Many Things.** Some of my friends tell me that we read so many things in the Bible that their heads are about to explode.
3. **Understood.** Jesus understood the emotions and the understanding of the disciples. He never gave them more than they could bear.
4. **Measured.** Jesus revealed many things to His disciples, but He did so in a careful and measured way.
5. **Impact.** Jesus understands the impact that certain revelations have upon our lives. For example, Jesus was careful when He told His disciples that He was about to die.
6. **Handle.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus will never give us more knowledge than we can handle.
7. **Capacity.** We rejoice today because Jesus knows our limits and capacities and never exceeds them, because He loves us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus did not tell the disciples everything at once.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus does not tell us more than we can bear.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus because He cares for us and does not want us to be overwhelmed by His words.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus cares for us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering the limits Jesus put upon too much information at one time?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Eighty One

## Guide You Today



**John 16:13**

**But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.**

What will the Spirit of Truth do? The Spirit of Truth will guide you into all truth.

Jesus described the ministry of the Spirit of Truth. The Spirit of Truth is another name for the Holy Spirit. Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the Helper and now the Spirit of Truth. Those names emphasize different attributes and ministries of the Holy Spirit.

Like Jesus, the Holy Spirit will not speak on His own initiative. He will speak whatever He hears. The Holy Spirit will also disclose to believers what is to come. Just as Jesus prophesied, so also the Holy Spirit discloses the future to believers and the disciples in particular. Because they wrote down what the Spirit of Truth said, we can read it in the Bible.

## ***He Will Speak***

1. **Speaks.** What does the Holy Spirit say today? The Holy Spirit speaks the things that He hears and will disclose what is to come.
2. **Ministries.** Many believers do not pay much attention to the Holy Spirit ministering to them daily.
3. **Specific.** Jesus described very specific ministries of the Holy Spirit. First, He will guide us into all truth. Second, He will speak whatever He hears. Third, He will disclose what is to come.
4. **Holy Spirit.** Jesus really wanted us to know what the Holy Spirit would be doing in our lives.
5. **Guides.** The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth primarily through the word of God, the Bible. He illumines the word of God so that we can understand it and know God better.
6. **Daily.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we love the Holy Spirit and His ministry in our lives each day.
7. **Future.** We rejoice today because the Holy Spirit guides us, speaks to us, and discloses future things to us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by learning the truth from the Holy Spirit as we read the Bible.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we count upon the Holy Spirit to guide us into the truth.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping the Holy Spirit for His ministry of truth.**

### **Application for Today**

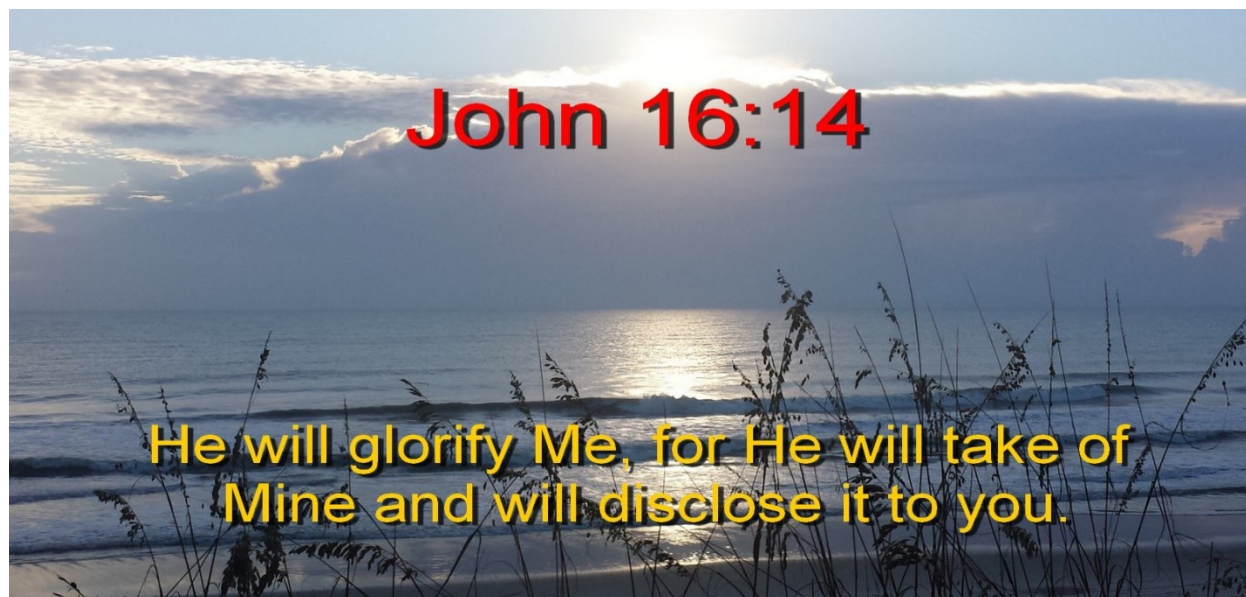
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by learning the truth?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Six Hundred Eighty Two

## Glorify Today



What will the Holy Spirit do? He will glorify Jesus.

The Holy Spirit will glorify Jesus by taking the things of Jesus and disclosing those things to the disciples. You may recall that Jesus said that His Father gave people to Jesus and then Jesus kept them.

The Holy Spirit takes the things of Jesus and discloses those things to us. As God, the Holy Spirit knows all things. Even so, the Holy Spirit works in unison with God the Father and with God the Son. They are all one God, eternally existing as three Divine Persons.

You may have noticed that God the Father glorifies Jesus and Jesus glorifies the Father. Likewise, the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus. One member of the Trinity glorifies another. In this case, the Holy Spirit discloses the things of Jesus to us and glorifies Jesus by doing so.

In our lives we should strive to glorify God in all that we do and say. Our words and actions should be guided by God leading us.



## ***Disclose***

1. **What?** What does the Holy Spirit disclose to us? The Holy Spirit discloses the things of Jesus to us.
2. **Glorifies.** Jesus proclaimed that the Holy Spirit will glorify Jesus.
3. **Focuses.** The Holy Spirit focuses our attention upon the things of Jesus in our lives and what Jesus is doing in our lives.
4. **Activity.** As the Holy Spirit discloses the things of Jesus to us, we become more attuned to the activity of God in our lives.
5. **God.** As God, Jesus deserves glory and the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus.
6. **Holy Spirit.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we see the Holy Spirit glorifying Jesus in our lives.
7. **Discloses.** We rejoice today because the Holy Spirit discloses the things of Jesus to us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by learning from the things the Holy Spirit disclosed to the disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we count upon the Holy Spirit to glorify Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we strive in the power of God to glorify God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in all that we do.**

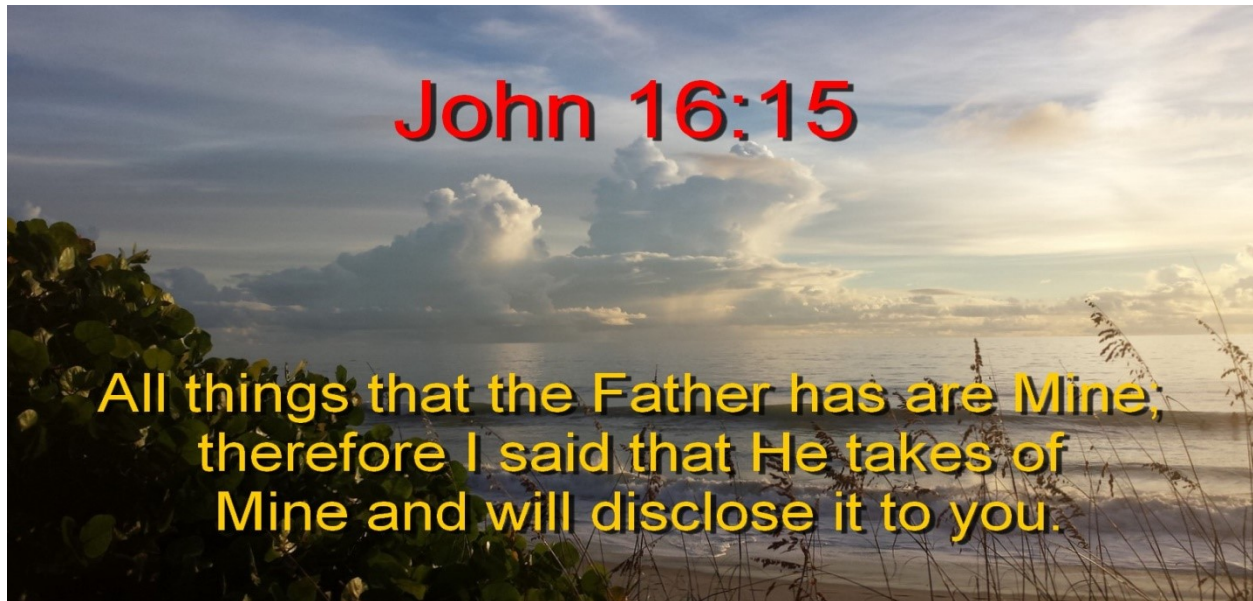
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by glorifying God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by seeking to glorify God by the power of the Holy Spirit working in you?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Eighty Three

## Mine Today



What things of the Father belong to Jesus? Jesus said that all things of the Father belong to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit takes the things of Jesus, which are also the things of the Father, and discloses them to us. We begin to understand the relationships among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All the things of the Father belong to the Son. The Father holds nothing back from the Son. Likewise, the Holy Spirit takes the things of Jesus and discloses them to us.

Jesus wanted us to know how things come to us. The Holy Spirit has many ministries. He loves to disclose the things of God to the disciples.

## ***Takes of Mine***

1. **All**. Jesus explained that all that the Father has are Mine. Jesus had repeatedly declared that He and the Father are One.
2. **Father**. Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus has always been God and never stopped being God. He has always loved His Father and His Father loved Him.
3. **Said**. Jesus has said these things before, and now links them together. Jesus said that His Father's things are His and the Holy Spirit discloses the things of Jesus to the disciples.
4. **Mine**. The Father gave people to Jesus. All things the Father has belong to Jesus and the things Jesus has belong to the Father.
5. **Takes**. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit takes His things and discloses them to the disciples. Jesus explained that He has all the things belonging to the Father. Therefore, the Holy Spirit discloses the things belonging to Jesus and His Father.
6. **Disclose**. Living Godly in the Family of God means that we know the Holy Spirit announces the things of Jesus to the disciples.
7. **You**. We rejoice today because the Holy Spirit disclosed the things of Jesus to the disciples, and through the Bible, they disclosed those things to us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that all things of the Father belong to Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that the Holy Spirit discloses the things of Jesus to us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving God for the beautiful harmony between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in all things.**

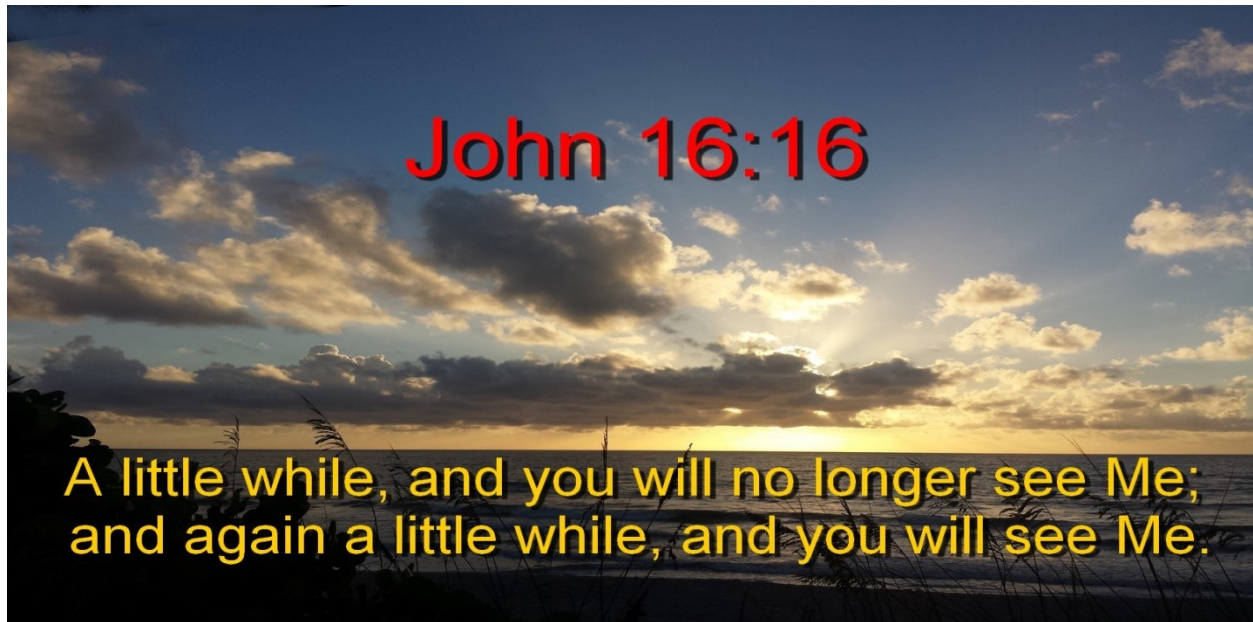
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the things the Holy Spirit has given to us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by delighting in the things the Holy Spirit has given to you?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Six Hundred Eighty Four**

## **See Me Today**



What will happen after a little while? Jesus said after a little while, the disciples would no longer see Him.

Jesus spoke about microns. After the first micron, the disciples would no longer see Me. Jesus spoke about His death and being buried for three days. He prophesied that on the third day He would rise from the dead.

Jesus then explained that after another micron, the disciples would see Him again. Jesus rose from the dead with a resurrected body. The disciples would see Jesus appear in a room after they had shut and locked the doors.

Jesus explained the future course of events so that the disciples may believe when those things come to pass. Jesus knows all the future, but carefully reveals what the disciples need to know when they need to know it.

## ***A Little While***

1. **Measure.** How did Jesus measure time? Jesus understood the value of time and managed it perfectly.
2. **Three Days.** Jesus described a little while. In this case a little while means about three days.
3. **Not See.** Jesus said in a little while they would no longer see Him.
4. **Die.** Jesus meant that He was about to go to the cross and die and be buried in a tomb for three days--a little while.
5. **Appear.** Jesus also said that after a little while, they would see Him. After Jesus arose from the grave, He appeared to the disciples--after a little while.
6. **Future.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus knows the future down to the day, hour, minute, and second.
7. **Time.** We rejoice today because Jesus not only can tell time, He controls time and uses it for His glory.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by thanking Jesus that His disciples did see Him again after a little while.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we expect to see Jesus again, and He will come in the fullness of time.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we expect to see Jesus coming with His disciples from heaven to the clouds of earth where the living saints will meet Him. In the air.**

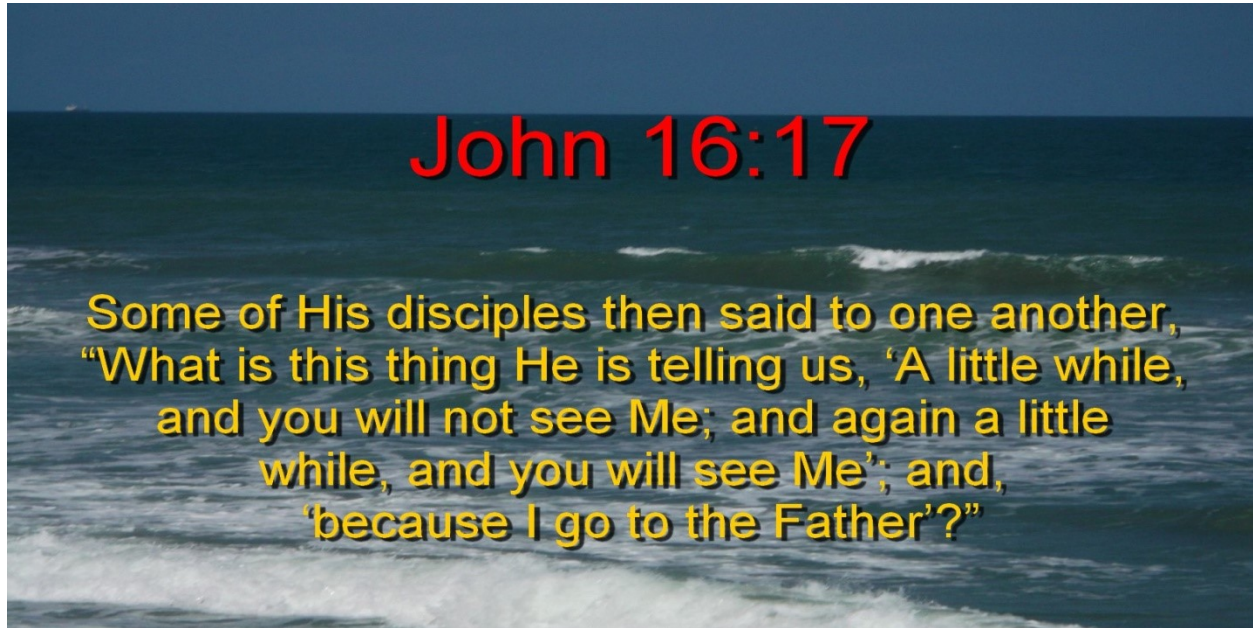
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting to see Jesus again. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting to see Jesus soon?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Eighty Five

## Telling Us Today



Why were the disciples talking about what Jesus said? The disciples were talking about what Jesus said because they did not understand what Jesus meant.

The disciples were saying to one another what Jesus meant about a little while. The disciples did not understand that Jesus was going to the Father.

Later that night the disciples would see Jesus arrested. They were not expecting His arrest and some of them violently opposed His arrest when it came.

The disciples heard Jesus talk about a little while and they would not see Him, but they did not comprehend at that time what Jesus meant. Jesus would see the disciples on the third day and reveal Himself to them. Their mourning over His death would be turned into joy.

## *To the Father*

1. **Comprehend.** Did the disciples comprehend what Jesus was telling them about leaving? They certainly had questions about "a little while" and going to the Father.

2. **Remember.** Before the Holy Spirit came upon them after the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples had real questions about what Jesus meant. Later, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to them and He helped them to understand and remember the words of Jesus.

3. **Talk.** The disciples liked to talk things over among themselves, especially when they did not understand what Jesus meant. Disciples still talk things over.

4. **Listened.** At this point, the disciples have been listening to Jesus for three years as He preached all over Israel.

5. **Questions.** Even so, the things that Jesus said and the way that He said them caused the disciples to question among themselves what Jesus meant.

6. **Meaning.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we all have questions about what Jesus meant.

7. **Benefit.** We rejoice today because we have the benefit of the Holy Spirit in our lives; we now know what Jesus meant by "a little while" and "because I go to My Father." Jesus was speaking of His death, burial, resurrection and ascension.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by talking with one another about the things Jesus said.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by trusting the Holy Spirit to understand what Jesus said.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in Jesus for telling many things that were going to happen before they actually took place.**

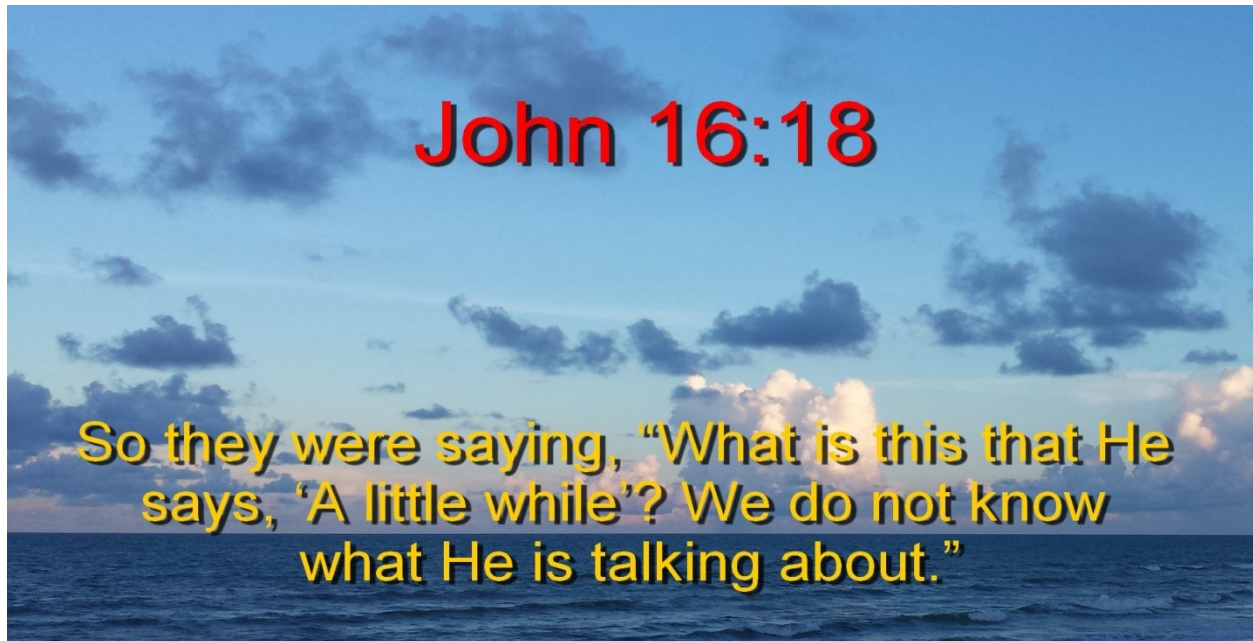
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus went back to His Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering the precise prophecies of Jesus about His death, resurrection, ministry, and then ascension?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Eighty Six

## Not Know Today



What did the disciples do after Jesus told them about a little while? The disciples said they did not know what He was talking about.

The disciples heard Jesus say many things they did not understand. They often talked among themselves about what Jesus meant. Jesus spoke in spiritual terms, but they often thought in physical terms.

Jesus talked about a little while. In a little while the disciples would not see Jesus. Jesus meant that He would be crucified very soon. Then a little while later the disciples would see Him again.

Jesus sought to reassure the disciples. They did not comprehend that Jesus intended to be arrested and crucified. He came to give His soul a ransom for many. After death He would be resurrected and take up His soul again.

## ***Talking About***

1. **Do We?** Do we always understand what Jesus is telling us? The disciples did not immediately understand what He was talking about.
2. **Communication.** Jesus communicated perfectly, clearly and wonderfully.
3. **Not Grasped.** Even so, His own disciples did not always grasp what He was saying right away.
4. **Future.** The disciples did not know what the phrase "A little while" meant when Jesus talked about His future.
5. **Benefit.** Jesus spoke for our benefit so that we would know Him better and love Him more.
6. **Dependence.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we must depend upon Jesus to explain what He meant.
7. **Understand.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves for us to know the truth and understand what He is trying to tell us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by talking with Jesus about what we do not understand.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by admitting that we do not know everything that Jesus was talking about.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by talking among ourselves about Jesus and His words.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting that we will not understand immediately all that Jesus said to us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by counting upon the Holy Spirit to teach you the truth, even when you do not understand immediately?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Six Hundred Eighty Seven

## Jesus Knew Today



**John 16:19**

Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

Why does Jesus ask questions? Jesus often asked questions to help the disciples understand what He said to them.

Jesus asked the disciples what they were thinking and discussing. He knew they did not get what He said. Jesus perfectly explained things the first time, but He knew that the disciples did not grasp everything immediately.

Jesus brought up their question about a little while. Jesus communicated with the disciples on a different level by asking them the question they wanted to ask Him.

As the perfect teacher, Jesus interacted with His audiences. He held their attention and focused them upon spiritual subjects. He asked questions designed to lead them to the truth.

Jesus cared for the disciples and sought for them to understand. He would answer their questions for them.

## *Seeking*

1. **Always.** Does Jesus always know what we are thinking? Yes, He even knows what we want to ask Him before we ask.
2. **Knew.** Jesus knew that His disciples wanted to ask Him what He meant by "a little while."
3. **Ask.** Jesus always likes us to ask Him about what He said so that we can understand what He wants us to know.
4. **Perfect Explanation.** As the greatest of all teachers, Jesus not only explained it perfectly the first time, He also will explain it to you perfectly the second time.
5. **Loves.** Jesus loved the disciples and that meant that He wanted them to understand what He told them. The disciples were seeking with one another to understand the words of Jesus.
6. **Cares.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus knows and cares about every thought that we have.
7. **Helps.** We rejoice today because Jesus always has time to help us understand what He said to us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting Jesus to help you understand His words.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by expecting too that we will need divine help to understand phrases like a little while.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by seeking together what Jesus meant by His words.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by seeking to know the truths Jesus taught us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by seeking Jesus to learn from Him?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Say Six Hundred Eighty Eight Weep and Lament Today**



What did Jesus mean by a little while? Jesus meant that the disciples would weep and lament.

While the disciples would weep and lament, the world would rejoice. Jesus spoke about His death on the cross. The world hated Jesus and sought His death. They thought they were triumphant when Jesus died. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Actually, Jesus triumphed by showing that death was not the end.

Jesus had the authority to lay down His soul and to take it up again. No one took His soul away from Him. Jesus acted to do the will of His Father. He drank the cup set before Him and fulfilled the Father's plan of salvation.

Jesus also promised that their grief would be turned into joy. He promised them that things were going to be great again, with joy.

## *Turned into Joy*

1. **Emotions.** What did Jesus mean by "a little while"? Jesus meant that His disciples would go through several emotions during the time of "a little while."

2. **Disciples.** The disciples will first weep and lament. When the disciples see Jesus crucified, killed and entombed, the disciples will weep and lament.

3. **World.** When the world sees Jesus crucified, killed and entombed, the world will rejoice.

4. **Resurrection.** When the disciples see Jesus resurrected after three days, their grief will be turned into joy.

5. **Little While.** When Jesus spoke of "a little while," He also spoke about the emotions of the disciples turning from grief into joy.

6. **Rejoice.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus understands our emotions and wants us to rejoice in Him.

7. **Eternal.** We rejoice today because we know the risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the King of Eternal Life.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting that both grief and joy will come our way as we follow Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by following Jesus and trusting Him to make us joyful in Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we weep with those who are weeping and rejoice with those who rejoice.**

### **Application for Today**

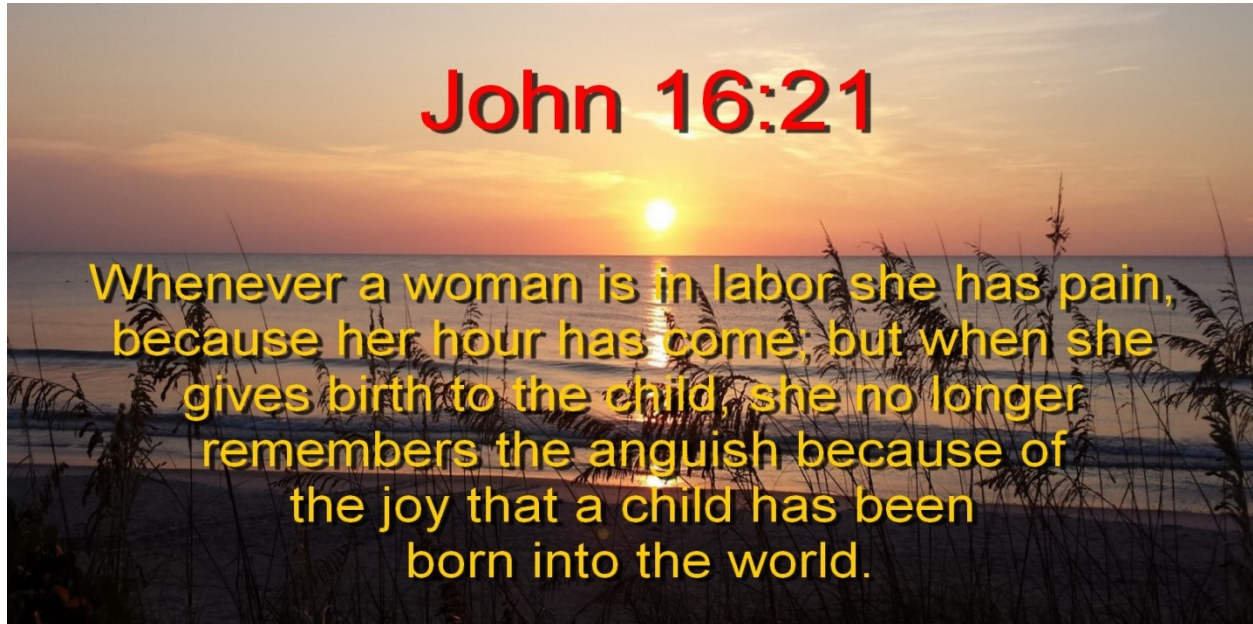
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by grieving and rejoicing, all because of what happens in our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by trusting Jesus to command your emotions?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Six Hundred Eighty Nine

## Labor Today



What happens after a woman gives birth? The woman forgets the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born in to the world.

Jesus explained to the disciples what a little while means. He used the illustration of a woman giving birth. The woman in labor has pain because her hour has come. But then she gives birth and no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.

Jesus spoke about His impending death and resurrection. Once He sees the disciples after death, their mourning will be turned into joy. Jesus will also have joy for completing the work of salvation by dying for our sins. He also demonstrated His power over death with His resurrection.

Jesus explained things and then illustrated things. He wanted His disciples to learn from Him. Jesus went over things again and again.



## *No Longer*

1. **Illustration.** What did Jesus mean by "a little while?" Jesus used a woman in labor to illustrate His point.
2. **Labor.** Jesus said that a woman has labor pains because her hour has come.
3. **His Hour.** Throughout the Gospel of John Jesus talked about His hour coming and then it came when He went to the cross.
4. **Anguish.** After the woman gives birth, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.
5. **Grief.** Jesus meant that after His hour has passed, the grief of the disciples will be turned into joy because Jesus has been resurrected.
6. **Joy.** Living Godly in the Family of God means that we have great joy because we know the resurrected Jesus.
7. **Resurrection.** We rejoice today because Jesus suffered the anguish of the cross so that we would be happy knowing the resurrected Christ.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by learning from Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we consider the illustrations that Jesus provides so that we can grasp the truth.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God because we have the joy that only Jesus can give us as our Resurrected Savior.**

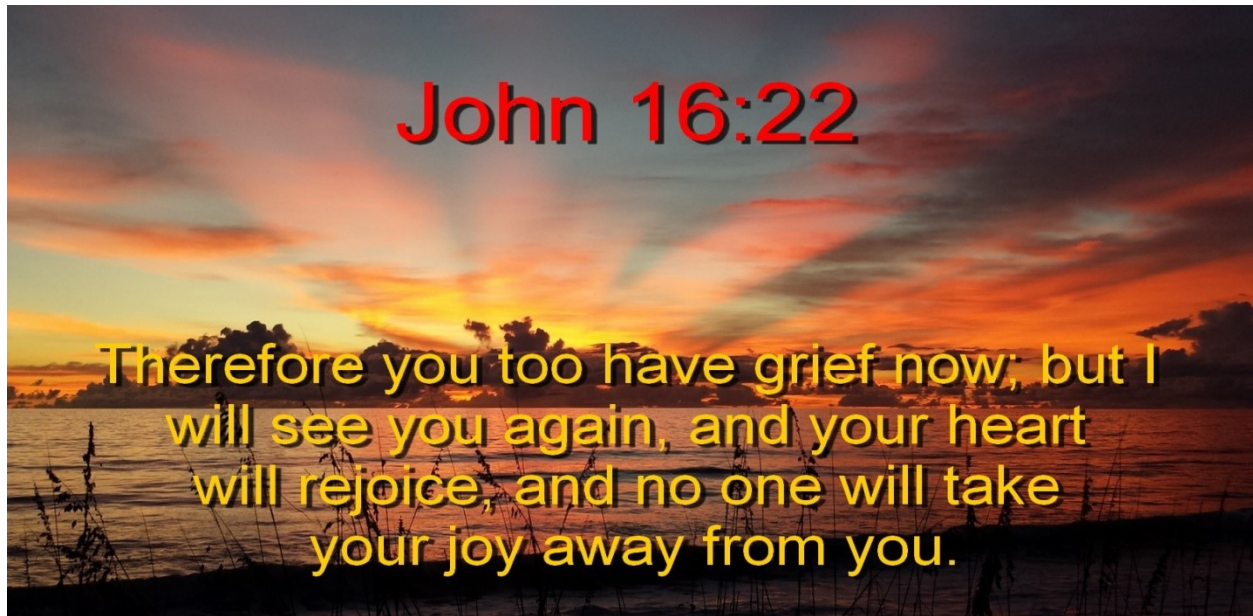
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by listening carefully to Jesus as He illustrates the truth to us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing with Jesus that many children have been chosen out of the world to live with Jesus forever?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Ninety

## Grief Today



What happens when Jesus sees the disciples again? Their grief will be turned into joy.

Jesus knew He was about to die. He intended to lay down His soul as a ransom for many. Jesus likened His death and resurrection to a woman giving birth and so forgetting her labor pains.

Jesus applied the labor illustrations to the disciples. He promised them that they will grieve over His death, but then He will see them again and their hearts will rejoice.

Jesus then promised that no one can take their joy away from them. Even after Jesus returned to heaven, the joy of the disciples will remain. No one can take away that joy. Jesus created permanent joy in our lives.

## ***Your Heart Will Rejoice***

1. **Joy.** What is resurrection joy? When the disciples see the resurrected Jesus, their grief will turn into joy and no one will take their joy away.

2. **Grief.** In most of our lives, we have joy one day and grief the next. As a matter of fact, we can have joy at one moment and grief in the next.

3. **Emotions.** As we have seen before, Jesus fully understood the emotions of His disciples.

4. **Prophesied.** Jesus prophesied that they would have grief followed by joy.

5. **Specific.** Specifically, Jesus prophesied that their grief would turn to joy when they saw Him again in a little while.

6. **Know.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus brings joy with Him as we know Him better and better.

7. **Gift.** We rejoice today because Jesus has given us a joy in Him that no one will take away because He abides within us as resurrected Lord and Savior.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing today.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that we have joy that no one can take away from us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we encourage one another with the promises of Jesus that grief will come but we have joy that no one can take from us.**

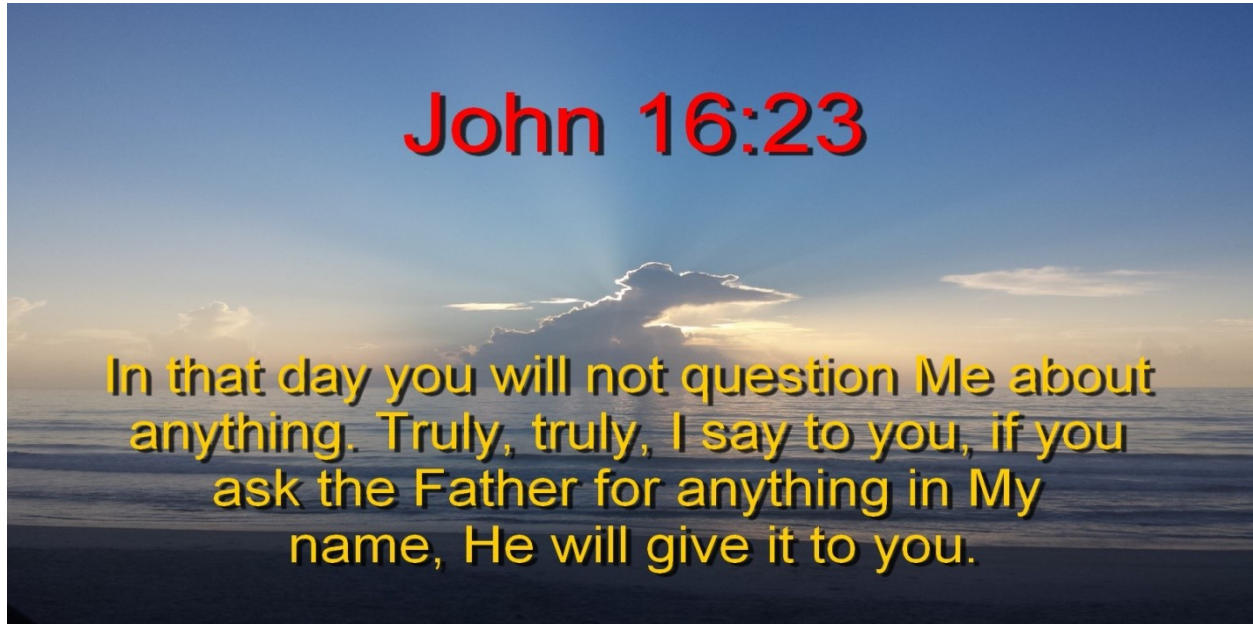
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by counting upon our joy in Jesus to remain because no one can take it away from us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing in Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Ninety One

## Ask Today



What happens if we ask the Father for anything in the Name of Jesus? If we ask for anything in the Name of Jesus, the Father will give it to us.

Jesus made many wonderful prayer promises. As He prepared the disciples for His departure, He taught them how to pray. He emphasized the importance of keeping His word and praying in His Name.

Jesus had a Name unlike any other Name. His Name was ancient, and known from eternity past. His Name will endure forever and ever, without end of days.

When Jesus instructed the disciples to pray in His name, He meant for the benefit of Jesus Christ and according to His will. We live to love God and glorify God. We love God because He first loved us.

We pray to do the will of God. As we ask according to His will, He hears us and gives us what we need to do His will.

## *Give*

1. **Day**. Jesus had spoken about His departure from earth. In that day when He has ascended, the disciples will pray.
2. **Question**. After His ascension, Jesus will not be with them physically. He will not be present to answer their questions, which seemed to be their custom.
3. **Anything**. The disciples apparently felt free to ask Jesus about anything. In that day they will not question Jesus about anything.
4. **Father**. Jesus taught His disciples to pray to the Father. Of course, they will also pray to Jesus.
5. **Name**. The Name of Jesus described God in the Flesh. The Name of Jesus conveyed His deity and His work as Savior. When we pray in the Name of Jesus, we ask the Father for things according to the will of Jesus and for His sake. We pray to benefit Jesus and His plans. We pray to glorify God and love Him forever.
6. **Give**. Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus promised that the Father would give His disciples whatever they ask for in the Name of Jesus.
7. **You**. We rejoice today because the Father always gives us good things as we pray in the Name of Jesus and He will not withhold any good thing from us.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by praying in the Name of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by trusting the Father to give us good things as we pray in the Name of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praying for one another in the Name of Jesus.**

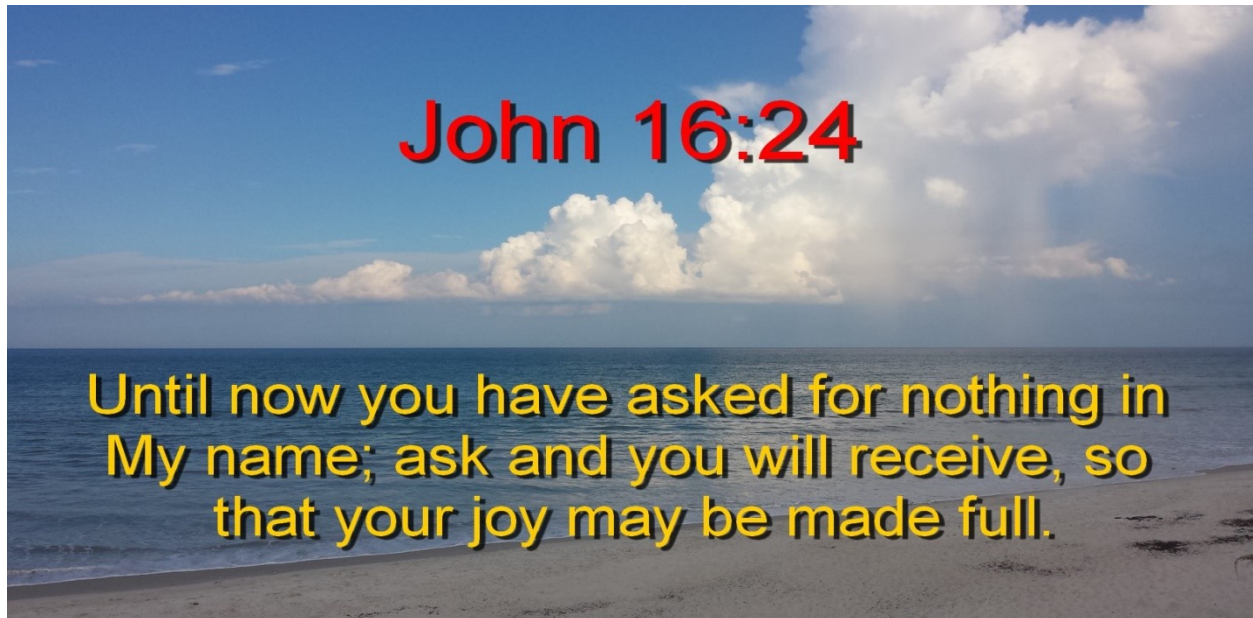
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praying to the Father in the Name of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praying to the Father in the Name of Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Ninety Two

## Nothing Today



How did the prayer life of the disciples change? Until then, the disciples had asked for nothing in the Name of Jesus.

Jesus then taught them to pray to the Father in the Name of Jesus. He commanded them to pray. He told them how to pray specifically so that they would receive. He said ask and you will receive.

Jesus then linked their prayer life to joy. If you want to have your joy made full, then learn to pray like Jesus commanded. We must learn to pray in His Name and seek His glory. As we ask the Father in the Name of Jesus, we receive whatever we ask in His Name. Then our joy will be made full because we receive what we asked for in the Name of Jesus.

Jesus provided very specific directions on how to have a very joyful life. He told us that when we receive answers to our prayer requests, we will have our joy made full. Jesus wants us today to delight in the answers to prayer that God provides to us. Jesus seeks joyful followers.

## ***Your Joy***

1. **Jesus.** Do you know anybody who wants to fill you with joy? Jesus does.
2. **Joy.** Jesus said that asking and then receiving in His name should make our joy full.
3. **Ask.** Jesus explained that previously the disciples had asked for nothing in the name of Jesus. Then Jesus changed things.
4. **Prayer.** Our prayer lives should fill us with joy from Jesus.
5. **Answers.** As we ask for things in the name of Jesus, God answers those prayers.
6. **Name.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we pray in the name of Jesus and receive good gifts from God.
7. **Receive.** We rejoice today because Jesus taught us to pray in His name, so that we may ask and receive according to His will.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by praying in the Name of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we ask and we receive.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by having our joy made full as we ask and receive from God the Father the good things He wants to give us in the Name of Jesus.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by asking and receiving. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by having your joy made full by receiving what you asked for in the Name of Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Ninety Three

## Figurative Today



**John 16:25**

**These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father.**

Did Jesus always use figurative language? Jesus used figurative language, and then spoke plainly about the Father.

Jesus said He spoke in figurative language in explaining these things. He used many symbols to describe things to the disciples.

Jesus looked forward to the hour when He would no longer speak to the disciples in figurative language. At that hour, He would speak plainly to them about the Father.

Jesus had already taught the disciples to pray to the Father in the Name of Jesus. Jesus planned on speaking plainly to them about His Father. Jesus always timed things perfectly. He disclosed things to the disciples at the appropriate time. Jesus did not overload the disciples, but provided the perfect amount of information at the best times. Jesus cared for His disciples and wanted them to understand what He said to them.

## ***Plainly***

1. **Language.** Did Jesus speak to His disciples in figurative language? Yes, Jesus said He spoke to them in figurative language.

2. **Figurative.** When some people read the Bible, they think it is only figurative language from cover to cover.

3. **Plain.** Jesus used figurative language like "a little while" and a woman about to give birth. At other times He revealed mysteries in plain language directly to His disciples.

4. **Disciples.** Jesus spoke about a day coming when He would no longer speak in figurative language. In that future day He would speak to them plainly about the Father.

5. **Meaning.** Jesus also spoke to the crowds in parables with figurative language, but then privately explained in plain language the meaning of the parables to His disciples.

6. **God.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus used both figurative language and plain language to tell us about Himself, the Father and the Holy Spirit.

7. **Plans.** We rejoice today because Jesus communicated the words of life to us and His plans for the future.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus spoke in figurative language.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus also spoke plainly about the Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by realizing that Jesus spoke to us in the Bible through figures of speech and with plain speech.**

### **Application for Today**

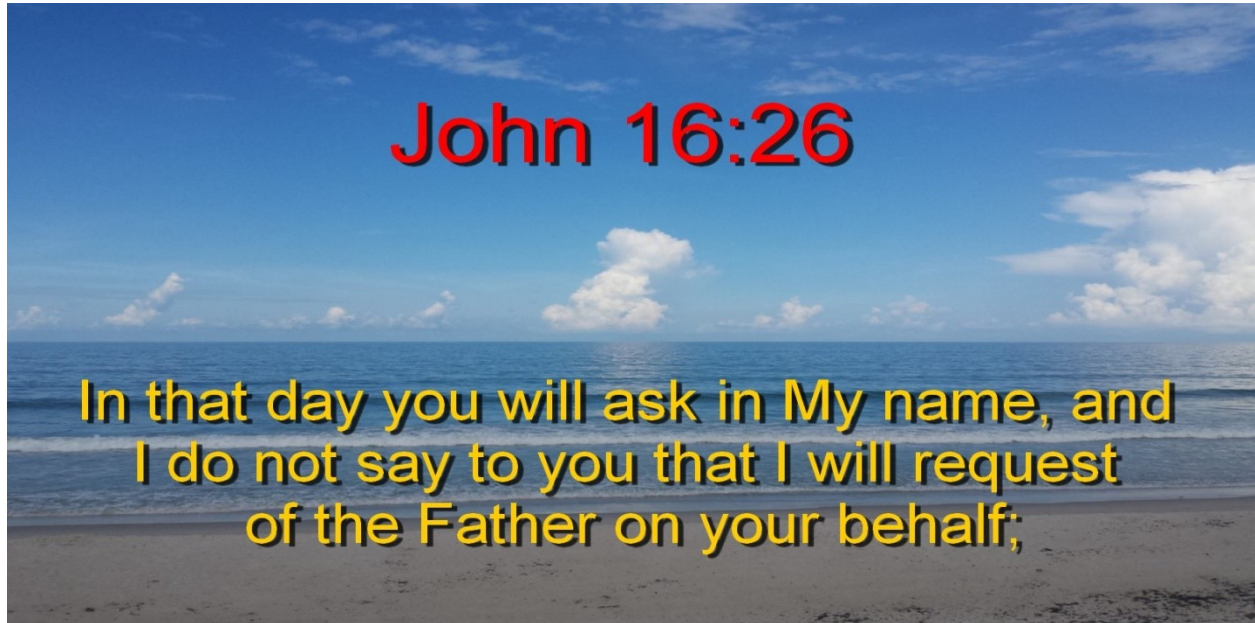
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by listening to Jesus explain things to us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by hearing the Bible today and learn more about Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Six Hundred Ninety Four

## My Name Today



Does Jesus always request the Father on our behalf? Jesus said in that day He will not request the Father on behalf of the disciples.

Jesus continued describing the new prayer life of the disciples. As He prepared them for His ascension, He taught them how to pray. He continued His explanation of His relationship to the Father and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples were going into the Church Age and things were dramatically different from the Old Testament times. New relationships with Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit awaited the disciples. Jesus was going to heaven and the Holy Spirit was coming to indwell believers. The disciples needed to learn new ways to pray based upon the changed relationships. God stays the same always, but He reveals new things and brings change to the way He interacts with us. His love remains constant, but our ministries expand and grow all time.

## ***You Will Ask***

1. **We.** Does Jesus always ask the Father to fulfill our prayer requests? No, we pray in the name of Jesus.

2. **Pray.** Jesus wanted us to understand what it means to pray in His name.

3. **Name.** When we pray in the name of Jesus, He does not promise that He will always intercede for us on that prayer request.

4. **Better.** As Jesus prepared His disciples for His death and ascension, He wanted them to have a new and better prayer life.

5. **Direct.** The new prayer life emphasized direct access to the Father.

6. **Request.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we pray in the name of Jesus, but we understand that Jesus does not always request the Father on our behalf.

7. **Joy.** We rejoice today because Jesus taught us how to pray in His name, so that our joy would be full.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by praying in the Name of Jesus as we address the Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we enjoy the changes Jesus brought to His disciples after His ascension.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we encourage one another with the truths Jesus taught us about how to pray and the relationship with have God.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God as we rejoice in the new things Jesus gave us after He ascended to heaven. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praying to the Father directly, because Jesus told us how to pray?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Ninety Five

## Father Today



Why does the Father love us? Because we love Jesus and believe that He came forth from the Father.

Jesus explained very deep truths in simple language. Jesus revealed why the Father loves us. The Father loves us because we love Jesus. You cannot love the Father without loving Jesus.

Because Jesus and the Father are one, you love both or neither of them. People who say they love God, but do not love Jesus, love neither of them. Jesus not only wanted to explain love to the disciples, He wanted them to know more about the Father.

We only know the love of the Father through Jesus. God so loved the world that He gave His unique Son so that we would not perish. He wanted us to have eternal life by grace through faith in Jesus.

## ***Loves You***

1. **Why?** Why does God the Father love believers? He loves believers because they have loved Jesus and have believed that Jesus came forth from the Father.

2. **Father.** As Jesus explained the new prayer life to the disciples, He also revealed the great love of God the Father.

3. **Directly.** Jesus does not intercede for every prayer request of the disciples because God the Father loves the disciples directly.

4. **Know.** Knowing God today means that we know the love of God today.

5. **Love.** Praying today means that we know that both Jesus and God the Father love us today.

6. **Pray.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we pray in the name of Jesus, knowing the Father loves us directly.

7. **Live.** We rejoice today because we live and pray in the love of God the Father.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and His Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by believing that Jesus came forth from the Father and returned to the Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging belief in the things Jesus said and so enjoy the love of the Father.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding the love of the Father for us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thanking the Father for giving us Jesus so that the Father loves us and we know it?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# **Day Six Hundred Ninety Six**

## **Came Forth Today**



Where did Jesus come from? Jesus came forth from the Father.

Jesus came from the Father. He came to do the will of His Father. The Father loved the world and gave His unique Son so that everyone who believes in the Son would not perish, but have eternal life.

Jesus followed the plan of His Father. His Father sent Him into the world to give His soul a ransom for many. Jesus loved His Father and did the things pleasing to His Father.

Jesus also said He was leaving the world again and going to the Father. Jesus told the disciples things before they came to pass so that they would believe in Him. The term “again” indicates Jesus had left the world before.



## ***Into the World***

1. **Where?** Where did Jesus come from? Jesus came from the Father into the world.

2. **Messiah.** You may recall the Old Testament prophets said that when the Messiah comes, no one knows where He came from.

3. **Rejected.** The religious leaders who killed Jesus knew that He came from Nazareth of Galilee. So they thought they knew where He came from and they rejected Him as Messiah.

4. **From Heaven.** Although Jesus was born in Bethlehem and raised in Galilee, He came from His Father in heaven.

5. **Returning.** Jesus told His disciples that He was leaving the world and going back to His Father in heaven.

6. **Loved.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus came into the world because He loved us.

7. **Left.** We rejoice today because Jesus left the world and returned to His Father in heaven; He is coming back.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus left the Father and came into the world.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus came into the world for a predetermined period of time to accomplish the works of His Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for leaving His Father to die for us and return again to His Father.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus left His Father to come into the world. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thanking Jesus for returning to His Father?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Six Hundred Ninety Seven**

## **Speaking Plainly Today**



Why did the disciples say that Jesus was speaking plainly? They said Jesus was speaking plainly because He said He was returning to His Father.

Jesus used figures of speech to communicate truths. He also spoke plainly at times. Jesus revealed things to the disciples that He did not reveal to everyone else.

Jesus always told the truth. He spoke in parables to some people who had hardened hearts. Jesus explained parables to His disciples. They liked to ask Jesus questions when they did not understand what Jesus was talking about.

Jesus spoke perfectly to His disciples. He determined the best way to communicate truth to the disciples. He did not overload them with truth. He also understood the emotional impact of His words upon the disciples.

## ***Figure of Speech***

1. **Plain Speech.** Why did Jesus speak plainly to the disciples? Jesus wanted them to believe what He said so He spoke plainly to them.
2. **Leaving.** Jesus had just told His disciples that He was leaving the world and going back to His Father.
3. **Explained.** Jesus also explained to His disciples that the Father loved them very much and would answer their prayers directly.
4. **Love.** Jesus loved His disciples and loved to tell them the truth and explain the truth to them.
5. **Truth.** We know the truth by reading the Bible today. Jesus speaks to us today through the words He spoke thousands of years ago.
6. **Bible.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we hear the voice of Jesus as He speaks plain truth to us in the Bible.
7. **Understand.** We rejoice today because Jesus always tells us the truth in language we can understand.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus used figures of speech.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we realize that Jesus spoke in terms His disciples could understand.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we praise God for Jesus telling us the truth, using very precise words, images and parables.**

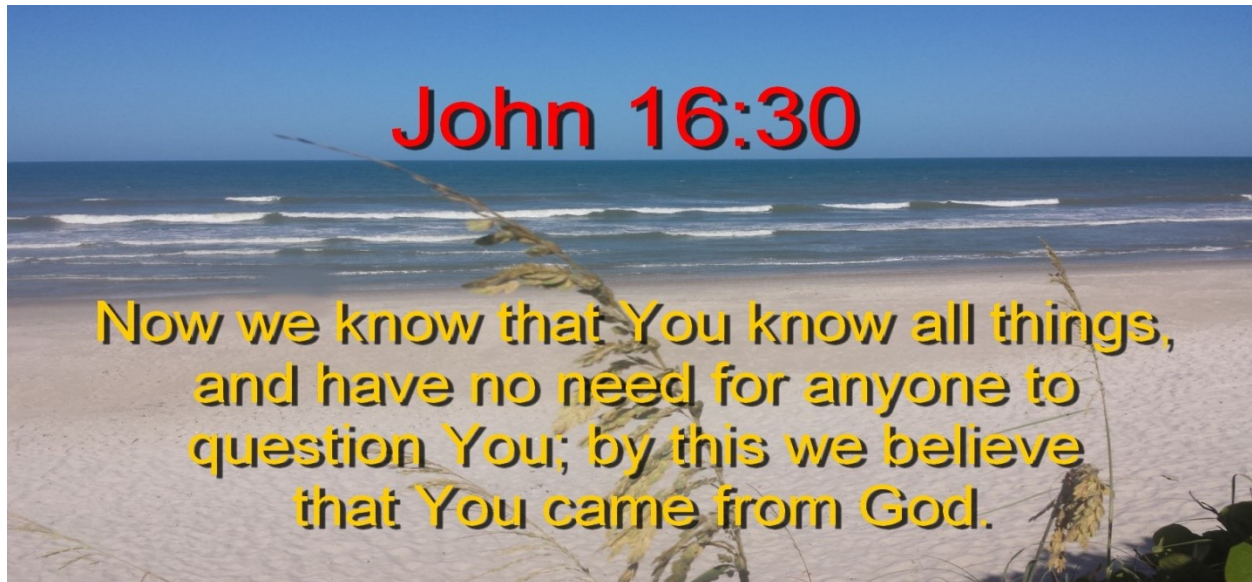
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by listening to everything Jesus said. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by learning what Jesus said and how He said it?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Ninety Eight

## Now We Know Today



What did the disciples know about Jesus? They knew that He knew all things.

Because of all the things Jesus told the disciples, they came to know that Jesus knew all things. God always knows all things. Nothing catches Him unaware. He knows no surprises.

As God in the flesh, Jesus had certain limits imposed by His humanity. He grew in stature and wisdom, and favor with God. Yet, as God, He knows all things. The exact way that the divine knowledge interacted with limited human knowledge in Jesus reflects the unity of the God-Man, Jesus. He was fully God and fully human, at the same time. We know that Jesus had a human will and a divine will. He had a human nature and a divine nature.

The disciples believed that Jesus came from God and had no need for anyone to question Him. Jesus sought to increase their faith in Him.

## ***You Know All Things***

1. **Disciples.** Why did the disciples believe that Jesus came from God? Because they recognized that Jesus knew all things.

2. **Recognized.** The disciples made great expressions of faith. His disciples, who had been with Him for years, recognized Jesus as knowing all things.

3. **Teaching.** The disciples also recognized that Jesus did not need anybody to teach Him.

4. **Omniscience.** The disciples also told us that they believed that Jesus came from God because of His omniscience.

5. **God and Man.** Jesus knew all things because He was God in the flesh. Jesus was also a man who did not know all things, such as the hour of His return.

6. **All Things.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus really did know all things and did not need any human teacher to tell Him about God.

7. **Knows.** We rejoice today because Jesus knows all things and loves us while knowing every thought we have ever had.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus knew all things.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we praise Jesus for letting us get to know Him and His Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the knowledge that Jesus knows all things.**

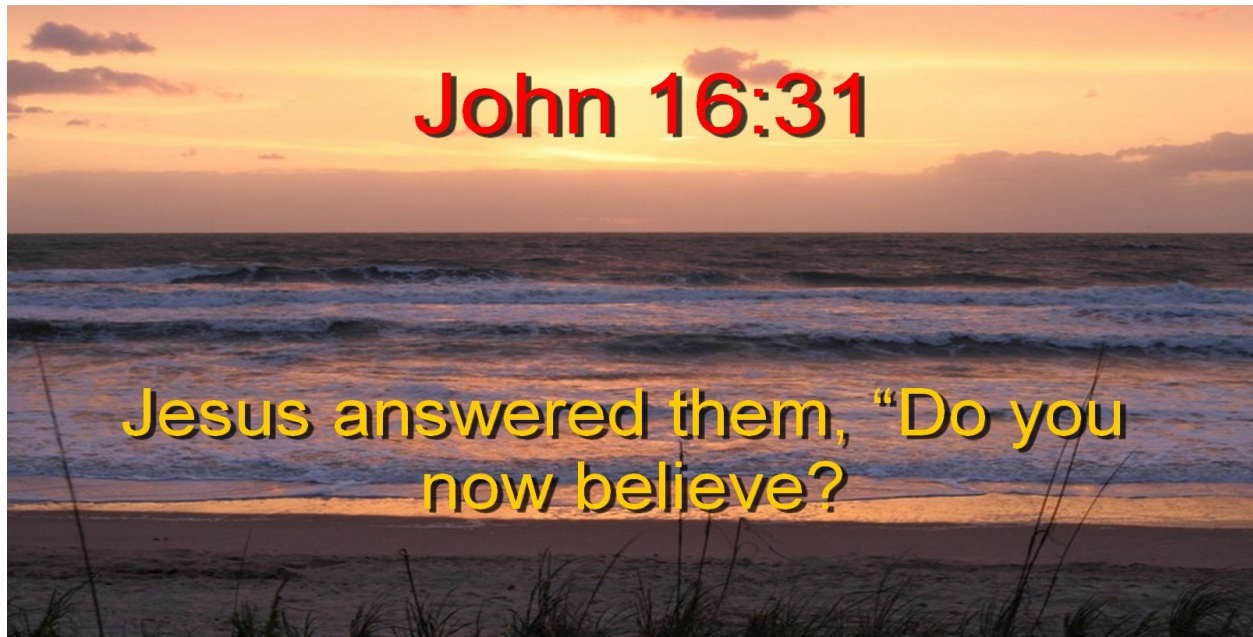
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to know all things, all the time. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by living in knowledge that Jesus knows all things?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Six Hundred Ninety Nine

## Answered Today



How did Jesus answer the disciples? Jesus answered the disciples with a question about whether they now believed.

You can appreciate that question in light of their confession that Jesus knew all things. They believed He knew about their faith. Therefore, when Jesus asked them about their faith, they must know that He already knew everything about their faith.

Jesus asked questions but always knew the answers before He asked the questions. He did not ask questions for His own benefit, but for the benefit of the listeners.

Jesus often used questions to focus the hearts and minds of the listeners upon His words. Jesus chose His words very carefully, for they were His Father's words. Jesus often focused His words upon belief.

## ***Now Believe?***

1. **Now?** Do you now believe? Jesus always asked great questions.
2. **Leaving.** Jesus told His disciples that He was leaving the world and going to His Father.
3. **Father.** The disciples replied that they now knew that He knew all things. They also said they knew Jesus came from the Father.
4. **Faith.** Jesus followed up with a question about faith. Jesus sought to increase faith and develop faith.
5. **Truth.** Jesus always intended for us to believe what He says. He tells us the truth so that we can live accordingly.
6. **Believe.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we believe what Jesus tells us in the Bible.
7. **Build.** We rejoice today because Jesus seeks to build our faith in Him every day.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by listening carefully to the questions of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand why Jesus asked questions.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we listen to the questions of Jesus and focus our attention upon why He asked His question.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by listening carefully to the questions of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by focusing your attention upon the questions from Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred

## Scattered Today



**John 16:32**

**Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.**

Where will the disciples scatter? Jesus said that the disciples will each scatter to their own home.

Jesus told the disciples about the future. He described an hour as coming and it had already come. In that hour the disciples would be scattered to their own homes.

The disciples had traveled with Jesus for years. Jesus said He did not have a place to lay His head. Jesus then told the disciples that they would all be scattered very soon. They were going to leave Him alone.

Jesus then said He is never alone, because the Father is with Him. The Father abides with Jesus and Jesus abides with the Father. Jesus said He was in the Father the Father in Him.

Jesus told the disciples many things that were going to happen. Hearing they were going to scatter to their own homes shows that Jesus truly

knows all things. The Shepherd will be struck down and the sheep will scatter. Yet, Jesus was never alone.

## ***Not Alone***

1. **Father.** After the disciples scattered, was Jesus alone? No, He was not alone because the Father was always with Him.

2. **Prophecy.** Jesus continued to prophesy about His impending death.

3. **Scattered.** He declared that His disciples would be scattered and leave Him.

4. **With Him.** Yet, Jesus was not truly alone, because His Father was always with Him.

5. **With Us.** As believers, our friends and family may scatter and leave us, but we are never alone. Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit are always with us.

6. **God.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know we are never alone, because God is always with us.

7. **Abides In.** We rejoice today because God abides in us and with us and will never leave us or forsake us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by knowing that Jesus was never alone.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the disciples scattered, but then regathered for great ministry.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we praise God that Jesus was never alone, because the Father is always with Him.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that we are never alone because Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit are always with us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that you are never alone?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred One

## Peace Today



Why did Jesus say these things? Jesus said these things so that the disciples would have peace.

Jesus not only wanted the disciples to have their joy made full, but He also wanted them to have peace. Jesus wanted the very best for His disciples, and He said things to make them happier and more peaceful.

Jesus warned of tribulation. He said that in the world the disciples would have tribulation. The world was filled with hostility towards Jesus. Because a slave is not greater than his Master, so also the world would hate the disciples as it hated Jesus.

Jesus commanded courage in the midst of tribulation. The disciples were to have courage because Jesus had overcome the world. Jesus triumphs in all things. By grace through faith in Jesus we triumph in Jesus.

## ***Take Courage***

1. **Peace.** How do we find peace in the midst of tribulation? We take peace from the words of Jesus and live accordingly.
2. **Tribulation.** Jesus said that his disciples would be scattered and that they would endure tribulation while in the world.
3. **Promise.** Even so, He promised them that, in Him, they may have peace.
4. **Courage.** In Jesus, they could also take courage because Jesus has overcome the world.
5. **Strength.** Jesus constantly developed courage and strength in His disciples as they endured the tribulations of this world.
6. **Face.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we take courage and have peace as we face the tribulations this world inflicts upon us.
7. **Overcome.** We rejoice today because Jesus has overcome the world and so we take courage and overcome the world with His peace.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by having peace.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding we can have peace in the midst of tribulation.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by taking courage in Jesus, because He has overcome the world.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by taking courage and being filled with peace from Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by counting upon Jesus to provide all the courage and peace you need to get through every tribulation?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# 2

## **Learning about Godliness And Glory Today**

Jesus made time to pray before He was betrayed and arrested. Jesus finished His prophecies and then, lifting up His eyes to heaven, He began to pray.

Jesus started His prayer with glory. He prayed to His Father, recognizing that the hour had come. Jesus asked the Father to glorify His Son, that the Son may glorify the Father. Jesus received authority over all flesh, so that He could give eternal life to people. Jesus defined eternal life as knowing the Father, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom the Father sent. Jesus acknowledged that He had finished the work His Father had given Him to do. Now was the time to glorify the Son, together with the Father, with the glory Jesus had before the world was.

Jesus then declared that He had manifested the Father's Name to the men the Father had given to Him. They kept the Father's word and know that everything given to Jesus was from the Father, including the words Jesus gave to them. They received the word and believed that the Father sent Jesus into the world. Jesus prayed that the Father would keep them in the Father's Name, because Jesus was leaving the world. Jesus had kept them and not one of them perished, except the son of destruction, Judas Iscariot, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

Jesus then prayed about joy. Jesus had spoken to the disciples at length that night so that His joy would be made full in themselves. Although Jesus was leaving, He knew the disciples would grieve and mourn His death, but their sorrow would be turned into joy in just a little while when they would see Him again. Jesus did not ask His Father to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. He also prayed that the Father would sanctify them in the truth; the Father's word is truth. Jesus

then prayed that as the Father sent Jesus into the world, so also Jesus sent them into the world. For their sakes, Jesus sanctified Himself, that they also may be sanctified in the truth.

Jesus then included us in His prayer. He said He did not ask for the sake of the disciples alone, but for the disciples who will believe in Him through their word. He prayed that we would all be one, even as the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father. Jesus prayed for our unity so that the world may believe that the Father sent Jesus.

Jesus concluded His prayer with glory. Jesus said that the glory which the Father had given to Him He gave to the disciples, that they may be one, just as the Father and Son are One. Jesus described that unity: “I in them and You in Me.” Jesus intended that Oneness to perfect them in unity, so that the world may know that the Father sent Jesus. He also wanted the world to know that the Father loved them, even as the Father loved Jesus. Looking to the future, Jesus desired that the people given to Jesus by His Father would be with Him where He is, so that they may see His glory which the Father gave to Him, for the Father loved Jesus before the foundation of the world. Although the world had not known the Father, Jesus knew the Father and the disciples knew that the Father sent Jesus. Jesus made the Name of the Father known to the disciples, and would continue to make it known, so that the love with which the Father loved Jesus may be in them, and Jesus in them.

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Two

## The Hour Has Come Today



What did Jesus want the Father to do? Jesus wanted the Father to glorify the Son, so that the Son may glorify the Father.

Jesus spoke these things to His disciples as He prepared them for His departure. The disciples had already confessed that Jesus knew all things. Jesus loved the disciples, and He loved them to the end.

Jesus prayed to His Father. Jesus requested that the Father would glorify His Son. Jesus glorified the Father by accomplishing the works which His Father had given Him to do. Jesus had a particular reason He wanted the Father to glorify His Son.

Jesus wanted to glorify the Father. Jesus had already glorified the Father, but He also wanted to continue to glorify the Father. Jesus as God had the full glory of God in heaven. Jesus intended to glorify the Father in all things and at all times.

## ***Glorify Your Son***

1. **Beginning.** Jesus begins His high priestly prayer by lifting up His eyes to heaven.
2. **Anticipation.** Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus has been looking forward to this hour, which includes His arrest and crucifixion.
3. **Hour.** Now that the hour has come, Jesus asked His Father to glorify Him so that He may glorify the Father during the hour at hand.
4. **Glorified.** The Gospel of John shows how Jesus glorified God throughout His lifetime on Earth.
5. **Laid Aside.** As Eternal God, Jesus filled all the universe with His glory; He laid that glory aside to take human flesh and dwell among men and they beheld the glory of the unique Son of God.
6. **We Learn.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we learn from Jesus how to glorify God during the darkest times in our lives.
7. **Father.** We rejoice today because Jesus shines with glory today, unrestrained by human flesh, having glorified the Father during the hour at hand.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by glorifying the Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus prayed that He would glorify the Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we join together in prayer that we too would glorify the Father in all things.**

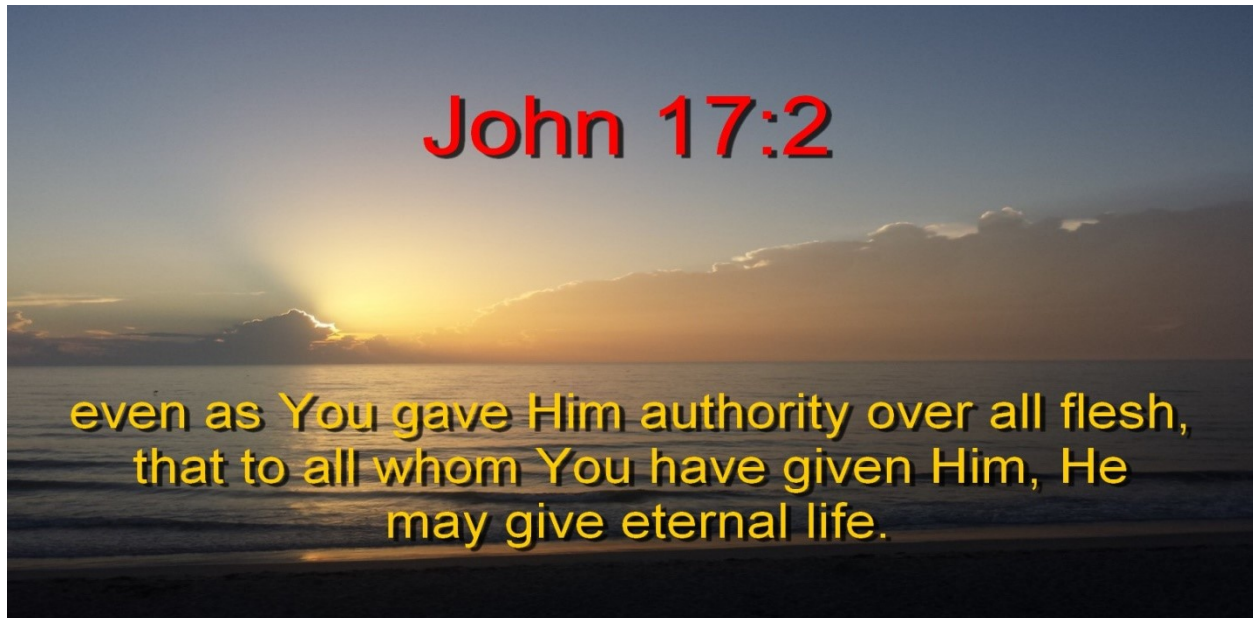
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praying that God would use our lives to glorify Himself. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praying with believers that God will be glorified by all believers today?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Three

## All Flesh Today



What will Jesus give to people? Jesus will give eternal life to all the people the Father gave to Jesus.

The Father gave Jesus authority over all flesh. Because of that authority, Jesus can give them eternal life. Jesus only gives eternal life to the people the Father gave to Jesus.

You may recall that Jesus said the Father reveals Jesus to people. Then Jesus reveals the Father to those people. Jesus also said that all the Father has belongs to Jesus and all that Jesus has belongs to the Father.

Jesus received every person given to Him by the Father. He did not lose even one of them. Because the Father gave them to Jesus, Jesus will give each of them eternal life. Jesus only does the will of His Father. So we

know that the Father gave people to the Son so that the Son would give them eternal life.

## ***Authority***

1. **Eternal Life.** Why do we have eternal life? We have eternal life because Jesus gave us eternal life as a free gift.

2. **Process.** Jesus wanted us to understand the process of giving us eternal life.

3. **Son.** God the Father gave God the Son authority over all flesh.

4. **Father.** God the Father gave some people to God the Son.

5. **Authority.** God the Son used the authority He received from His Father to give eternal life to all the people God the Father gave to God the Son.

6. **Gave.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that both God the Father and God the Son gave us eternal life.

7. **Received.** We rejoice today because we received eternal life as a free gift from God.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus has authority over all flesh.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus gave us eternal life.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising the Father for giving us to Jesus so that we would receive eternal life.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for giving us eternal life. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by worshiping Jesus for His free gift of eternal life?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Four

## Eternal Life Today



How did Jesus define eternal life? Jesus defined eternal life as knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ Whom God sent.

Jesus wanted His disciples to understand His authority and the power to give eternal life. Jesus only gave eternal life to the people given to Him by the Father. The Father loved the world and gave His unique Son so that by grace through faith we should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jesus then defined eternal life. Eternal life means we know the only true God, the Father of Jesus. Not only do we know the Father, but we also know Jesus, the Son of God, sent by the Father into the world.

Jesus wanted to be sure the disciples comprehended their relationship with God the Father and His Son. Jesus had talked about glorifying God, and He linked that to doing the works given to us. Jesus

then linked doing the works of God with knowing God, Who gave us eternal life.

## ***May Know***

1. **Defined.** What does it mean to have eternal life? Jesus defined eternal life in very simple terms.

2. **Know.** Eternal life means that we know God the Father, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, sent by God the Father.

3. **God.** Jesus linked the authority He had to give eternal live with knowing God.

4. **Understand.** Jesus wanted us to understand that eternal life consists in knowing God.

5. **If, Then.** If you do not know God the Father and God the Son, then you do not have eternal life.

6. **Both.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know God the Father and Jesus Christ, sent by God the Father.

7. **True God.** We rejoice today because we have eternal life, which means that we know the only true God.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that eternal life is knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ Whom He sent.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus because we know Him and His Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we join together in worshiping Jesus because we know Jesus and His Father, which means we have eternal life.**

### **Application for Today**

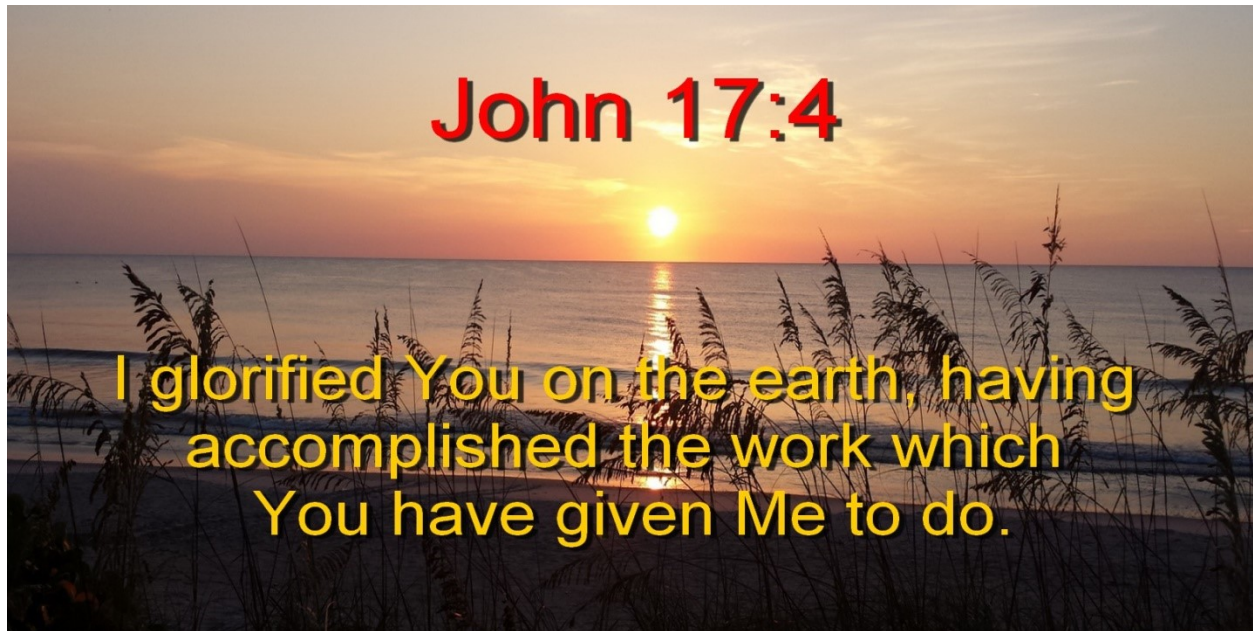
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by thanking God for letting us know the Father and the Son. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing in your knowledge of God the Father and God the Son?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Five

## Glorified Today



How did Jesus glorify the Father on the earth? Jesus glorified the Father by accomplishing the work the Father gave Him to do.

Jesus consistently testified that the Father sent Him into the world to do the works of His Father. Jesus did not speak on His own initiative, but He spoke the words given to Him by His Father.

As Jesus drew near to the end of His life in the flesh, He said that He had accomplished the works His Father had given Him to do. As believers, we should all strive to say that we have accomplished all the works the Father has given us to do. You may recall that we are God's workmanship, created in Christ for good works, which God has prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

## ***Accomplished the Work***

1. **Glorified**. Jesus said that He glorified His Father.
2. **Earth**. Jesus explained He glorified the Father in heaven by what Jesus did on earth.
3. **Accomplished**. Jesus accomplished all the works. He never missed an opportunity to preach, to comfort, to confront, to pray, and on and on.
4. **Work**. Jesus linked glorifying God with doing the works of God. As we do the works God prepared for us, then we too can glorify God, just like Jesus glorified His Father.
5. **You**. Jesus prayed to the Father and addressed Him as “You.” Jesus prayed constantly and enjoyed the closest fellowship and unity with His Father. Jesus said His Father loved Him because He always did the things pleasing to His Father.
6. **Given**. Living Godly in the family of God means that we recognize that the Father has given us works to do every day.
7. **Do**. We rejoice today because Jesus accomplished all the works His Father gave Him to do.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by recognizing that the Father gives us works to do every day.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by glorifying God by doing the works He has given us to do.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by doing the works of God as members of the body of Christ, working in harmony by doing God's works.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by glorifying God by doing the works He has given us to do. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by accomplishing the works God has given you to do?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Six

## Glorify Me Today



What did Jesus pray for? Jesus prayed that the Father would glorify Jesus.

Have you met people who think it is selfish to pray for themselves? Jesus prayed for Himself. He asked that the Father would glorify Him.

Jesus prayed for specific glory. Jesus sought the Father to glorify Him with the glory which He had with the Father before the world was.

In the beginning Jesus was with the Father and Jesus was God. Jesus created all things. He was before all things. As eternal God, Jesus laid aside the glory of heaven to dwell among men in the flesh.

His disciples came to see His glory. They saw Him full of grace and truth. Even so, they knew Him as truly man, and they understood that Jesus came forth from the Father.

## ***With You***

1. **Prayed.** Did Jesus pray for glory? Yes, Jesus prayed that the Father would glorify Himself and Jesus.

2. **Father.** Jesus glorified the Father on the earth by accomplishing the work the Father gave Him to do.

3. **Glorify.** Jesus then prayed for the Father to glorify Jesus with the glory Jesus had before the world was.

4. **Son.** Jesus also prayed that both the Father and the Son would be glorified.

5. **Accomplished.** We see two kinds of Glory here. First, Jesus glorified the Father on Earth by accomplishing the works of the Father. Second, Jesus prayed that the Father would glorify Himself and Jesus with the glory Jesus had with the Father before the world was.

6. **Both.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that both the Father and Son share the eternal glory of God.

7. **Suffered.** We rejoice today because Jesus laid aside heavenly glory to take flesh and suffer death for us with heavenly glory to follow.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus left the glories of heaven to live among men.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by praying for ourselves to do the will of God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we worship Jesus for leaving His Father in glory to lay down His soul for us.**

### **Application for Today**

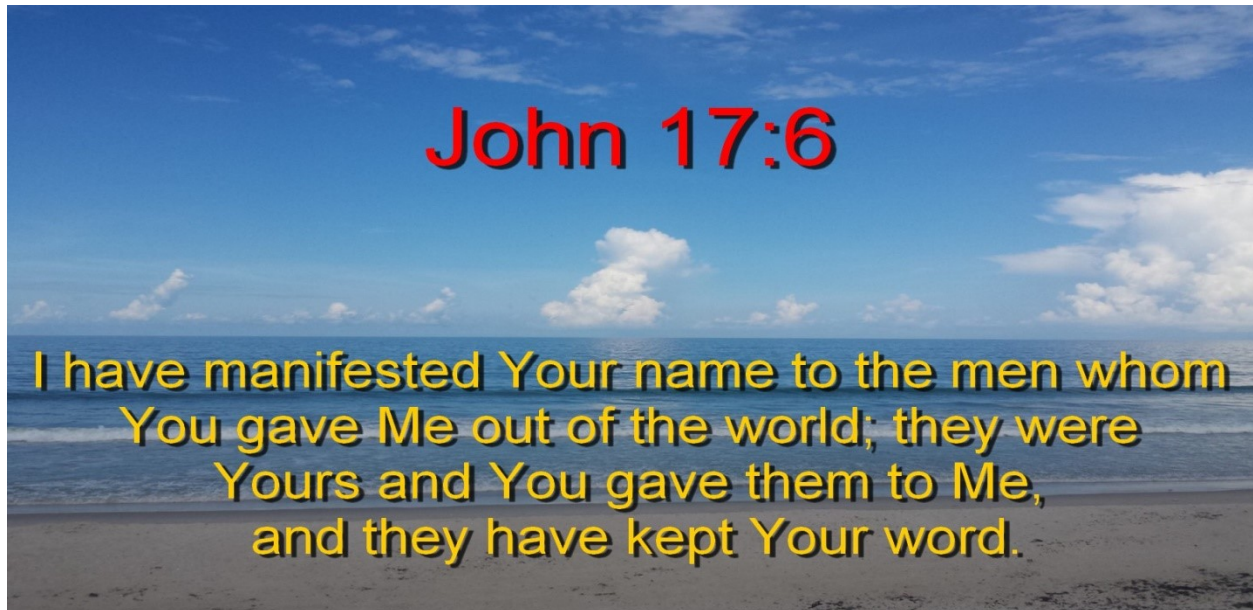
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by learning from Jesus how to pray. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and pray that we all glorify God with our lives?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Seven

## Manifested Today



What did Jesus manifest to the men the Father gave to Jesus? Jesus manifested the Name of God the Father.

Throughout the Old Testament the Name of Yahweh carried great meaning. The Name of God was holy. His Name conveyed power, strength and might. The Name of God was above every name that is named.

The Father gave people to Jesus out of the world. Jesus then manifested the Name of the Father to those people. Jesus said that they were the Father's, but the Father gave them to Jesus.

The people the Father gave to Jesus kept the word of the Father. Jesus received the words He spoke to them from the Father. The people Jesus received from the Father also received the word of the Father and kept it.



## ***Your Word***

1. **Kept.** What does it mean to keep the word of God? Jesus explained that keeping the word of God means that you believe in both God the Father and God the Son and do God's will.

2. **Belonged.** Some men belonged to God the Father and He gave them to Jesus.

3. **Gave.** Jesus manifested the name of God the Father to the men God the Father gave to Him.

4. **Visible.** Jesus meant that He was the visible representation of the name of God the Father living among men in loving sinless perfection.

5. **Word.** The men given to Jesus kept the word of God the Father.

6. **Father.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we first belong to God the Father and then He gave us to Jesus.

7. **Grace.** We rejoice today because by the power of God we keep the word of God and have eternal life by grace through faith.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that the Father gave us to Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus manifested the Name of the Father to us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the Name of the Father and in His word, which we kept.**

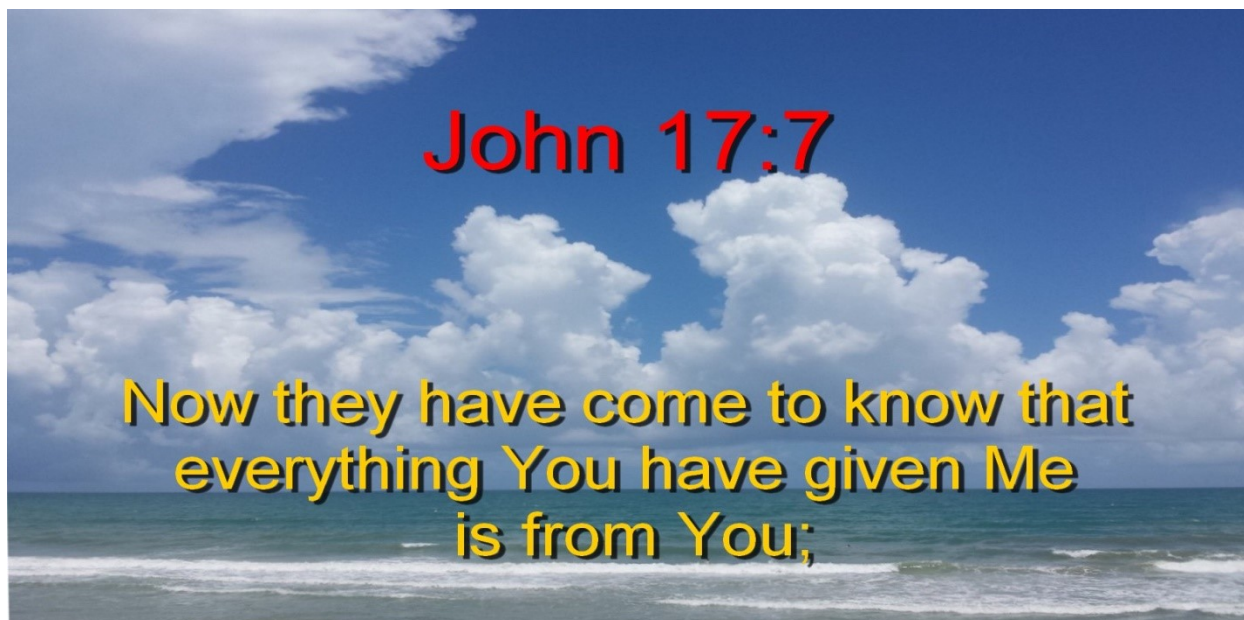
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by keeping the word of the Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by worshiping the Father for giving us His word?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Eight

## Come To Know Today



What did the disciples come to know? They came to know that everything the Father gave to Jesus was from the Father.

Jesus took special time to explain His relationship with the Father and the word of the Father and the Name of the Father. To know Jesus was to know the Father. You cannot know one without knowing the Father.

The Father gave His word to Jesus and His people to Jesus. Over time the disciples came to know that everything the Father gave to Jesus was from the Father. The disciples began to understand that close relationship between the Father and Son and they shared the same goals and desires. In fact, Jesus did nothing on His own initiative.

Jesus demonstrated perfect obedience to His Father. He accomplished all the work which the Father gave Him to do. Jesus looked forward to going back to His Father and back to the glory He had with the Father before the world began.

## ***From You***

1. **Father.** Do we know what God the Father gave to God the Son? Yes, we know that God the Father gave us to God the Son.

2. **Relationship.** Jesus continued to explain the relationship between God the Father and God the Son. Jesus emphasized that we know that God the Father gave us to God the Son.

3. **Gifts.** Jesus wanted us to know about God the Father's gifts to God the Son. We were part of those gifts.

4. **All.** Jesus meant that all the men Jesus has, God the Father gave to Him out of the world.

5. **Believe.** Therefore God the Father gave Jesus all the men who follow Jesus and believe in Him.

6. **Family.** Living Godly in the family of God means that the entire family of God was given to Jesus by the Father.

7. **Gave.** We rejoice today because we know we were of the world, but God the Father gave us to Jesus out of the world.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by knowing that everything He gave to the disciples came from the Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we know that all Jesus had came from the Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by meditating upon the how the Father gave us to Jesus for eternal life.**

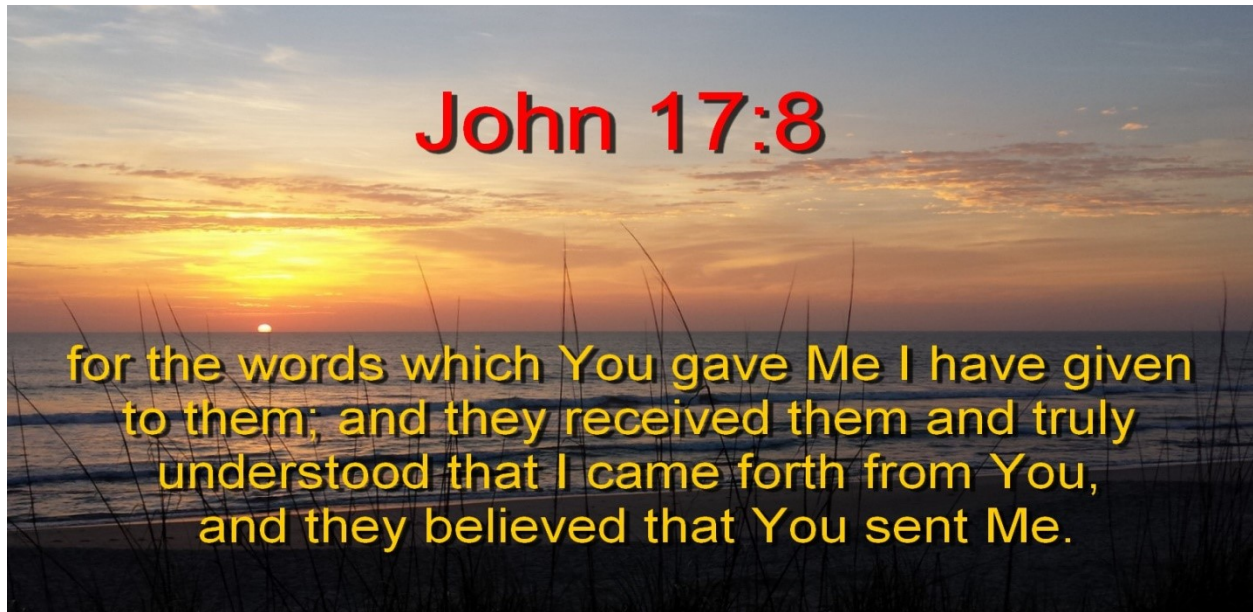
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by taking time to understand how Jesus taught the disciples to come know that all Jesus had came from the Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praising God that the Father gave us to the Son so that we would know what happened?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Nine

## The Words Today



What did Jesus do with the words He received from His Father? Jesus gave those words to the disciples.

As Jesus prepared to return to His Father, He prayed for the disciples. Jesus recounted how the Father gave Him the words. Jesus in turn gave those words to the disciples.

The disciples received the word Jesus gave them. They truly understood that Jesus came forth from God. Jesus had already explained that eternal life consists in knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ Whom He sent.

Salvation only occurs when people understand the words of God. The devil snatches away the words of Jesus in people who hear but do not understand. When people understand the words of Jesus concerning eternal life, then they have salvation by grace through faith.

## ***They Believed***

1. **The Words**. Jesus spoke the specific words given to Him by the Father.
2. **Gave**. The Father gave the words of eternal life to Jesus, so that He would give them to the disciples. Others heard those words, but only those people who understood the words and believed were saved.
3. **Given**. Having received the words from the Father, Jesus then gave those words to the disciples. Jesus followed the plan of His Father perfectly.
4. **Received**. Only those who received the words of Jesus were saved.
5. **Understood**. Only those who understood that Jesus came forth from the Father were saved.
6. **Believed**. Living Godly in the family of God means that people believed that the Father sent Jesus.
7. **Sent**. We rejoice today because the Father sent Jesus to us and He is our Savior.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for the prayers He prayed for us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we remember that Jesus explained His words to us so that we might believe in Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus because through Him we come to the Father.**

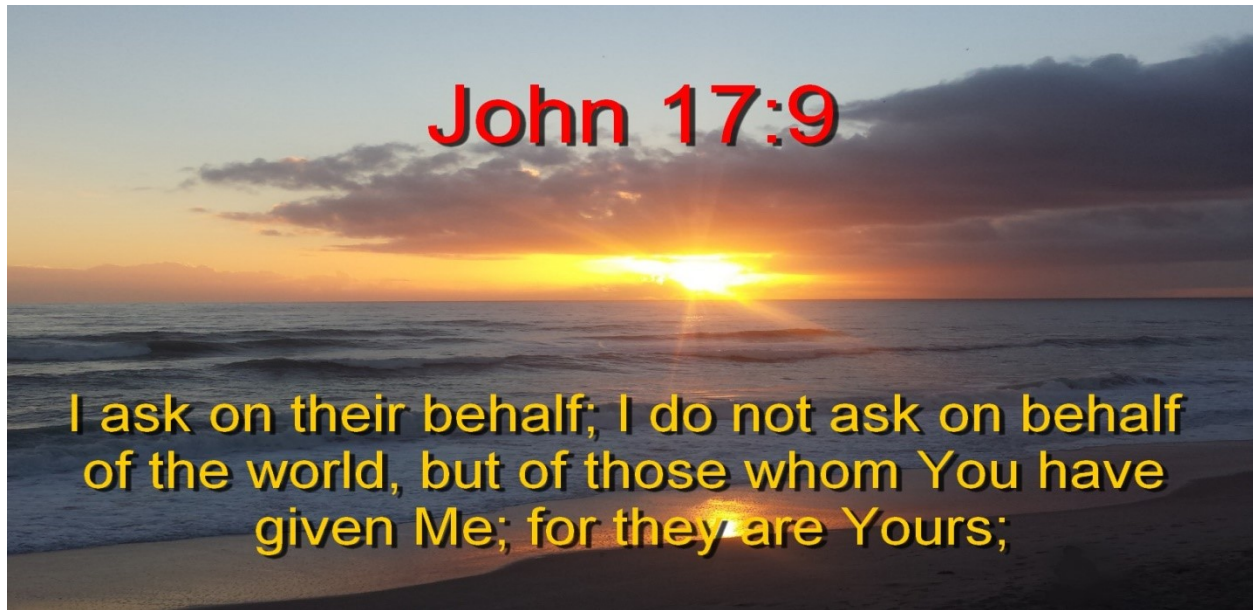
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding the words of Jesus more and more each day. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering the prayers Jesus prayed for us?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Seven Hundred Ten**

## **Their Behalf Today**



Did Jesus ask on behalf of the world? Jesus asked on behalf of the people God gave to Him and not the world.

Jesus prayed for the disciples as He looked forward to the cross. Jesus had explained how the Father gave people to Jesus. They were the Father's and then He gave them to Jesus.

Jesus gave people eternal life. Jesus prayed for the people the Father gave to Jesus. Jesus had explained previously that all that the Father has belong to Jesus. Jesus further explained that the people given to Him by the Father were still the Father's.

Jesus understood the Father's ways and plans. The Father gave people to Jesus out of the world. At all times, those people were still the Father's. Jesus manifested the Name of the Father to those people.

## ***They are Yours***

1. **Prayer.** On the night before Jesus was crucified, for whom did He pray? He prayed for Himself and His disciples.

2. **Father.** Jesus explained that the Father gave men to Jesus out of the world.

3. **Focus.** Jesus did not ask on behalf of the world; He focused His prayer upon the believers.

4. **Believers.** Although the Father gave the believers to Jesus, they still remain the Father's people.

5. **Remember.** Jesus wanted all of us to remember that we are the family of both God the Father and God the Son.

6. **Us.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that Jesus prayed for us, and not the world.

7. **Family.** We rejoice today because both God the Father and God the Son call us family.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that the Father gave us to Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that we are the Father's at all times.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus prayed for the people that the Father gave to Jesus.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that we are the Father's. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praising Jesus for His prayers for His children?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Seven Hundred Eleven**

## **Glorified in Them Today**



What things do the Father and Son share in common? The Father and the Son share all things in common.

Jesus spoke about the people the Father had given to Him out of the world. They were the Father's, but the Father gave them to Jesus. Even so, they were still the Father's.

The children of God belong to the family of God. Jesus and His Father both consider the children of God as belonging to them. In fact, they share all things together. They are One God.

Both the Father and the Son work together in our lives. They seek the same ends, and are joined by the Holy Spirit working in our lives. As we know both the Father and the Son, we glorify God by doing His will with His power and demonstrating His love.

## ***Mine Are Yours***

1. **Glorify.** Can we glorify Jesus? Yes we can glorify Jesus like He glorified the Father.
2. **Accomplish.** Jesus explained that He glorified the Father by accomplishing the work His Father gave Him to do.
3. **Disciples.** Jesus confirmed the Father gave the disciples to Jesus and, yet, those disciples belong to both the Father and the Son.
4. **Ownership.** Jesus revealed a joint ownership of all things between Father and Son.
5. **Both.** Jesus prayed to His Father: all of My things are Your things and all of Your things are My things.
6. **Simultaneous.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know we belong to Jesus and the Father simultaneously.
7. **All Things.** We rejoice today because Jesus revealed the joint ownership of all things by Father and Son.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by believing in both the Father and the Son.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that all things belong to both the Father and the Son.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we glorify Jesus and God the Father.**

### **Application for Today**

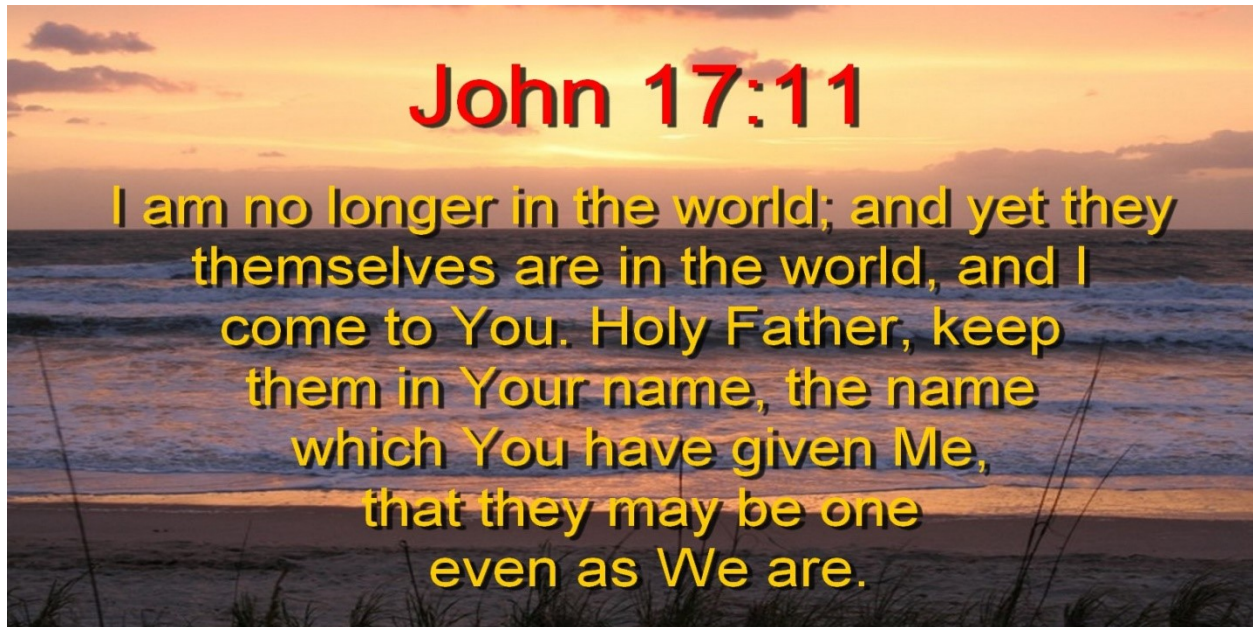
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by glorifying God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today to the glory of God?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Twelve

## Keep Them Today



Why did Jesus pray for the Father to keep them in His Name? Jesus prayed that as the Father kept them, they would be one even as Jesus is One with His Father.

Jesus said that He was no longer in the world. Yet, the disciples were still in the world. Jesus was going to His Father and would no longer be physically present with the disciples.

Jesus prayed that the Father would keep them in the Name which the Father had given to Jesus. The Name of God represents God Himself and all that God is and stands for.

Jesus linked the keeping power of God with the unity of the disciples. As the Father keeps them, so they are unified by that keeping power. Jesus prayed for the unity of the disciples. Jesus intended for His disciples to be one just as He was One with His Father.

## *May Be One*

1. **Prayer.** Why did Jesus pray that the disciples would be unified? Jesus prayed for the Father to keep the disciples, so that they would be one just like Jesus was one with the Father.

2. **Beauty.** As Jesus prepared to leave the world, Jesus explained many facets of His relationship with the Father. He wanted us to appreciate the beauty of that relationship with its many glories shining forth.

3. **Father.** Jesus prayed that His Holy Father would keep the disciples in unity.

4. **Believers.** The Father keeps believers unified, just like Jesus is unified as one with the Father.

5. **Spiritual Forces.** Jesus understood the tremendous spiritual forces working to divide the disciples.

6. **God.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we count upon God the Father to keep us unified as believers.

7. **Unified.** We rejoice today because believers can be unified, just like Jesus is unified as one with the Father.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by knowing that the Father keeps us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God knowing that Jesus prayed for unity.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by being one, just as the Father and the Son are One.**

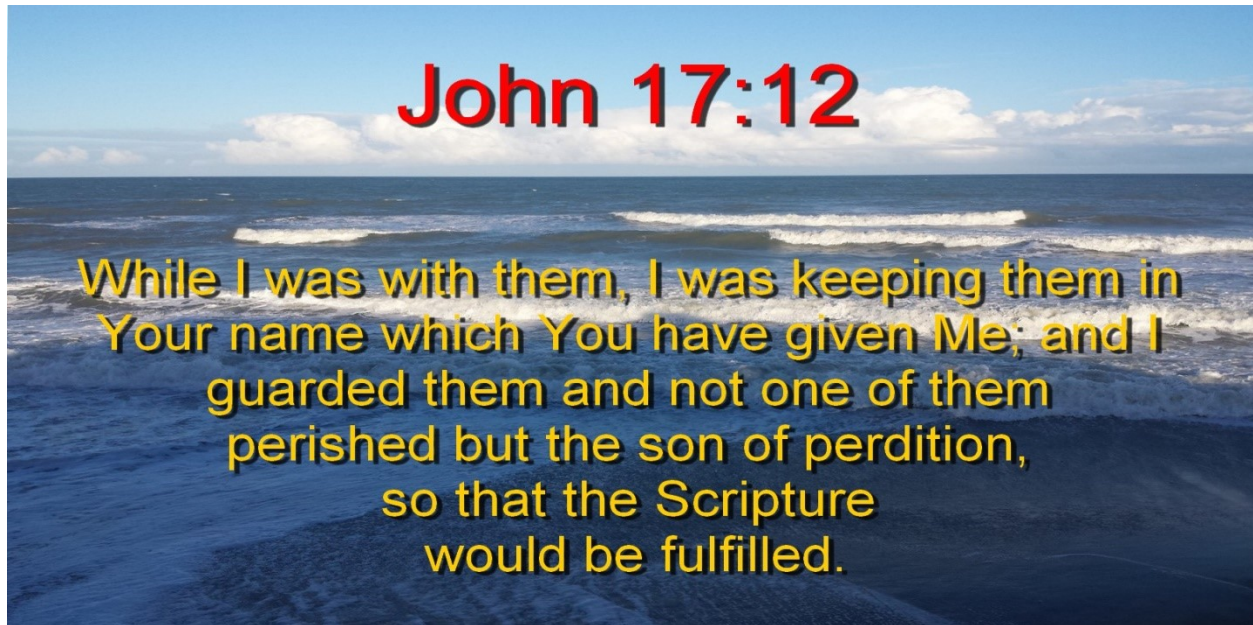
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by promoting the unity of the body of Christ. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by seeking the unity of believers, so that we will be one, just as the Father and Son are One?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Thirteen

## Keeping Them Today



While Jesus was with the disciples, what did He do? Jesus kept the disciples and not one of them perished, except the son of destruction.

Jesus prayed for our benefit. He recounted in prayer how He kept the disciples in the Name which the Father gave to Him. Jesus guarded the disciples and did a perfect job.

Jesus kept all the disciples from perishing, with one exception. By His keeping power in the Name of the Father, Jesus kept the disciples safe from all the spiritual forces opposed to Jesus and His ministry. Judas Iscariot was the son of destruction. He was an unbeliever and Jesus knew from the beginning who was going to betray Him.

When Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus, Scripture was fulfilled. Jesus explained that Judas Iscariot perished so that Scripture would be fulfilled. Jesus was keenly aware of fulfilling every aspect of Scripture.

## ***The Son of Destruction***

1. **Destruction.** As Jesus prayed for His disciples, He described how He guarded them in the name given to Him by the Father. One of them was the son of perdition. Actually that word perdition is normally translated destruction.

2. **Fulfilled.** Jesus described Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus, as the son of destruction. Judas Iscariot perished, and so fulfilled the Scripture.

3. **Guarded.** Jesus also prayed that He had kept and guarded all the people that God the Father had given to Him, except for Judas Iscariot.

4. **Given.** So, we have seen that all things belong to both the Father and the Son and that the Father had given certain people to Jesus out of the world.

5. **Chosen.** Judas Iscariot was not on the list of chosen people given to Jesus out of the world. Judas Iscariot was the son of destruction, meaning that he was going to destruction for eternity.

6. **Born Again.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we are kept and guarded by Jesus because we have been born again.

7. **Keeps.** We rejoice today because Jesus keeps us in the name of the Father, Who gave us to Jesus.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by because God keeps His children eternally secure in Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by realizing that God keeps us safe so that we will never perish spiritually.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for His wonderful prayer that explains so much about our spiritual lives in Him.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by thanking God for keeping believers safely in Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by giving thanks for the keeping power of God in your life?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# **Day Seven Hundred Fourteen**

## **I Speak in the World Today**



**John 17:13**

**But now I come to You; and these things I  
speak in the world so that they may have  
My joy made full in themselves.**

Why did Jesus speak these things in the world? He spoke these things in the world so that the disciples may have His joy made full in themselves.

Jesus took action and said things to promote full joy in the disciples. Jesus cares deeply about our joy. He wants us to have full joy in Him, even after He ascended to His Father.

Jesus gives joy like no one else on earth. Jesus designed us to have full joy in Him. He came not only to save our souls, but also to give us full joy in Him.

The God of the universe came to Earth so that we might have full joy in Him. Our God not only reigns, but He also cares for us and wants us to have full joy in Him.



## ***My Joy***

1. **Full.** Can we really have full joy today? Yes. Jesus wants us to have full joy today.
2. **Joy.** Jesus spoke about full joy because He was going to the Father. Jesus said we would have His joy made full in us.
3. **Jesus' Words.** We get the full joy of Jesus by reading and heeding the words that He spoke.
4. **Purpose.** Jesus revealed the purpose that He taught all the things we read in the three preceding chapters of John (14, 15, and 16).
5. **Design.** Jesus left us words He designed to make us very, very happy and really full of His joy.
6. **We Follow.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we have the joy of Jesus made full in our lives as we read and follow His words.
7. **Rejoice!** We rejoice today because we have the joy of Jesus made full in us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by praising God for the joy we have in Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by having our joy made full in Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by sharing our joy with other believers.**

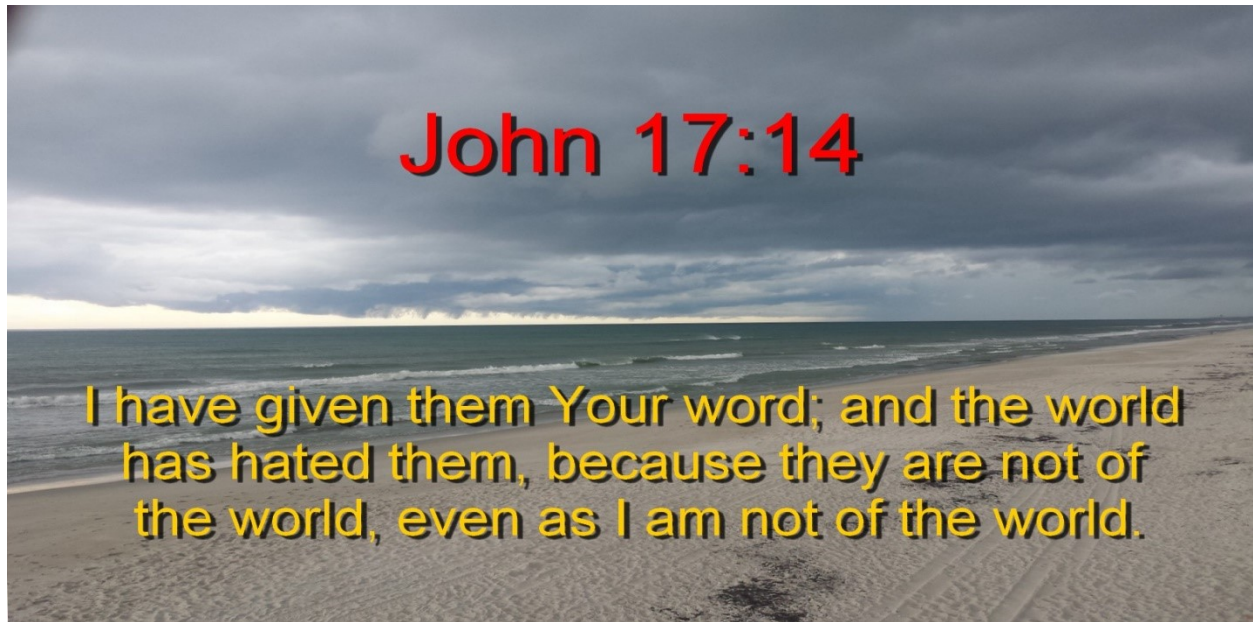
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by thanking Jesus for joy He brings into our lives in full measure. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by having your joy made full by Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Fifteen

## Your Word Today



What did Jesus do to make the world hate the disciples? Jesus gave the disciples the word of the Father causing the world to hate the disciples.

When Jesus gave the disciples the word from the Father, they were saved out of the world. Because they were no longer of the world, the world hated them.

Jesus explained that the disciples are not of the world just like He is not of the world. Jesus was born into the world, but He was never of the world. Jesus came into the world to glorify His Father and to accomplish the works His Father gave Him to do.

The hatred of the world motivated many people to oppose Jesus. The world hated Jesus without cause. Even so, God the Father said He loved the world and did not want anyone to perish; so He sent Jesus into the world so that by grace through faith in Jesus the world may be saved.

## ***Hated Them***

1. **Believers.** Why does the world hate believers? The world hates believers because they are not of the world.
2. **Faith.** Jesus taught that He gave us the word of His Father. When we received that word by grace through faith, we were born again.
3. **Born Again.** At the moment we were born again, we were no longer of the world.
4. **Not of.** At the moment we were born again, we became like Jesus, and He was not of this world.
5. **World.** Because we are no longer of the world, the world hates us.
6. **Hates.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we are like Jesus and the world hates us, like it hated Him.
7. **Received.** We rejoice today because we have received the word of the Father and have been born of God.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that we are not of the world, even as Jesus is not of the world.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by expecting the world to hate us because we are not of the world.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we encourage one another to live with full joy in Jesus, even as the world hates us because we received the word of God.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting the world to hate us because we received the word of God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering you are not of the world, even as Jesus is not of the world?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Sixteen

## Not Ask Today



What did Jesus pray about the evil one? Jesus prayed that the Father would keep the disciples from the evil one.

Jesus covered many important topics in His prayer. He was leaving earth and returning to His Father. God was sending the Holy Spirit. Many things were changing quickly.

Jesus did not pray that the Father would take the disciples out of the world. Jesus had trained the disciples to continue His loving ministry after He left. Taking the disciples out of the world would be better for the disciples, but much worse for the world. The disciples were God's chosen instruments for carrying forth the ministry of Jesus. They were commissioned to go into all the world and make disciples.

## ***The Evil One***

1. **Prayer.** Why did not Jesus ask the Father to take us out of the world? Because Jesus wanted us to continue His ministry on Earth.
2. **Eyewitnesses.** Jesus trained His disciples as eyewitnesses of His ministry.
3. **Disciples.** Jesus also prayed that His Father would keep His disciples from the evil one.
4. **Evil One.** Therefore we know that the evil one seeks to attack believers, but the Father keeps us from the evil one.
5. **Father.** As we keep the word of the Father, so also the Father keeps us. Throughout the prayer of Jesus, He described God's different keeping ministries.
6. **Continue.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we continue the ministry of Jesus.
7. **Ministry.** We rejoice today because God the Father keeps us from the evil one as we minister for Him.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by counting upon God keeping us from the evil one.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the evil one has already been judged.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God under the keeping power of the Father, Who holds us securely in His hand.**

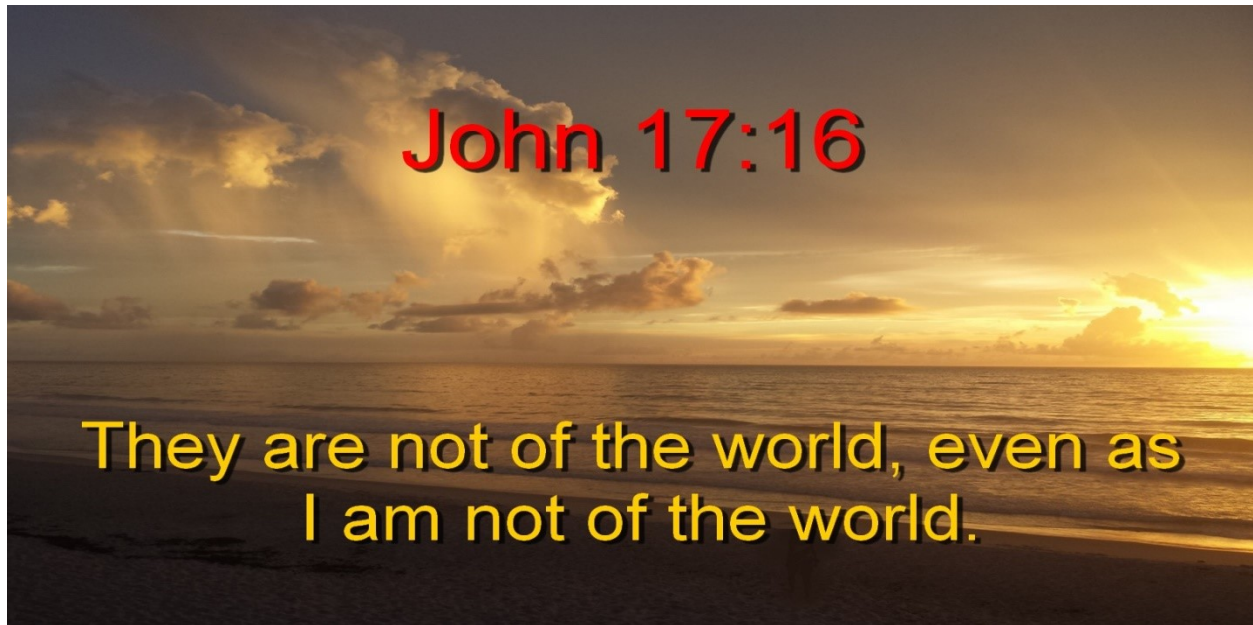
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising God for keeping us safely within His grace. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by watching God keep you safe from the evil one?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Seven Hundred Seventeen**

## **Not of the World Today**



Was Jesus of the world? Jesus was not of the world.

Jesus created all things. Jesus was before all things. Jesus came to His own and His own did not receive Him. To those who did receive Him, He gave them authority to become children of God.

Jesus never planned on taking the disciples with Him when He ascended. He planned on leaving them behind to do the works which God prepared beforehand that they would walk in them.

Jesus chose people out of the world. They did not choose Him, but He chose them to be His disciples, and one of them was the son of destruction. Just as Jesus was not of the world, so also His disciples were not of the world. Just as the world hated Jesus without cause, so also they would hate the disciples.

## ***I Am Not***

1. **Hates.** What does "of the world" mean? Jesus said we are not of the world and so the world hates us.
2. **Us.** Because we have been born of God, we are no longer of the world.
3. **Jesus.** Jesus said we are not of the world, just as He is not of the world.
4. **Spiritual.** In a spiritual sense, we have nothing in common with the world. We are light and they are darkness.
5. **Father.** Our Father is God in heaven; their father is the devil.
6. **Chose.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we are no longer of the world, because the Father chose us out of the world and gave us to Jesus.
7. **Born.** We rejoice today because we are born of God and live as the family of God.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that we are not of the world.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus was not of the world.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by never acting like we are part of the world, because Jesus chose us out of the world.**

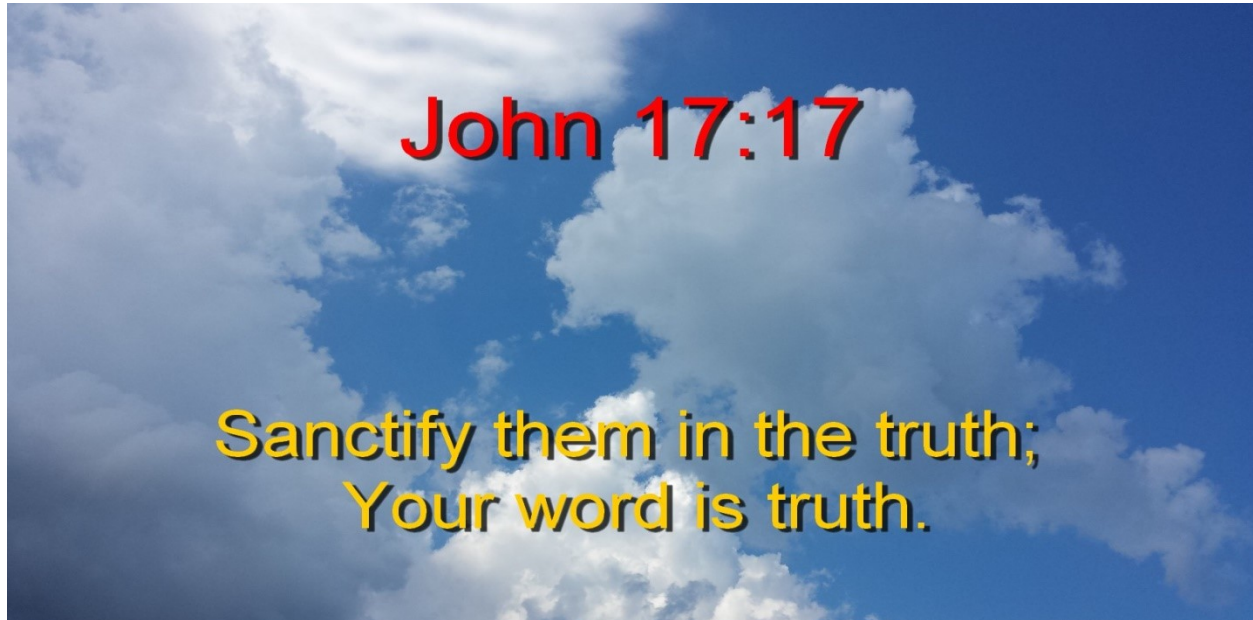
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Father gave us to Jesus and so we are not of the world. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by worshiping Jesus because you are not of this world?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Eighteen

## Sanctify Today



How does the Father sanctify disciples? The Father sanctifies them in the truth.

The root word for sanctify means holy. Jesus prayed that the Father would make us holy in the truth. God will make us usable, for His purposes. Jesus prayed very specific prayers, with very long-range consequences.

Jesus knew how to sanctify people. People become sanctified by the truth. The word of the Father is truth. Therefore, the Father will use His word in us to sanctify us. The word sanctifies us as we believe the word of the Father.

Merely hearing the word will never be enough. We must believe the word and act upon the word. Jesus spoke the words of His Father and did the work His Father gave Him to accomplish. We should do likewise.

## ***The Truth***

1. **Holy.** What does sanctify mean? Sanctify means to make holy.
2. **Saints.** The root word in the original language for saints means holy ones. God calls all believers saints.
3. **Jesus.** At the moment of salvation God made us holy by the blood of Jesus.
4. **Prayed.** Jesus also prayed for the Father to sanctify us. He meant that we grow in holiness as we obey God each day.
5. **Word.** As we read and heed the word of God (the Bible), He sanctifies us through His word.
6. **Daily.** Living Godly in the family of God means that God sanctifies us every day.
7. **Glorify God.** We rejoice today because God the Father uses the word of God to produce more holiness in our lives so that we glorify Him.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by praising God for His word.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by believing that the Father will sanctify us in the truth.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that the word of the Father is truth and in that truth God sanctifies us.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by believing that God will sanctify us in the truth. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by learning and obeying the word of the Father?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# **Day Seven Hundred Nineteen**

## **Sent Me Today**



How did Jesus send the disciples into the world? Jesus sent the disciples into the world just like His Father sent Him into the world.

The Father loved the world and wanted people to be saved from perishing. The Organic Anger of God abides on the people who disobey Jesus.

Jesus did not pray for the Father to take the disciples out of the world, but to sanctify the disciples. Then Jesus sent them into the world. Jesus explained that He sent the disciples into the world just like His Father sent Him.

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would abide in the disciples and that He would baptize them in the Holy Spirit. Then they would be His witnesses to all the world.

Jesus also taught them how to pray and how to love people. Jesus sent them to share the message of salvation and to make disciples.

## ***Sent Them***

1. **Disciples.** Why did Jesus send the disciples into the world? Jesus sent the disciples into the world to continue His ministry.

2. **Sent.** As Jesus prayed, He stated that He sent them into the world, just like His Father sent Him into the world.

3. **Not of.** Jesus already said that we are not of the world, because we have been born of God.

4. **World.** So, after being born again, we are then sent into the world.

5. **Plan.** By sending us into the world, Jesus followed His Father's plan for our lives.

6. **Mission.** Living Godly in the family of God means we live each day as people sent on a mission by God.

7. **Ministry.** We rejoice today because we minister for God, just like Jesus.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus sent the disciples into the world.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus sent us into the world just like His Father sent Him into the world.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we go into the world as the one church of Jesus Christ, gifted and equipped for ministry.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering we have been sent into the world. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by believing that Jesus sent you into the world for His purposes?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Twenty

## Sanctify Myself Today



Why did Jesus sanctify Himself? Jesus sanctified Himself so that they may be sanctified in the truth.

As God, Jesus had the power to sanctify Himself. Because we are in Jesus and Jesus is in us, we can be sanctified in the truth, just like Jesus.

Sanctification means we believe the truth. The word of the Father is truth and He will sanctify us in the truth. The Holy Spirit also plays a continuous role in sanctification.

Jesus phrased it so that we sanctify ourselves. Of course the power and word of God sanctify us. Jesus meant that we choose to be sanctified, as obedient children to the command of their Father.

## ***Sanctified in Truth***

1. **Truth.** How are believers sanctified? They are sanctified in truth.
2. **Jesus.** Jesus declared that He sanctified Himself. Jesus has always been holy and without sin.
3. **Service.** Therefore, Jesus sanctified Himself in that He set Himself apart for God's service.
4. **Himself.** Because Jesus sanctified Himself, we can be sanctified in truth.
5. **Prayed.** Jesus already prayed that we would be sanctified in the truth; God's word is truth.
6. **Sanctified.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus sanctified Himself so that we would be sanctified in the truth.
7. **Word.** We rejoice today because we are sanctified by the word of God, which is truth.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by sanctifying ourselves in the truth.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we learn the truth and believe the truth.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising God for His word which sanctifies us.**

### **Application for Today**

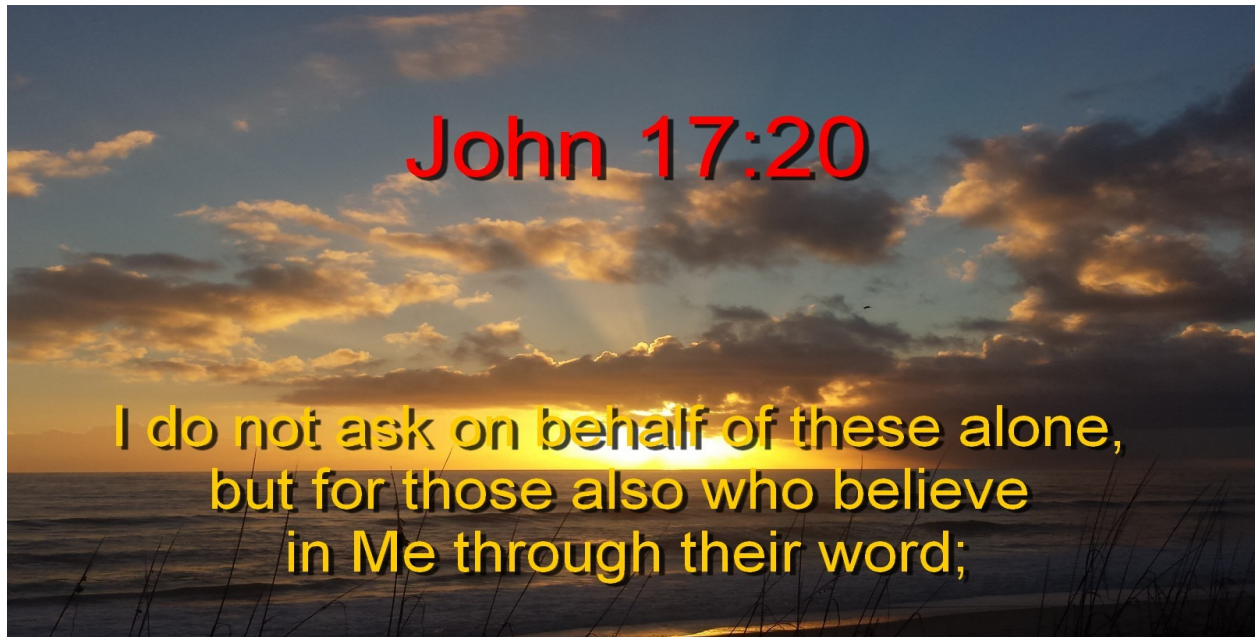
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by sanctifying our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by sanctifying yourself in the truth?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Twenty One

## Alone Today



Who did Jesus pray for? Jesus prayed for everyone who would believe in Him through His word.

Jesus prayed that all generations of believers would be one. He not only prayed for the future believers, but He also prayed that all saints would be united as One.

Jesus included the believers who live with Him in heaven. Jesus is the God of the living, not of the dead. All live to Him. Therefore, Jesus prayed that we would all be one, even as He is One with His Father. We share the spiritual unity of being in Christ.

Jesus also prayed that we would be one because we believe in Him because disciples shared the word of God with us. We not only share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people, but we ultimately share in the ministry of all believers.



## ***Their Word***

1. **Ask**. Jesus prayed to His Father and asked. Jesus did not command His Father to do anything. As a respectful Son, Jesus asked His Father.

2. **Behalf**. Jesus asked on behalf of others. Jesus not only prayed for Himself, He also prayed for others. Jesus loved His disciples and prayed for His disciples, an act of love and concern.

3. **Alone**. Jesus did not ask on behalf of His disciples alone, but also for other disciples.

4. **Believe**. Jesus prayed for other disciples who believe. Jesus commissioned His disciples to become fishers of men. They would make disciples by first spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

5. **Me**. Jesus focused faith upon Himself. Without Him, no salvation for anyone. In Him, all the people the Father gives to Him come to Jesus for salvation and He will not cast them out. He will keep them in the Name of the Father.

6. **Word**. Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus gave the word He received from His Father to the disciples. They received that word by grace through faith and shared it with others.

7. **Others**. We rejoice today because thousands of years later we are part of the people Jesus prayed for us that night. We have believed because a disciple proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ to us and we believed because of the word shared with us. We rejoice because our names are written in heaven.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus prayed for us before He died on the cross.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God enjoying the unity we have of being One with Jesus, the Father, the Holy Spirit, and all believers.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by all of us promoting unity and praying for unity, just as Jesus prayed.**

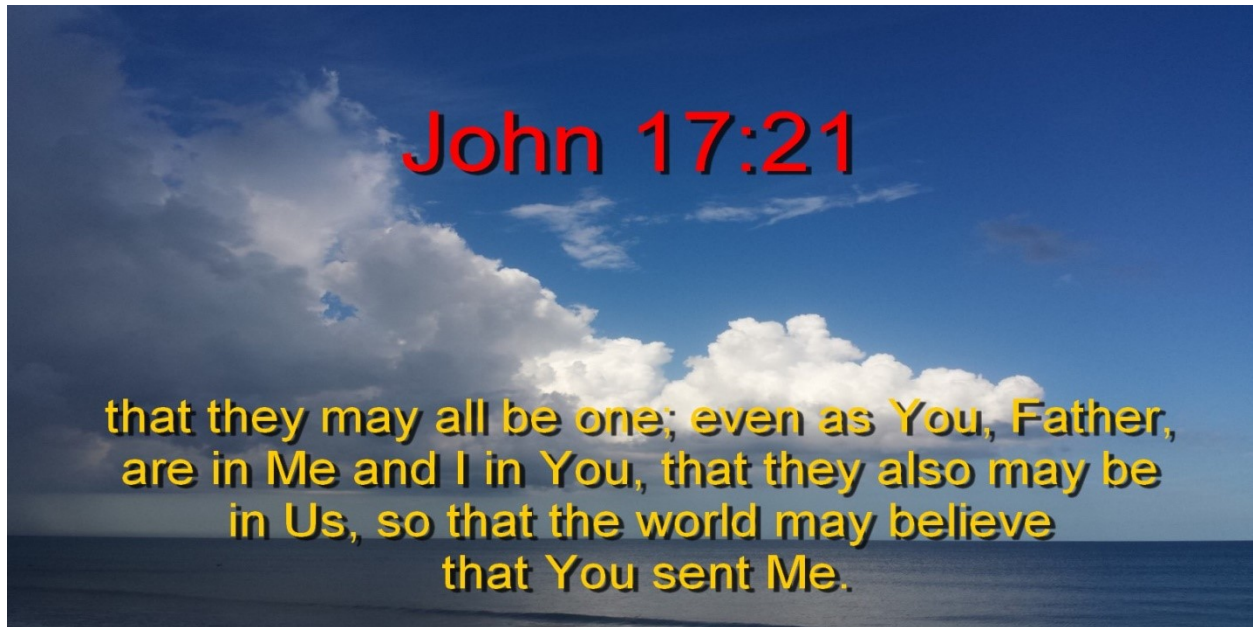
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praying like Jesus prayed for unity. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by seeking unity among all believers while holding firmly to the truth?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Twenty Two

## One Today



Who did Jesus pray would be one? Jesus prayed that the disciples and all believers in the following centuries would all be one.

Jesus prayed for us before He died on the cross. He had us on His mind and took the long view. His death would bring many sinners to salvation. He was leaving, but He had taught His disciples to be fishers of men.

We are the fish that the disciples caught by teaching others to fish just like Jesus taught them. We are all generations of fisherman and fish, both at the same time.

Jesus used such wonderful, simple illustrations to communicate divine truth. He revealed Himself as God so that we would believe in Him. He also revealed that His Father gave us to Jesus, and He keeps us in the Name of the Father.

As we are one, the world will see our unity and believe that God the Father sent Jesus. We are in Jesus and He in us and we in the Father. Unity.

## ***The World May Believe***

1. **One.** How does world evangelism relate to Christian unity? Jesus said that if His disciples are one in unity, then the world may believe that the Father sent Jesus.

2. **Disciples.** Jesus prayed for the unity of all of His disciples, including the generations to come.

3. **Extension.** Jesus described the unity of the disciples as an extension of His unity with His Father.

4. **In.** Like the Father is in the Son, and the Son is in the Father, so also the disciples are in the Father and the Son.

5. **Prayed.** Jesus prayed dynamic, powerful prayers for us and our unity.

6. **Unity.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus prayed for our unity and we should constantly seek that unity.

7. **Testify.** We rejoice today because Jesus revealed that we are unified with Him and His Father all the time, and so testify as one unity to the world about Jesus as Savior.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that we are in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we thank Jesus for the unity we share with each other and with God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by staying united so that the world may believe in Jesus.**

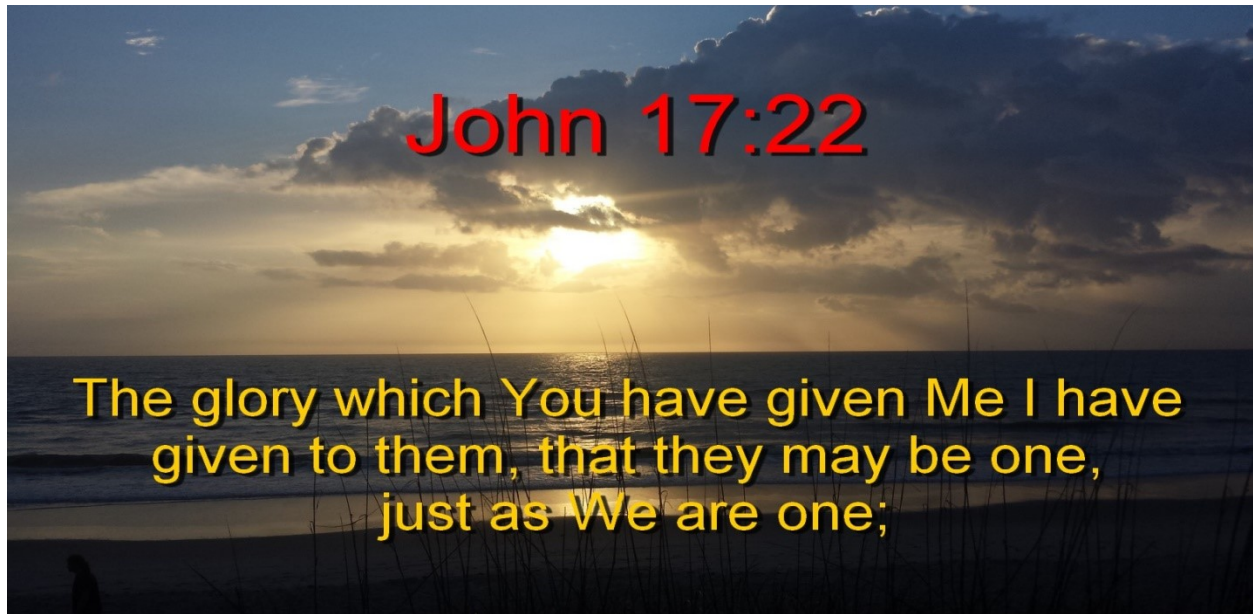
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by thanking Jesus for His wonderful plan for total unity among believers and our God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today as a testimony to the world that we are united in God?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Twenty Three

## Given Me Today



What did Jesus give to the disciples? Jesus gave to the disciples the glory which the Father gave to Him.

Jesus prayed for His glory. He left heaven and its glories to live among men on earth. The Father gave glory to Jesus and He gave that glory to the disciples.

Jesus gave the glory to the disciples so that they may be one. Notice that glory from the Father to Jesus and then to us forms a basis for our unity as believers. We are united by the received glory of God.

Jesus did not elaborate about how that glory unifies us as believers. He did emphasize that the glory of God unites us. Jesus sought the believers to be one just like Jesus was One with His Father. This theme of divine unity fills the prayer of Jesus. As He faced the cross, He was praying for glory and unity.

## *Given to Them*

1. **Glory**. Jesus received glory from the Father. His disciples saw His glory, the glory of the unique Son of God. The Father also glorified Jesus for His perfect obedience to the Father.

2. **You**. Jesus received glory from the Father. The Father said He had glorified Jesus and would glorify Jesus.

3. **Given**. The Father gave glory to Jesus and it stayed with Him. Jesus laid aside His radiant glory of heaven, but received glory on earth from the Father for His obedience to accomplish all the work the Father gave Him to do.

4. **Them**. Jesus said that the glory He received from the Father He gave to His disciples. This glory came from the Father to Jesus and then to the disciples. Jesus described the process of glorification associated with obedience to God and doing His will, not our own. God rewards with glory, and we become partakers of His nature and the glory to be revealed.

5. **One**. Jesus gave us glory so that we might become one. He meant we become one with believers of all ages, including those saints in heaven.

6. **Just**. Jesus prayed that we would be one just like He was One with His Father. They were unified in all things. They shared the same love for One another and joined together in glorifying One another.

7. **We**. Jesus prayed that the saints would be one just like He is One with His Father. The 'We' emphasizes the unity of Oneness that only God provides through partaking of His divine nature and His glory.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by being unified in the glory of God.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we consider that Jesus gave us the glory that His Father gave Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God because Jesus gave us that glory so that we would be one with Him and each other, because of that glory we received.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for the glory He gave to us so that we may be one, just like He is One with His Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by counting upon Jesus to use supernatural glory to unite us with Him and each other?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Twenty Four

## Perfected Today



Why did Jesus pray for unity? Jesus prayed for unity so that the world would know that the Father sent Jesus and loved the disciples just as the Father loved Jesus.

As Jesus prayed before His crucifixion, He prayed for unity. He described the basis of unity as Jesus in the disciples and the Father in Jesus. Jesus explained that the Father indwells believers because the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the believers.

Jesus explained too that the believers may be perfected in unity. Jesus wanted total unity and that unity only comes to believers. The believers have this unique unity based upon their unique relationship with Jesus and His Father.

The unity among the disciples and with God testifies to the world so that the world may know that the Father sent Jesus and the Father loves the disciples just like the Father loves Jesus.

## ***World May Know***

1. **Perfect.** How is Christian unity perfected? Jesus said that perfect unity results from Jesus in us and the Father in Him.

2. **Presence.** Jesus described a spiritual unity based upon the indwelling presence of the Father and the Son in the believers.

3. **Father.** As unity among believers is perfected, that unity testifies to the world that: (a) the Father sent Jesus; and (b) the Father loves His spiritual children.

4. **Love.** Indeed, the Father loves His children, just like He loves Jesus.

5. **Know.** Jesus intended the spiritual unity of His children to help the world know about the great love of Jesus and His Father.

6. **Unity.** Living Godly in the family of God means that our unity broadcasts the love of God to the world.

7. **Both Indwell.** We rejoice today because both the Father and the Son indwell us, and we enjoy their love and unity.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the unity we have with Jesus and His Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that the Father loves us just like He loves Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by presenting a united testimony to the world.**

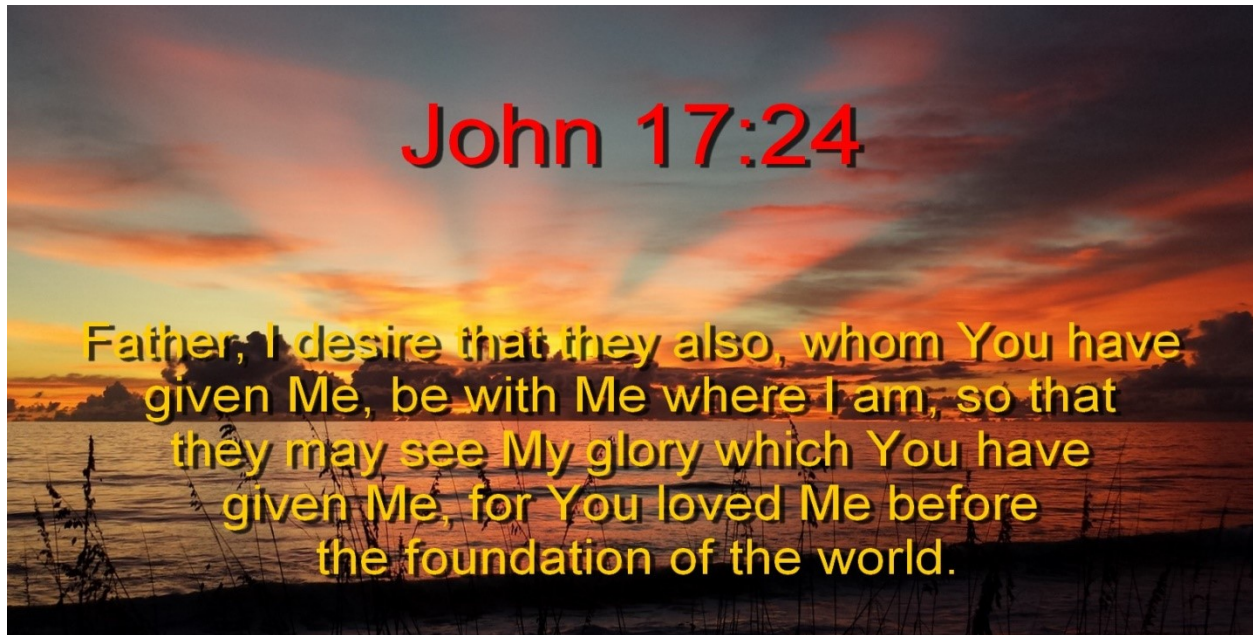
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that we are One with Jesus and one with each other. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by watching Jesus perfect us in unity?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Twenty Five

## I Desire Today



What did Jesus desire? Jesus desired that the disciples would be with Him in heaven.

Jesus wanted the disciples to be with Him in heaven so that they could see His glory. Jesus received His glory as a gift from His Father.

Jesus also revealed that the Father loved Jesus before the foundation of the world. The love of the Father for Jesus has always been eternal. Jesus had always known the perfect love of His Father and passed that love on to His disciples. God is love.

Jesus wanted the disciples of all generations to understand the love relationship that characterizes the relationship of the Father with the Son. They have always existed in perfect, loving harmony. They adopted believers into their family, so that they could all be unified in love.

## ***Foundation***

1. **Prayed.** As Jesus prayed, what did He desire? Jesus desired that we would be with Him and see His glory.
2. **Specifically.** Jesus prayed very specific prayers for the people that the Father gave to Him.
3. **Wanted.** Jesus wanted us to be with Him in heaven.
4. **See.** Jesus wanted us to see His glory on full display.
5. **Glory.** Jesus wanted us to know that the Father gave Him that glory, because the Father loved Jesus before the foundation of the world.
6. **Heaven.** Living Godly in the family of God means we long to see the glory of Jesus and heaven.
7. **Love.** We rejoice today because we know the Father loves us just like He loves Jesus, and He loved Jesus before the foundation of the world.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding the desire of Jesus that we would be with Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Father loved Jesus before the foundation of the world.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we expect to be with Jesus and see His glory in heaven.**

**Application for Today**

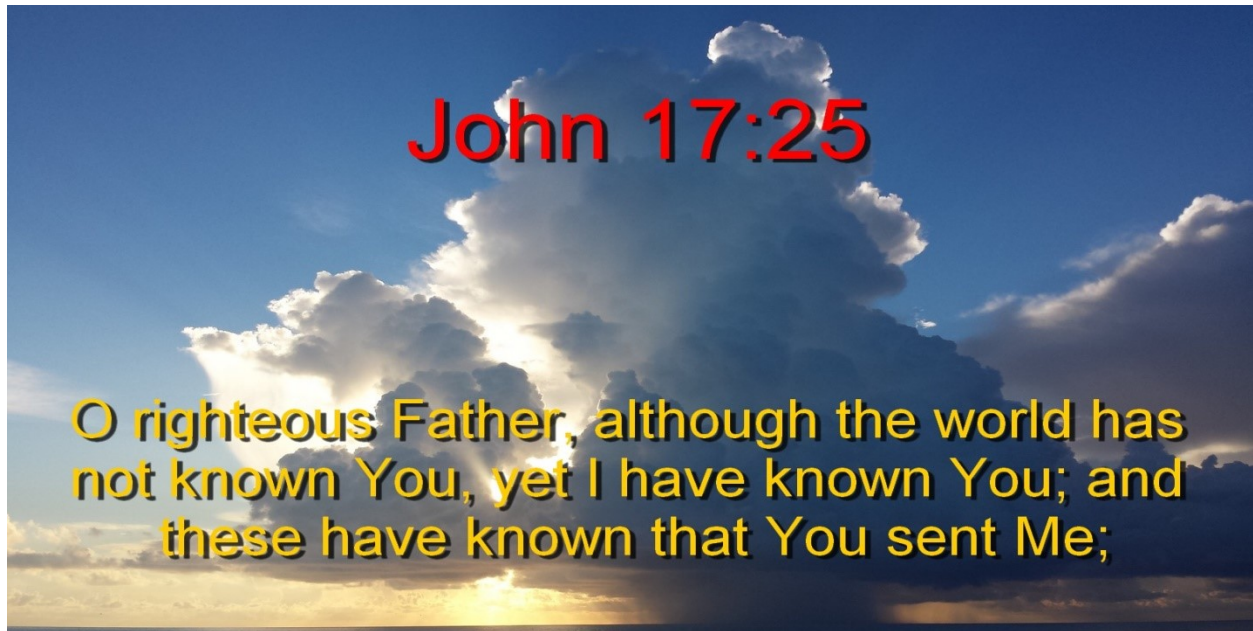
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus with the love He gave to us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by delighting in the eternal love of Jesus which He received from the Father before the foundation of the world?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Twenty Six

## Not Known Today



Did the world know the Father? Jesus said that the world did not know the Father.

Jesus prayed addressing His Father as Righteous Father. This attribute of God characterizes the way that the Father deals with the world. The Father does the righteous thing every time.

Jesus continued His discussion of the world. As Jesus prayed, He talked about the world. Jesus said that the world did not know the Father. In contrast, Jesus said that He had known the Father. Jesus has always been with the Father and so has always known the Father. They share all things as owners.

The disciples had known that the Father sent Jesus into the world. God loved the world and so sent Jesus into the world. Jesus came to seek and save sinners. He wanted them to know His Father. To know the Father is to have eternal life.

## ***Righteous Father***

1. **Father.** Why did Jesus use the term "righteous Father?" Jesus used the term righteous Father to emphasize an essential attribute of God.

2. **Emphasis.** In other words Jesus wanted to emphasize that the world does not know true righteousness apart from knowing God the Father.

3. **True.** To know the Father is to know true righteousness. Likewise, to know the Son is to know true righteousness.

4. **Righteousness.** Jesus knows the Father, and they both are righteousness.

5. **Know.** Because the world did not know the Father, the world did not know righteousness.

6. **Sent.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that the Father sent Jesus and so we know righteousness.

7. **Forever.** We rejoice today because Jesus brought the righteousness of God into our lives forever.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the world does not know God.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we worship Jesus because He has known the Father always.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we join together to sing the praises of Jesus Who revealed the Father to us so that we have come to know Him.**

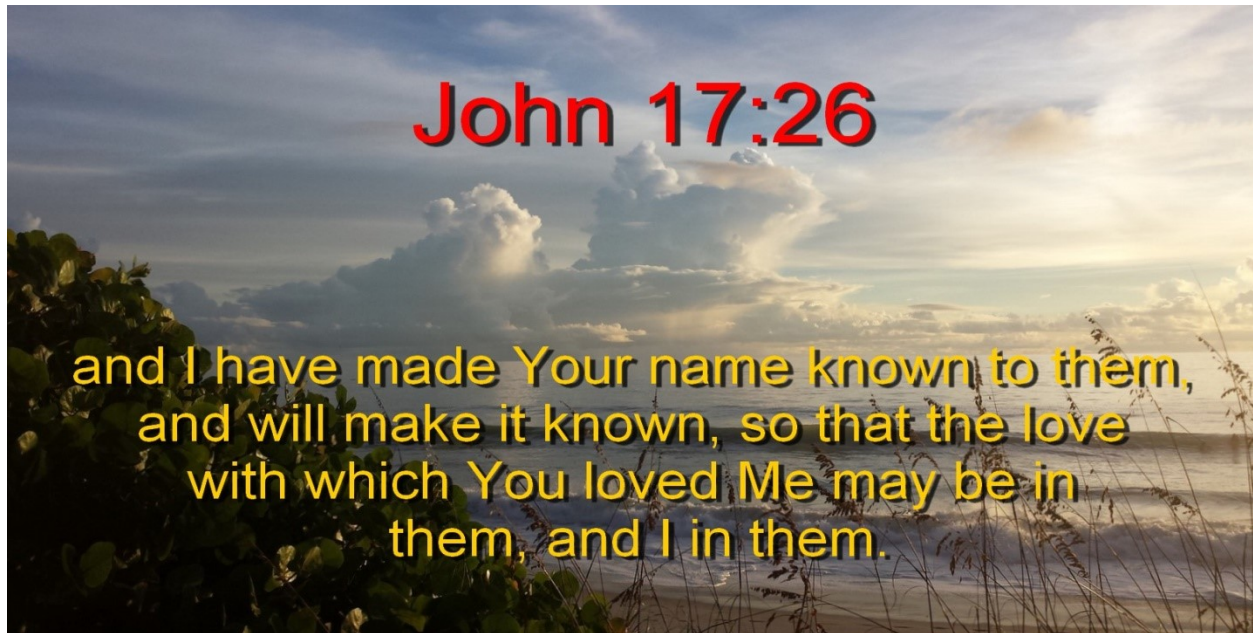
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus because we have come to know the Father through Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing in the knowledge that the Father sent Jesus to save us?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Twenty Seven

## Make Known Today



What did Jesus make known to the disciples? Jesus made known the Name of the Father to the disciples.

Jesus not only made the Name of the Father known to the disciples, He also said He will make it known. Jesus described a process of making the Name of the Father known to the disciples.

Jesus linked love with knowing the Father. Only people born of God and who know God love other people. Jesus made the Name of the Father known to the disciples so that the love which the Father has for Jesus may be in the disciples.

Jesus also prayed that He would be in the disciples. Jesus had a wonderful plan which continues today. He indwells believers so that His presence abides in us.

## ***In Them***

1. **Name.** Why did Jesus make known the name of the Father to the disciples? Jesus made known the name of the Father so that the Father's love for Jesus may be in them and Jesus may be in them.

2. **God.** In the Old Testament, the name of God described God and His activity and character. God commanded us to never take His name in vain.

3. **Father.** Jesus meant that unless we know the Father and His name, we would not know the love of the Father for Jesus or have Jesus in us.

4. **Revealed.** The Father gave us to Jesus and Jesus revealed the name of the Father to us.

5. **Abides.** Jesus both past and present wants us to know that the love of the Father for Jesus abides in us and that Jesus abides in us.

6. **Love.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know the Father and His love because Jesus revealed the name of the Father to us.

7. **Continually.** We rejoice today because Jesus continually reveals the name of the Father to us and Jesus abides in us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving the Father for sharing the love of Jesus with us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by enjoying the love and the presence of Jesus in our lives.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by thanking the Father for loving Jesus so that Father's love would be in us and Jesus would be in us.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by enjoying the love of the Father within Jesus Who lives within us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and delight in the presence of Jesus in your life?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# 3

## **Learning about Godliness and Tribunals Today**

The Jews wanted to kill Jesus, but they lacked the capacity to impose the death sentence in their courts. They needed Roman approval. Therefore, the Jews would try Jesus in their court first, and then transfer the prisoner to the Roman governor for final judgment, sentencing, and execution.

Jesus entered into a garden near the brook Kidron with His disciples. Judas Iscariot knew the place, because he had been there often with the disciples and Jesus. Judas brought the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, bearing lanterns, torches and weapons.

Jesus, knowing all things, went and met them. He asked them Whom they sought. Judas Iscariot was standing with them. When they answered they sought Jesus the Nazarene, Jesus replied: "I am." Then they drew back and fell to the ground. So Jesus repeated His question. They gave their same answer again. Jesus then interceded for His disciples that they may leave.

Peter then drew his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest named Malchus. Jesus admonished Peter to put away his sword, because Jesus had to drink the cup which the Father had given Him.

Jesus then had a trial before Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Simon Peter was following and entered the court of the high priest. Another disciple followed with Peter and that disciple was known to the high priest and they gained entrance. Annas questioned Jesus. Jesus replied He had taught openly, so ask the people who heard. They would make



excellent witnesses. An officer struck Jesus for that reply. Jesus asked why He was struck, if He replied rightly. So Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas the high priest.

Meanwhile, Peter was standing outside near the fire with others. They asked Peter if he was a disciple of Jesus. He denied it. A slave of the high priest, being a relative of Malchus, asked Peter if she saw him in the garden. Peter denied it again, and the rooster crowed, fulfilling the prophecy of Jesus.

They Jews then took Jesus into the Praetorium early in the morning. Pilate asked for their accusation against Jesus. They replied that Jesus was guilty because they only delivered the guilty to Pilate. Pilate then tried to return Jesus to them for their own sentence, but they declined because they wanted to put Jesus to death, fulfilling the prophecy of Jesus concerning the kind of death He would suffer.

Pilate then began his examination of Jesus. Pilate asked Jesus if He was the King of the Jews. After a discussion about motives, Jesus replied that His kingdom was not of this world. Jesus declared He was a king, because he was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth would hear His voice. Pilate asked “What is truth?” Having concluded his initial examination, Pilate sought to release Jesus, finding no guilt in Him. Pursuant to the custom of releasing a prisoner at Passover, Pilate offered to release Jesus, but the Jews opted for Barabbas, a robber, to be released.

Pilate then scourged Jesus, a prisoner Pilate determined to be innocent. The soldiers placed a crown of thorns on the head of Jesus and mocked Him. They put a purple robe of royalty upon Him. While slapping Jesus, they said “Hail, King of the Jews.” Pilate again announced he found no guilt in Jesus and he presented Jesus to them, wearing purple, beaten, scourged and crowned with thorns. The Jews replied with cries to crucify Jesus. Pilate then reminded the Jews he found no guilt in Jesus, but they said Jesus must die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God.

Pilate became more afraid. He examined Jesus again, asking Him where He was from. Jesus did not answer. Pilate then continued saying that he had authority to release Jesus or crucify him. Jesus replied that Pilate had

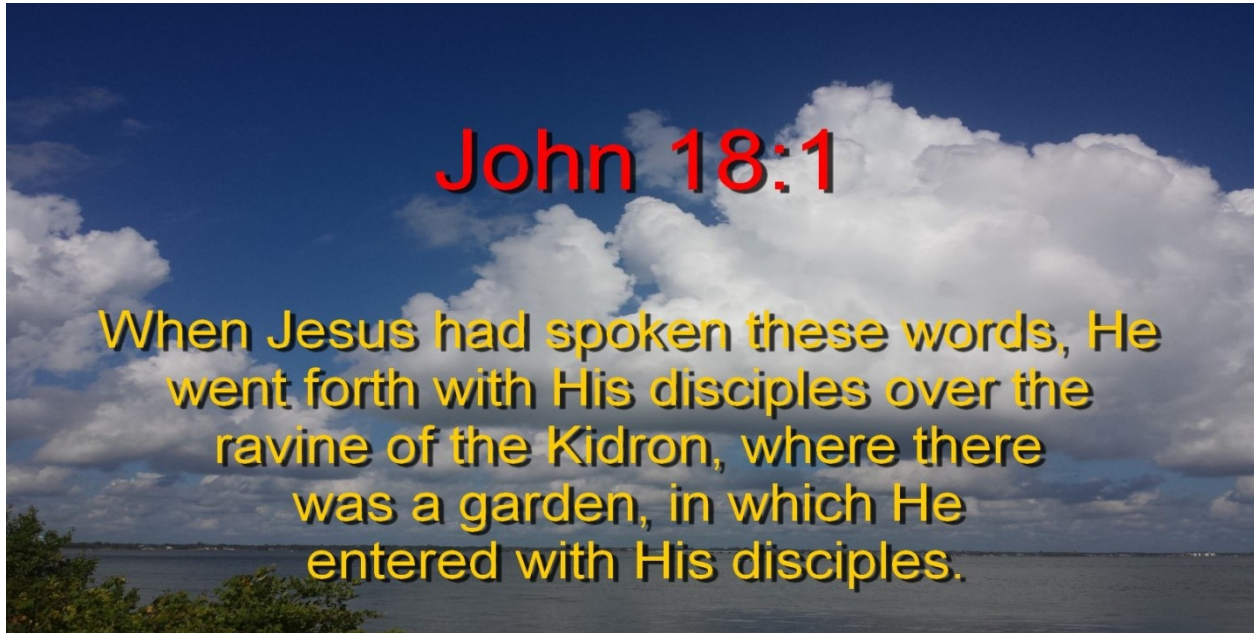
no authority except that given from above. Jesus explained that he who delivered Jesus has greater sin than Pilate. Having heard those words, Pilate made efforts to release Jesus. The Jews countered with a threat that Pilate would be no friend of Caesar for releasing a man who opposed king Caesar. Pilate then brought Jesus out again. He sat down for judgment at the Pavement, called in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was the day of Preparation for the Sabbath, about the sixth hour. Pilate again said: “Behold your King!” Pilate asked if he should crucify their king and the Jews said they had no king but Caesar. So Pilate handed Jesus over to the Jews for crucifixion.

Jesus had explained the truth to Pilate and confronted Pilate with his sin. Pilate gave in to the pressure of the Jews, abusing his power given to him by God. Even so, Jesus had no intention of avoiding crucifixion, because He was determined to drink the cup we all deserved, but His Father gave to Jesus to drink for us because they love us to this day.

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Twenty Eight

## The Kidron Today



When Jesus had finished praying, where did He go? Jesus went to the garden beyond the ravine of the Kidron.

Jesus finished His prayer and left with His disciples. Jesus knew that His hour had come and that Judas Iscariot was already working to betray Him. Jesus went over the ravine of the Kidron and entered the garden with His disciples.

Jesus loved the disciples and loved them to the end. He ate with them, served them, taught them, prayed, and then went to the garden, the place where He would be arrested, just as He knew in advance.

Jesus had no intention of resisting arrest. He would be led as a sheep to slaughter and remain silent while being led there. Jesus had already told the disciples that two swords would be enough, meaning enough to fulfill the Isaiah prophecy about being numbered with the transgressors. They would

use their swords to oppose the arrest, but Jesus was ready to be arrested and to lay down His soul only to take it up again in three days.

## ***Garden***

1. **Gethsemane.** After Jesus prayed, where did He go? Jesus went into the Garden of Gethsemane.

2. **Gathered.** Notice that Jesus gathered His disciples with Him.

3. **Finished.** He just finished the upper room discourse and His high priestly prayer.

4. **Knew.** Jesus knew that His betrayal and arrest were going to take place in that garden.

5. **Plan.** Jesus did not shrink back from God's plan for His arrest.

6. **Sent.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we go where God sends us, even to betrayal, arrest and death, with glory to follow.

7. **Faithful.** We rejoice today because Jesus faithfully followed God's plan to die for us so that we would live forever.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by appreciating the details of the account about the road to arrest and crucifixion.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for thinking about us shortly before He was arrested.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for never leaving His disciples alone, because He abides with His disciples always.**

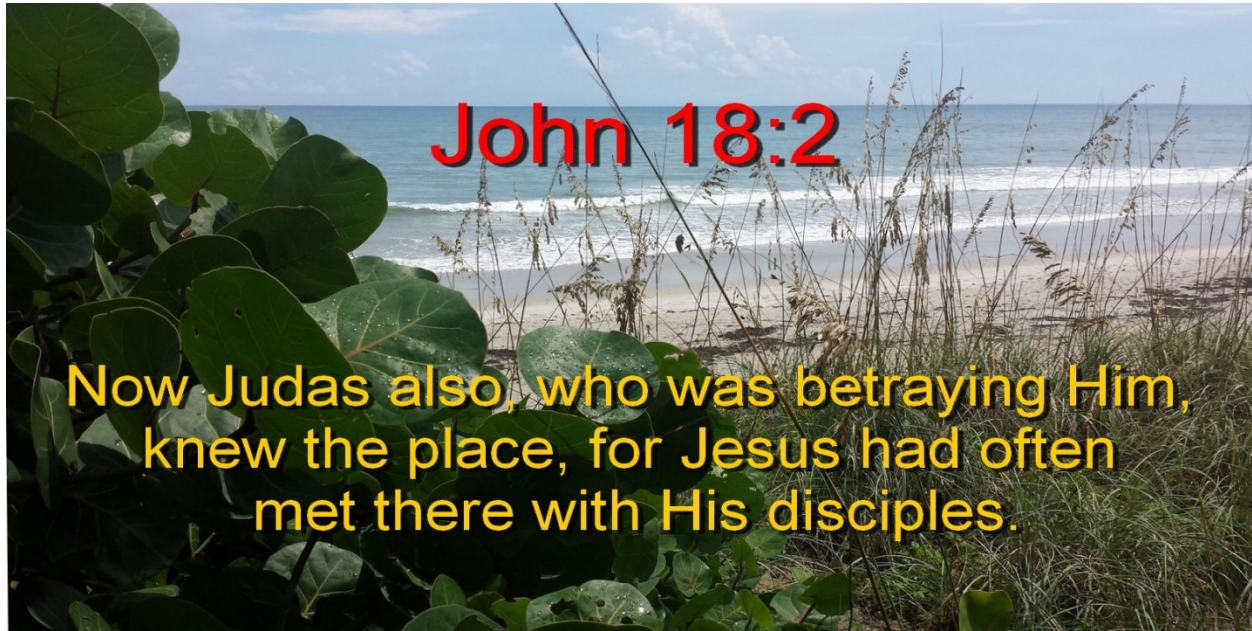
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus had a precise plan to be in the right place to be arrested. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by following the plans of Jesus, no matter where they might take you?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Twenty Nine

## The Place Today



Where did Jesus often meet with the disciples? Jesus often met the disciples at the garden beyond the ravine of the Kidron.

Judas Iscariot knew the place where Jesus met with the disciples. He had often met with Jesus there. Judas Iscariot used that knowledge to betray Jesus. He knew just where Jesus was likely to be. Of course, Jesus knew that Judas Iscariot was betraying Him and where He would be arrested.

Jesus did not intend to oppose His arrest. He came to do the will of His Father, which included being arrested, tried, judged, sentenced and then crucified. We know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ includes His resurrection. Without the resurrection, we are still in our sins and without hope in this world.

Jesus went to the garden with His disciples. He knew that they intended to oppose His arrest, but He would stop their opposition. He intended to drink the cup His Father set before Him, for our sake.



## ***Betraying Him***

1. **Garden.** Why did Judas Iscariot pick the Garden of Gethsemane as the place to arrest Jesus? Judas picked that Garden because he knew the place well, having often met there with Jesus and the other disciples.
2. **Precise.** John provided precise details about the arrest of Jesus.
3. **Details.** John also provided details about Jesus and the twelve disciples.
4. **Quiet.** Judas sought a quiet place to arrest Jesus, away from the crowds.
5. **Met Often.** That Garden must have held many happy memories for the disciples, because they often met Jesus there.
6. **Betrayal.** Living Godly in the family of God means that people we know may actually betray us later.
7. **Willing.** We rejoice today because Jesus walked into that Garden knowing what Judas planned and willingly subjected Himself to arrest there—all because He loved us.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus knew that Judas Iscariot would find Him in the garden.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we follow Jesus wherever He leads us, even when it means danger.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for His sacrificial love for us.**

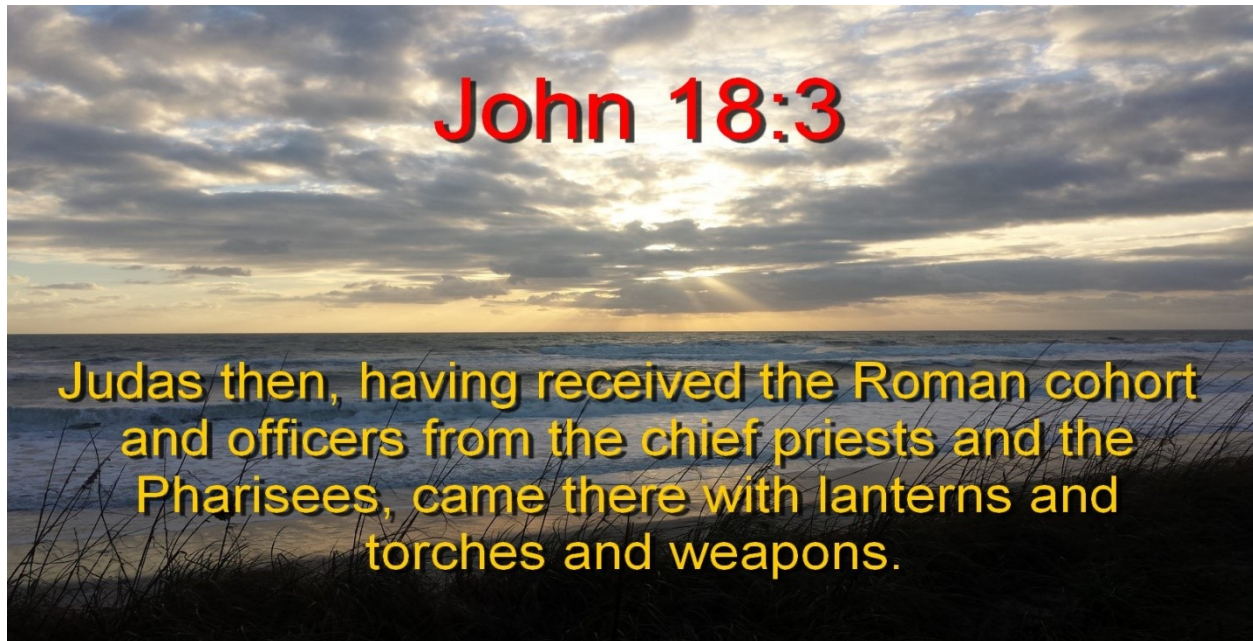
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by following Jesus as He leads us to fulfill God's will. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting that Jesus will lead us to be at the right place at the right time?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Thirty

## Judas Today



What did they bring to arrest Jesus? They brought lanterns and torches and weapons.

Judas Iscariot came with the Roman cohort and officer from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came to arrest Jesus and bind Him over for trial. The witnesses were ready, the case was at issue, and the verdict of guilty assured. The religious leaders would finally have Jesus before them and they could pronounce their verdict of guilty.

Jesus knew exactly what was going to happen. His disciples came with two swords, but Jesus was opposed to their use. Even so, they would fulfill prophecy by trying to save Jesus from arrest, even using violence.

Jesus intended to be arrested. He intended to drink the cup the Father set before Him. He had already prayed about drinking that cup, but He wanted to do the Father's will, not His own. The hour had come.

## ***Lanterns, Torches and Weapons***

1. **People.** Why did the people who came to arrest Jesus bring lanterns, torches and weapons? Because they did not know that Jesus intended to lay down His life.

2. **Soldiers.** Judas brought Roman soldiers and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees.

3. **Armed.** They came fully armed, as if they were arresting an armed and dangerous criminal.

4. **Find.** Please notice that Judas knew where to find Jesus in that garden because he was one of the twelve who met there with Jesus often.

5. **Betray.** Jesus knew all along that Judas would betray Him.

6. **Understand.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we understand people betray Jesus frequently.

7. **Plan.** We rejoice today because Jesus offered no resistance to His arrest, because He loved us and followed God's plan.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by looking back at the arrest of Jesus and remember that Jesus foresaw all things.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by following Jesus and not hindering Jesus from following the plans of His Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we join together in worshiping Jesus for presenting Himself for arrest, while being sure His disciples survived His arrest.**

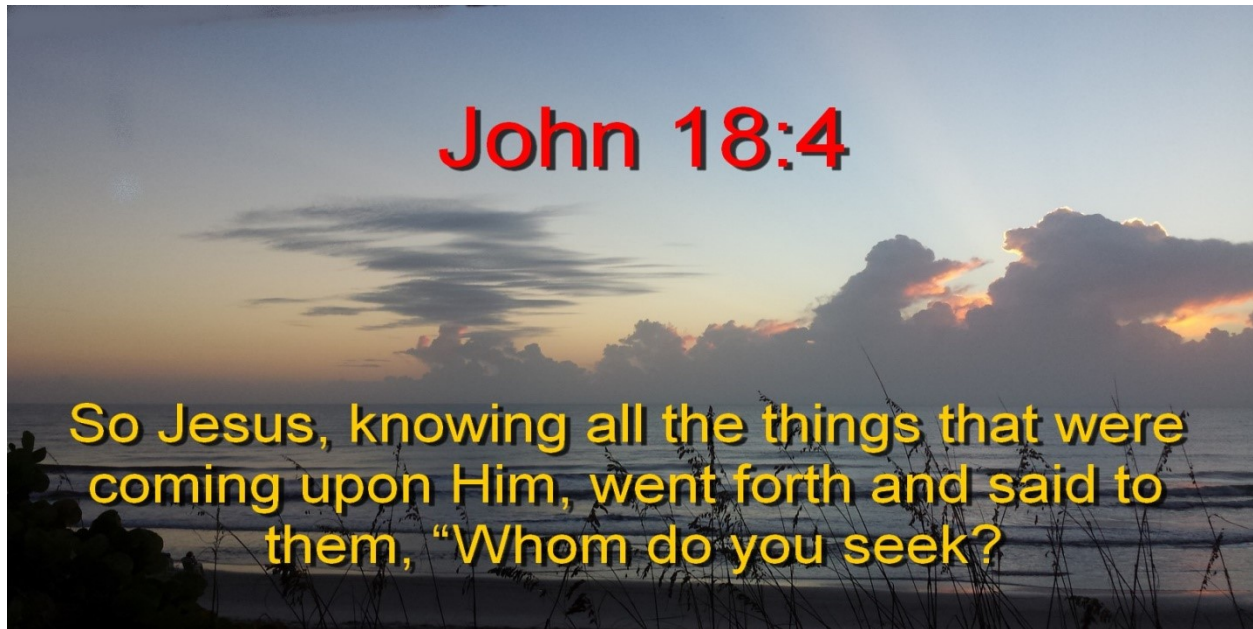
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus, even when we do not understand the plans of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by trusting Jesus to follow the plans of His Father, no matter how much those plans do not agree with your expectations?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Thirty One

## Knowing Today



What did Jesus say to the people seeking to arrest Him? He asked: "Whom do you seek?"

Jesus knows all things. He knew exactly whom the people coming with weapons were looking to arrest. They came to arrest Him. If He already knew why they were there, then why did Jesus ask them: "Whom do you seek?"

Jesus intended to identify Himself to them. He intended to be arrested, to fulfill His Father's plan of redemption. Jesus even went to meet them.

Jesus also intended to focus the attention upon Himself, and not His disciples. He wanted to be sure they would not be arrested along with Him. So when the people answered the question, all the focus would be upon Him alone.

## ***Whom Do You Seek***

1. **Arrest.** Judas betrayed Jesus to the Jewish authorities and they came to arrest Jesus, accompanied by Roman soldiers.
2. **Purpose.** Jesus went to Jerusalem for the purpose of laying down His life as a ransom for sinners.
3. **Betrayer.** Jesus had already identified Judas as His betrayer to all the disciples.
4. **Authorities.** Judas brought the authorities, armed with weapons, to the Garden of Gethsemane.
5. **Trial.** Jesus knew they came to arrest Him and that trial and crucifixion would follow. Therefore, Jesus took the initiative and said to them, "Whom do you seek?"
6. **Death.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus loves us and did not run away from death.
7. **Heaven.** We rejoice today because Jesus planned on being arrested by the authorities before the foundation of the world, so that we would inherit our home in heaven.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by watching Jesus take the initiative.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to know all things, and He knows the future before it happens.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for seeking out the people who came to arrest Him.**

### **Application for Today**

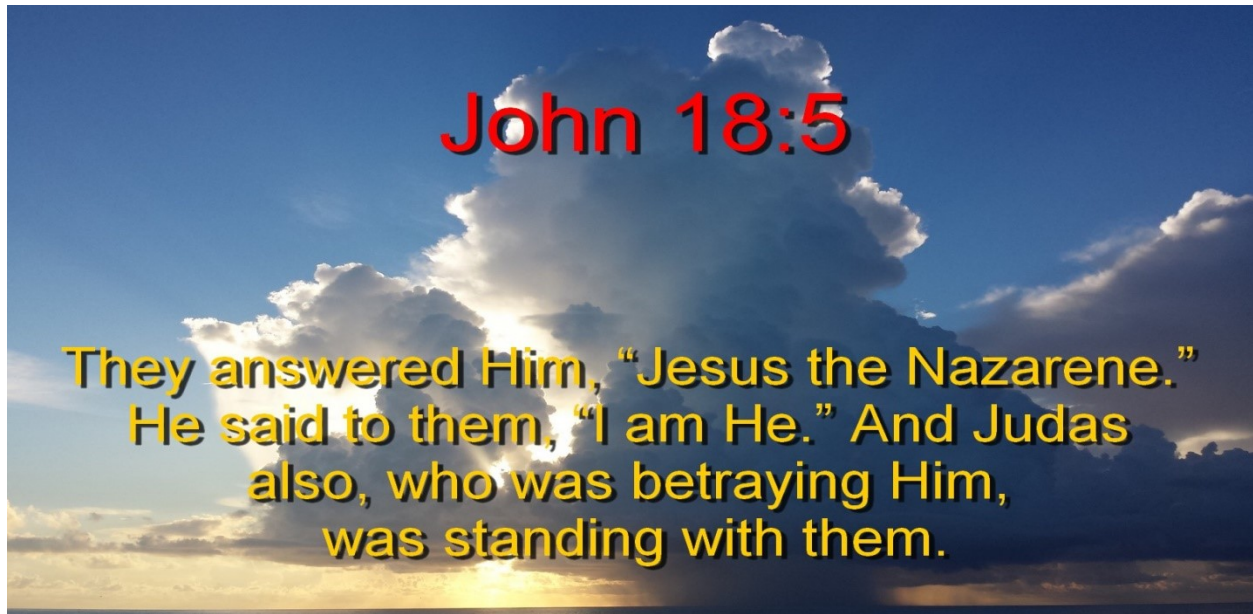
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to stand before us when the opposition comes our way. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by standing behind Jesus when trouble comes?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Thirty Two

## Jesus the Nazarene Today



Who were they seeking? They were seeking Jesus the Nazarene.

Judas Iscariot and the religious officials came to arrest Jesus. Jesus began a conversation with them. He repeatedly identified Himself as the man they came to arrest.

Judas Iscariot came to identify Jesus, if necessary. Jesus identified Himself repeatedly. Judas Iscariot was standing with the officials who sought to arrest Jesus. Jesus did not resist arrest in any way. He intended to be arrested.

God had a plan to sacrifice His Son for the sins of the world. At times, we may not understand the plans of God, but they remain His plans, not ours. We glorify God when we voluntarily go along with His plans and use our lives to fulfill His plans. Jesus came to the garden expecting to be arrested. He knew all things.

## ***I Am He***

1. **Identified.** Why did Jesus identify Himself to the crowd sent to arrest Him? Jesus identified Himself because He had no intention of resisting arrest.
2. **Seeking.** John notes that Judas was standing with the group seeking to end the life of Jesus.
3. **I AM.** Jesus actually identified Himself with just two words: "I AM."
4. **Divine.** One way Jesus emphasized His divinity was to use the Old Testament name for Yahweh, I AM.
5. **Know.** Jesus wanted the crowd coming against Him to know they were arresting Yahweh in the flesh.
6. **Life.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we lay down our lives for Yahweh, Who laid down His life for us.
7. **Family.** We rejoice today because Yahweh always takes care of the family of God.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by standing with Jesus and not with the people opposing Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus identified Himself to the religious authorities when they came to arrest Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for standing tall at His arrest and not shrinking back.**

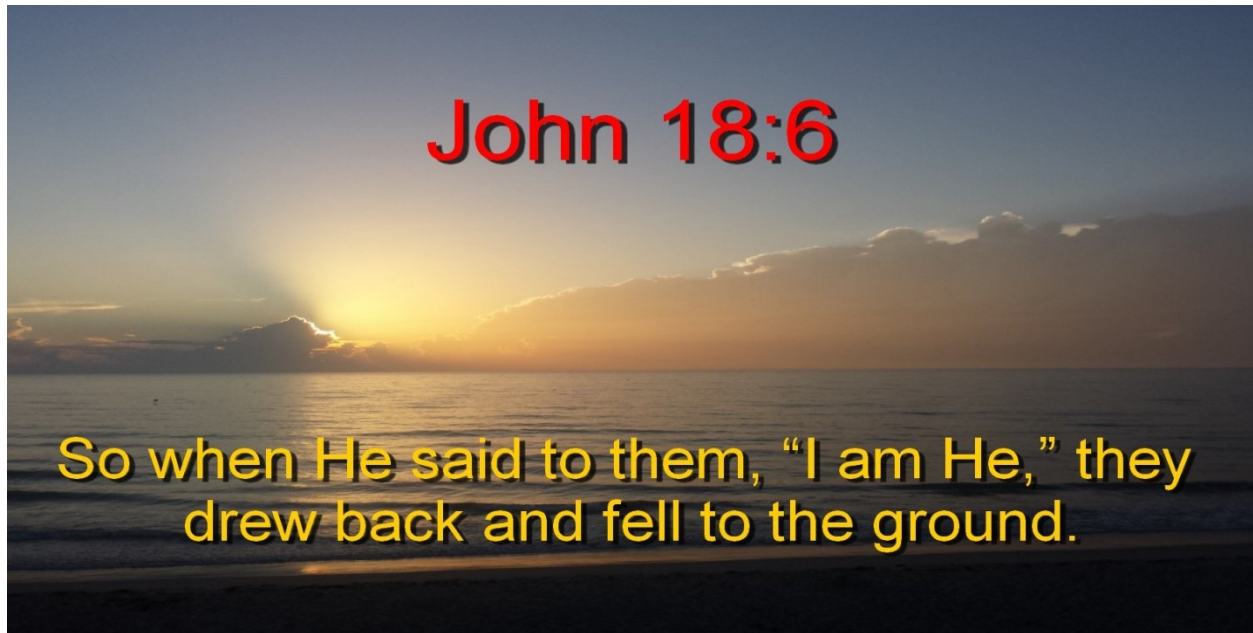
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by embracing the path of righteousness, with Jesus leading the way before us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by walking along the path which grows brighter and brighter until the full light of day shines forth?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Seven Hundred Thirty Three**

## **Drew Back Today**



What did the officials do when Jesus said “I am He”? The officials drew back and fell to the ground.

The arrest of Jesus was extremely sad in many ways. The people He created arrested Him. He loved them and never broke a single law. Yet, they rejected Him and Judas Iscariot betrayed Him.

The arrest of Jesus was also a time of glory. Through His arrest, trial, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension Jesus would glorify His Father. Jesus did not fear death. He willingly went to the cross and endured the shame because of the joy set before Him.

Jesus went to the cross for our sins and our redemption. He never sinned, although He was tempted in all ways as we are. Jesus offered Himself a perfect, sinless sacrifice and His arrest was one part of the plan.

## ***Fell to the Ground***

1. **I AM.** Why did the arresting officers and soldiers fall to the ground? They fell to the ground because Jesus said "I AM."
2. **Weapons.** These soldiers and officers came with weapons to arrest Jesus.
3. **Harmless.** Jesus taught in the temple daily and never harmed anyone.
4. **Reputation.** The disciples of Jesus had no reputation for harming others.
5. **Unusual.** This arrest seems very unusual because the arresting people fell to the ground. If Jesus wanted to, He could have escaped immediately.
6. **Knowledge.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus laid down His life; no one took it from Him.
7. **Arrest.** We rejoice today because Jesus never drew back from arrest, even when the soldiers and officers drew back and fell down before Him.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by marveling at the arrest of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we appreciate that the people who came to arrest Jesus drew back from Him and fell down.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for presenting Himself for arrest, according to the plans of God.**

### **Application for Today**

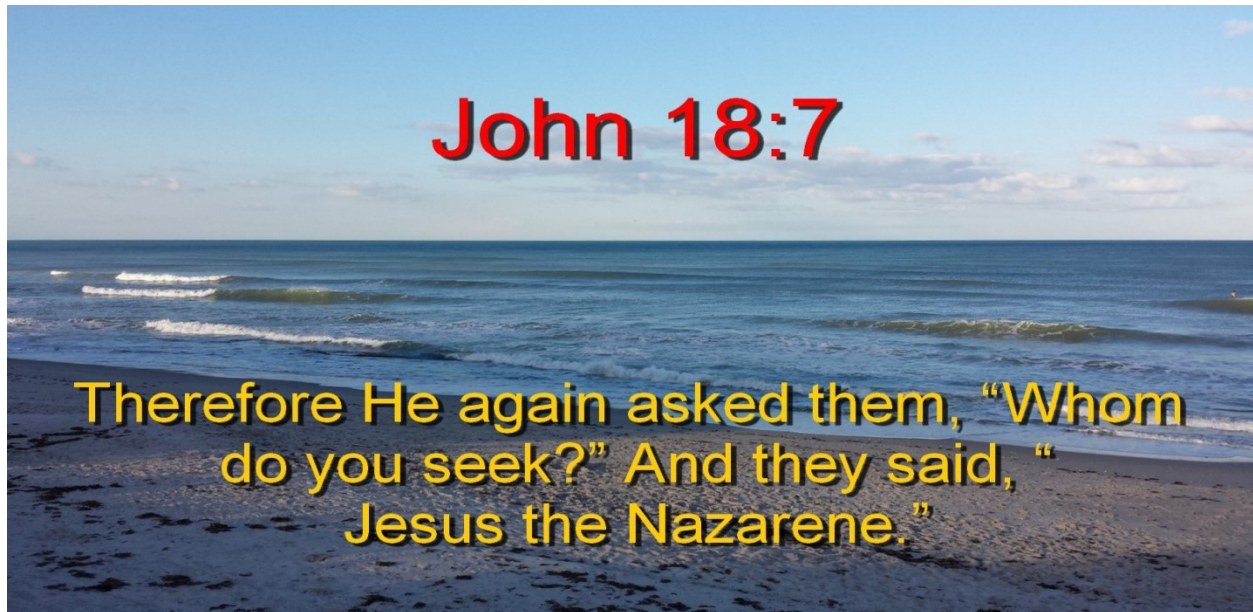
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by watching the enemies of Jesus draw back and fall down. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting Jesus to triumph in all things according to the plans of God?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Thirty Four

## Again Asked Today



What did Jesus ask his opponents after they drew back and fell down? Jesus asked them again "Whom do you seek?"

Jesus asked His opponents important questions. He focused their attention upon arresting Him. He essentially reminded them that they came to arrest Jesus the Nazarene.

The Roman cohort and the religious officers came to arrest Jesus. They came armed, with weapons. They brought lanterns and torches. The darkness attending the arrest encircled Jesus. He was the Light of the world which enlightens every man.

Jesus shone brightly that night. They sought Jesus the Nazarene, and Judas Iscariot was there to identify Jesus. Jesus Himself repeatedly declared He was Jesus the Nazarene, the very man that they came to arrest. Jesus was not opposing the arrest in any way.



## ***Whom Do You Seek?***

1. **Whom?** What did Jesus say to His opponents lying on the ground? Jesus said again, "Whom do you seek?"
2. **Directing.** The arrest of Jesus has tones of Jesus directing the entire arrest.
3. **Arrest.** Instead of fleeing arrest, Jesus again identified Himself as the One they were seeking to arrest.
4. **Submitted.** Jesus not only prophesied His arrest, He also submitted to His arrest.
5. **Enemies.** Jesus never ran in fear from His enemies, even when they drew back and fell down before Him.
6. **Savior.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we have a Savior Who never runs away in fear.
7. **Plan.** We rejoice today because Jesus completely obeyed the Father's plan for His arrest.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by following Jesus the Nazarene.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by expecting that religious forces will join with military forces to oppose Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering how Jesus did not run from slaughter, but willing gave Himself into the hands of evil men to make us righteous in Him.**

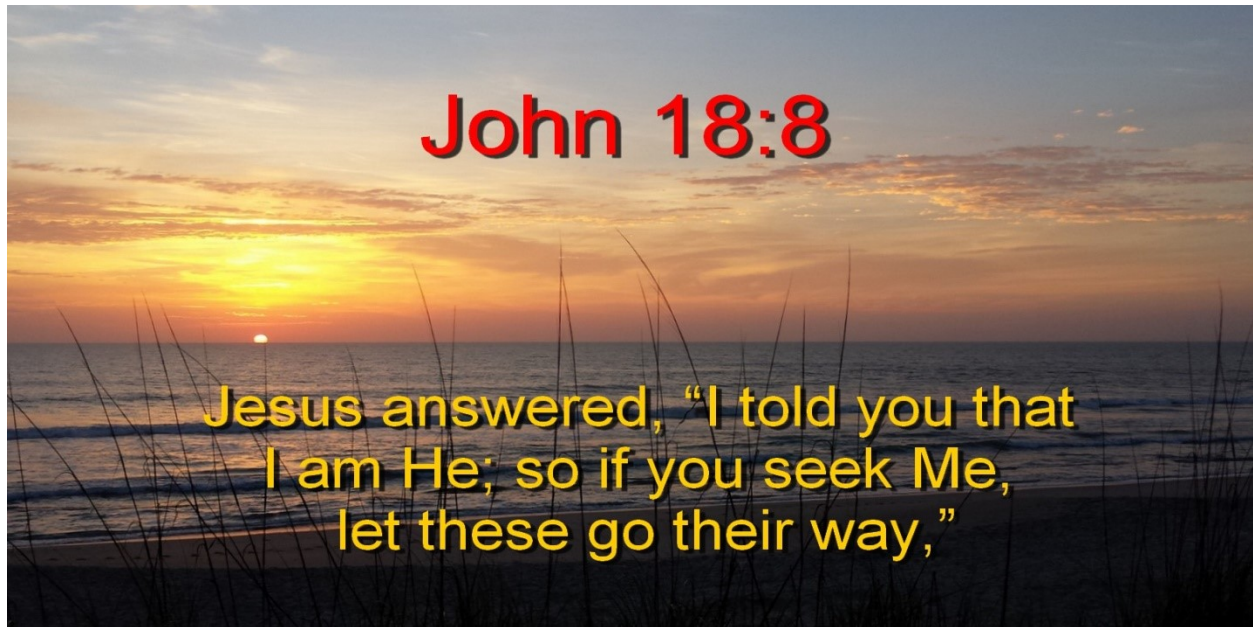
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by humbling ourselves like Jesus humbled Himself. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus became sin for us?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Thirty Five

## I Am He Today



How did Jesus intercede for His disciples? Jesus interceded for His disciples by saying they should be let go.

When Judas Iscariot came with the religious officials to arrest Jesus, Jesus had the welfare of His disciples in mind. He had no intention of avoiding arrest. He had every intention of seeing His disciples go free to continue His ministry.

Jesus reasoned that if they sought to arrest Him, then the disciples should be allowed to go their own way. Jesus knew all things, but the disciples would remember the way He interceded for them, even as they opposed His arrest.

## *Let These Go*

1. **Jesus**. Jesus specifically prophesied that no one took His soul from Him, but He laid it down. Jesus was in charge of His own arrest. The soldiers fell down before Him.

2. **Answered**. Jesus asked them twice “Whom do you seek?” He identified Himself each time. The second time He also told them that the disciples should be allowed to go free.

3. **Told**. Jesus also pointed out that He told them that He was the Person they were seeking. Jesus was following the plan of His Father perfectly.

4. **I Am**. Jesus used that phrase frequently to describe Himself. It reminds people of the Name of God, the I Am God of the Old Testament, who was Jesus.

5. **Seek**. Jesus knew why they were there. They came to arrest Him. So, Jesus pointed out they were seeking Him, and not anyone else.

6. **These**. Jesus loved His disciples and He loved them to the end. In this case, the Father gave them to Jesus and He kept them, so that not one of them was lost.

7. **Go**. Jesus planned for His arrest and their freedom. He laid down His soul and preserved their lives. They would carry the message and ministry of Jesus forward, just as God planned all along.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by realizing that Jesus interceded for the disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we follow Jesus Who follows the plans of His Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we love God because He leads us and protects us all the time.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by following Jesus through easy times and hard times. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praising Jesus because He intercedes for us?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Thirty Six

## Fulfill the Word Today



Why did Jesus intercede for the disciples so that they could go free? Because He fulfilled the His own prophecy that Jesus did not lose even one of the people the Father gave to Him.

Jesus not only spoke prophecy, He also fulfilled prophecy, including His own prophecies. Jesus knew the future and all things. All the people the Father gave to Him Jesus kept safely. Jesus chose Judas Iscariot, but Jesus knew from the beginning that Judas Iscariot was the son of destruction.

Jesus always had the best interest of others in mind. He served His Father with every breath He took. Jesus planned on doing the will of His Father and He comprehended the height, depth and width of that death that awaited Him.

Jesus was completely and constantly committed to doing His Father's will. By doing the will of the Father, Jesus spoke about the future and even fulfilled the words received from the Father.

## ***Lost Not One***

1. **Fulfilled.** At His arrest, why did Jesus say, "let these go their way?" Jesus interceded for the disciples to fulfill His word.
2. **Jesus.** As God in the flesh, Jesus spoke many prophecies.
3. **Prophesied.** In this case, He prophesied that He has kept all of His disciples and He did not lose one of them.
4. **Free.** The Father gave the disciples to Jesus and He kept them free from harm.
5. **Intent.** Jesus intended to send out His disciples just like the Father sent Him into the world.
6. **Keeps.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus keeps us every day; He never loses even one of us.
7. **Safe.** We rejoice today because Jesus keeps us safe in Him for all eternity.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus never loses anyone given to Him by His Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by fastening our faith upon the keeping power of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we join together to sing the praises of Jesus for being faithful in keeping us and suffering in our place.**

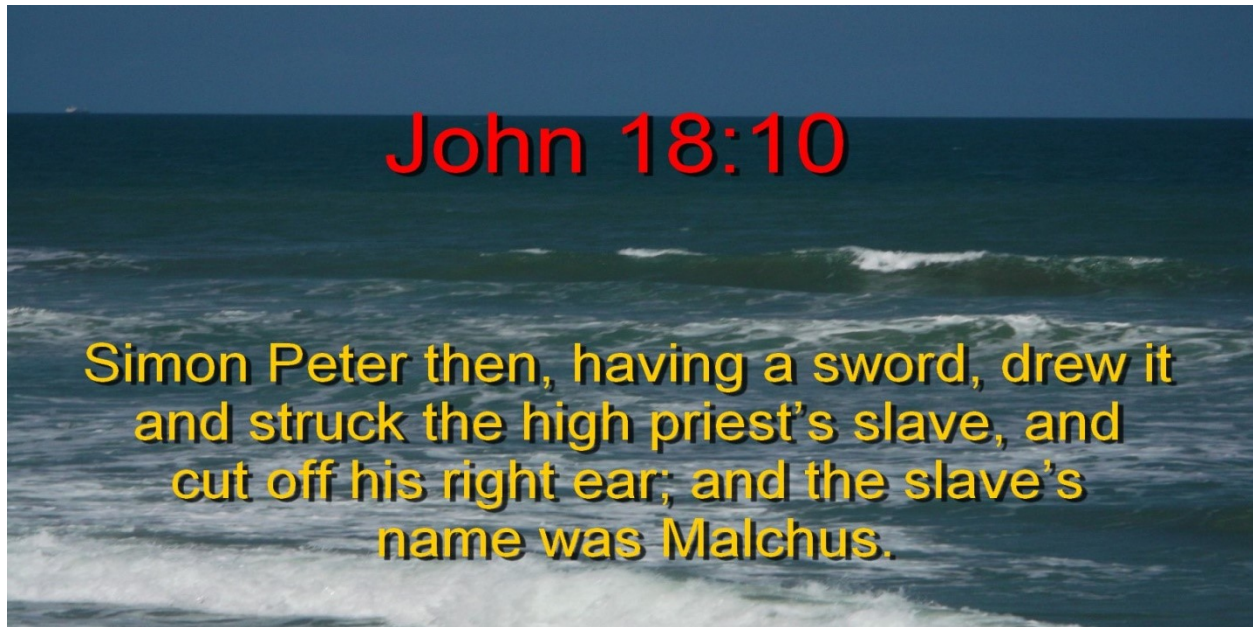
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus like He loves us, with sacrificial love. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering the keeping power of Jesus in your life?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Thirty Seven

## Drew It Today



Why did Simon Peter draw his sword? He drew his sword to oppose the arrest of Jesus.

Simon Peter became a transgressor of the law by using the sword to oppose the authority of the people arresting Jesus. Jesus was numbered with the transgressors because of Peter's actions. Remember that the disciples had two swords and they both were used to oppose the arrest of Jesus.

Simon Peter struck Malchus with a sword, cutting off his right ear. Malchus was the slave of the High Priest. Peter opposed what Jesus did not oppose. Jesus had previously explained to Peter that Jesus would suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and scribes, and be killed and raised on the third day. Peter absolutely opposed the plans of Jesus to die. Peter acted contrary to the will of Jesus, because Jesus intended to be arrested and fulfill the prophecy. Peter's transgression in resisting the arrest of Jesus also fulfilled prophecy.

## ***Malchus***

1. **Slave.** Who was Malchus? He was the slave of the high priest who temporarily lost his right ear to the sword of Peter.
2. **Peter.** When Jesus first explained to Peter that Jesus must die, Peter rebuked Jesus for saying such a thing.
3. **Interests.** Peter set his mind on man's interests, not God's.
4. **Opposed.** Peter opposed the plan of Jesus to be arrested peacefully and so cut off the ear of Malchus, the slave of the high priest.
5. **Plans.** At times in our lives we oppose the plans of God because we set our mind on man's interest, not God's.
6. **Follow.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we must always follow Jesus and not oppose His plans.
7. **Peaceful.** We rejoice today because Jesus opposed swordplay so that He might lay down His life peacefully for us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by following Jesus and not opposing the plans of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we learn to temper our own desires by doing the will of Jesus and following His lead.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus because He always followed His Father's plans, even when people around Him opposed those plans, thinking they were protecting Jesus.**

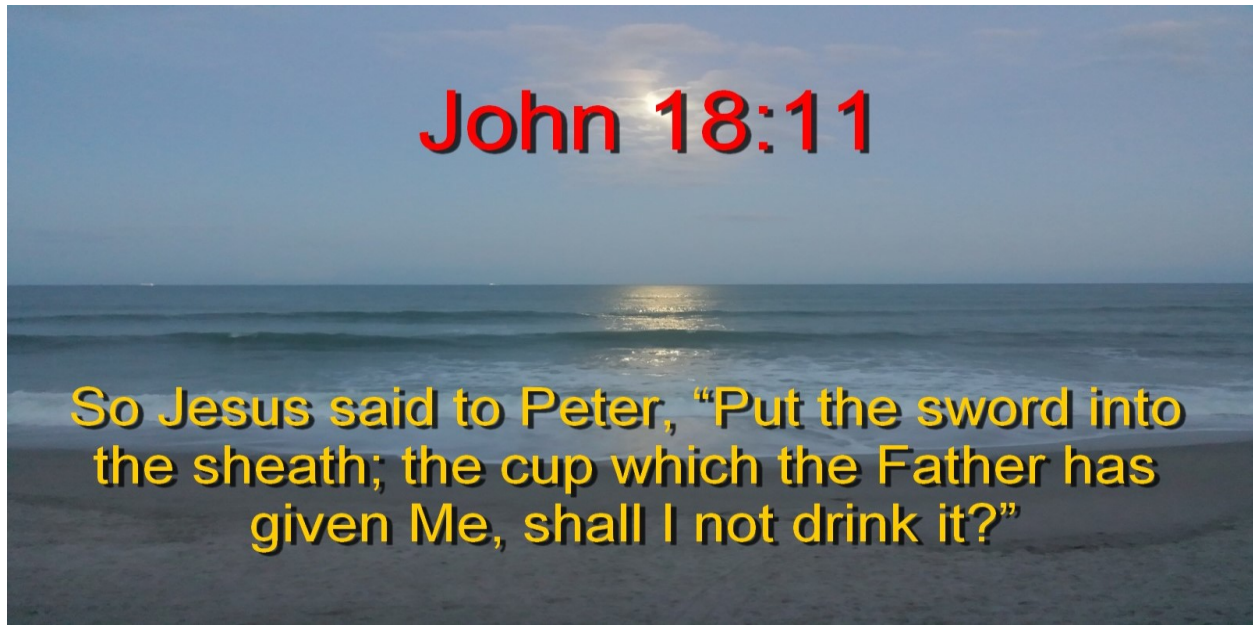
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by following Jesus, and not using violence when Jesus opposes violence. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by avoiding violence when Jesus seeks peace?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Seven Hundred Thirty Eight**

## **Sword into Sheath Today**



Why did Jesus tell Peter to put away His sword? Jesus said to put away the sword because Jesus intended to drink the cup which the Father had given Him to drink.

In the middle of His arrest, Jesus took time to stop Peter from continuing in sin. Jesus wanted Peter and the other disciples to leave without conflict. Because of their violence, now they had harmed another man and also broken the law. They also ignored the plans of Jesus.

Jesus described His plans as doing the will of His Father. In this case, Jesus meant that He would drink the cup the Father had given Him to drink. The cup included arrest, pain, suffering, death by crucifixion, and then resurrection. Jesus knew what lay ahead and He knew His Father intended to give Jesus as the perfect living sacrifice for our sin. Jesus understood with perfect clarity the suffering and agony in His immediate future. Peter did not understand, but Jesus wanted Peter to leave without being killed or arrested.

## ***Drink It***

1. **Intent.** Why did Jesus command Peter to put away the sword? Because Jesus intended to drink the cup given to Him by His Father.

2. **No Violence.** Peter struck Malchus with the sword, but Jesus opposed such violence.

3. **Peaceful.** In fact Peter interfered with the peaceful arrest of Jesus.

4. **Spiritual.** Jesus often used symbols to communicate deep spiritual truths.

5. **Cup.** Jesus drank the cup of the wrath of God and suffering and shame and crucifixion--because He loved us and gave His life for us.

6. **Drank.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we love Jesus because He laid down His life for us and drank the cup.

7. **Purchased.** We rejoice today because Jesus opposed violence and embraced the will of God to purchase our salvation through His death and resurrection.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by listening to Jesus when He explains to us the reasons for doing things that seem weird to us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus intended to drink the cup given to Him by His Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus in His agony and death, which He endured to remove our sins as far as the east is from the west.**

### **Application for Today**

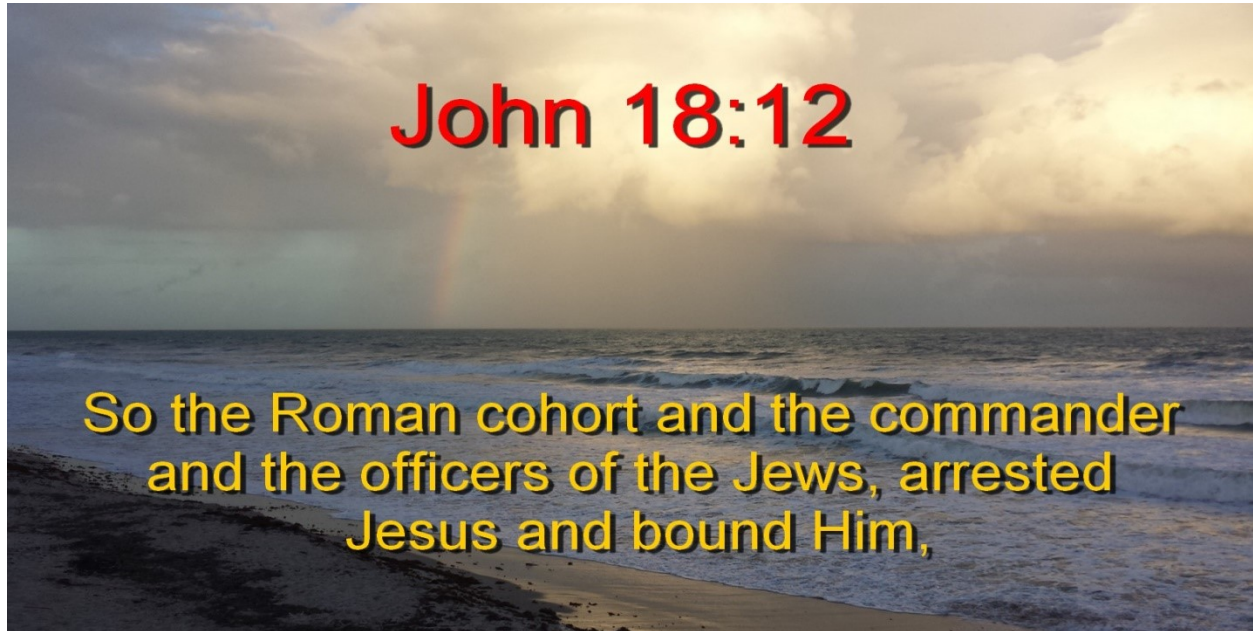
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God worshiping Jesus for drinking the cup His Father gave to Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and love Jesus for drinking the cup we all deserved to drink?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Thirty Nine

## Arrested Today



What did the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews do with Jesus? They arrested Jesus and bound Him.

Jesus had healed the slave struck by Simon Peter. Jesus had calmed things down with His words and actions. Jesus did not resist arrest in any way. The violence came from others, who were opposing the officers of the law. Of course, the officers had no legitimate basis to arrest Jesus.

Jesus submitted to arrest and binding to fulfill the plans of His Father. Jesus intended to drink the cup the Father set before Him. That cup contained the Thumic Anger of God toward sin. As the perfect sacrifice for sin, Jesus took the Thumic Anger we deserved and suffered vicariously for us.

Jesus remained in complete control of Himself. He willingly submitted to arrest, although He could have freed Himself at any moment. Jesus was fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies and fulfilling the plan of God.

## ***Bound Him***

**1. Cohort.** A Roman cohort was composed of 480 soldiers. We know that some, and perhaps all, of the Roman cohort came to arrest Jesus.

**2. Commander and Officers.** The commander and officers of the Jews also came to arrest Jesus. You may recall that they all drew back and fell to the ground when Jesus first identified Himself to them.

**3. Arrested.** When you consider the idea of humans arresting God in the flesh, you may understand that Jesus did not oppose His arrest.

**4. Government.** The government exists as an instrument of God to do righteousness and keep order. The Romans conquered Israel about 63 B.C. and set up their own government.

**5. Jews.** The Jews had their own officers, subject to the limitations placed upon them by the Romans. They could arrest people and try them for Jewish crimes in the Jewish courts. They could not put anyone to death. Only the Romans had the power to impose a death sentence.

**6. Bound.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus allowed humans to bind Him. Binding Jesus stands in contrast to the power of Jesus to bind the devil. Jesus knew the devil had already entered into Judas Iscariot and this hour of darkness was the devil's.

**7. Power.** We rejoice today because Jesus had the omnipotence of God and could have overpowered everyone with a single word. Because of His great love for us, Jesus laid aside that power and suffered for our sins and provided a complete atonement for us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for submitting to arrest and being bound.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we follow the example of Jesus and suffer unjust treatment for the sake of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for enduring the shame and agony of the cross because He loved us.**

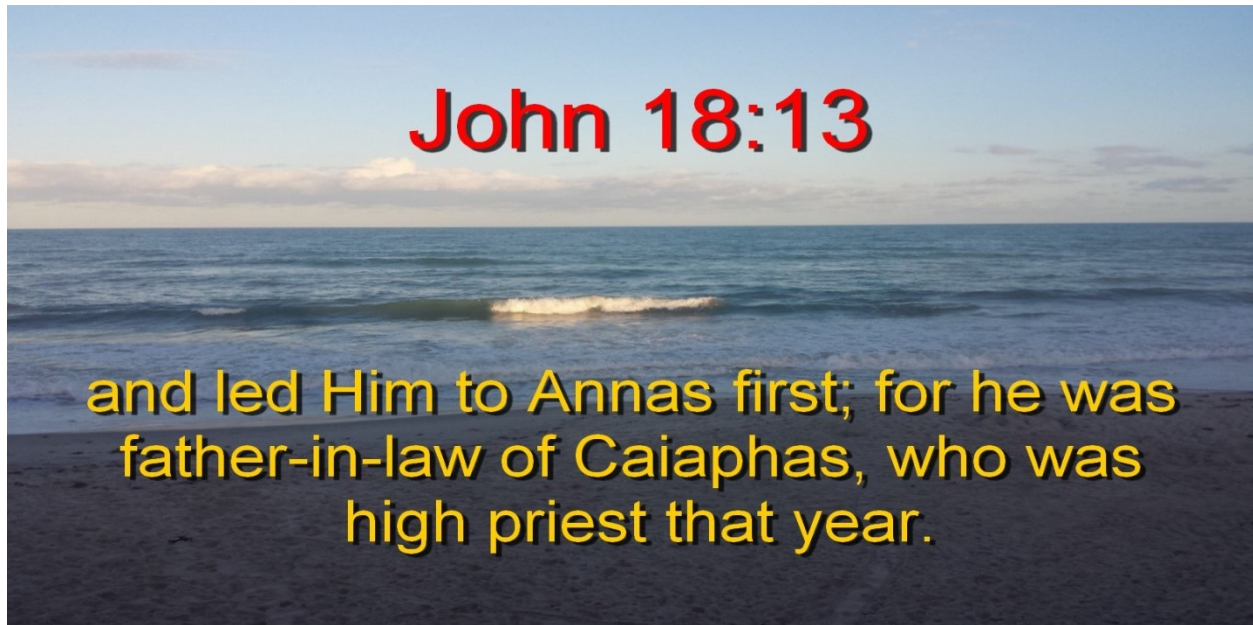
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the loving kindness of Jesus who gave Himself for us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving Jesus and giving yourself to Him?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Forty

## Annas First Today



Why did they lead Jesus to Annas? They led Jesus to Annas because He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.

The religious authorities arrested Jesus so that the religious court could try Jesus for religious crimes, such as blasphemy. The Jews claimed Jesus blasphemed by claiming to be the Son of God, making Himself equal to God. They also hated Him for healing on the Sabbath.

The religious leaders were also worried about losing their nation and their position of power with the Romans. The high priest had already prophesied that it was expedient for one man to die and so save the nation. He did not understand what he was saying, but he prophesied nonetheless.

Jesus was prepared to be tried by the religious court. They would be rendering a verdict and Jesus had already prophesied that He would suffer many things at the hands of the Jewish elders and the chief priests and the scribes. Jesus knew beforehand all that awaited Him at His trial before the Jewish council.

## ***High Priest***

1. **Why?** Why was Jesus taken before Annas? Annas was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.

2. **Blasphemy.** The Jews first wanted to try Jesus for blasphemy under their religious law.

3. **Religious.** The Romans allowed the Jews some leeway on religious matters to hold trials and render judgments.

4. **Authority.** The Romans limited the authority of the Jewish councils to matters other than the death penalty.

5. **Permitted.** The Romans also permitted the Jews to use their religious courts to conduct some trials.

6. **Jesus.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus went quietly without resisting arrest.

7. **Silent.** We rejoice today because Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah regarding His arrest, trial and verdict; Jesus remained silent before His accusers as He followed God's plan for our redemption.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting that some religious leaders oppose Jesus and His work today.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to help us when religious leaders persecute us for our faith in Christ.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by honoring Jesus for His plans to submit Himself to evil religious men who planned on crucifying Him.**

### **Application for Today**

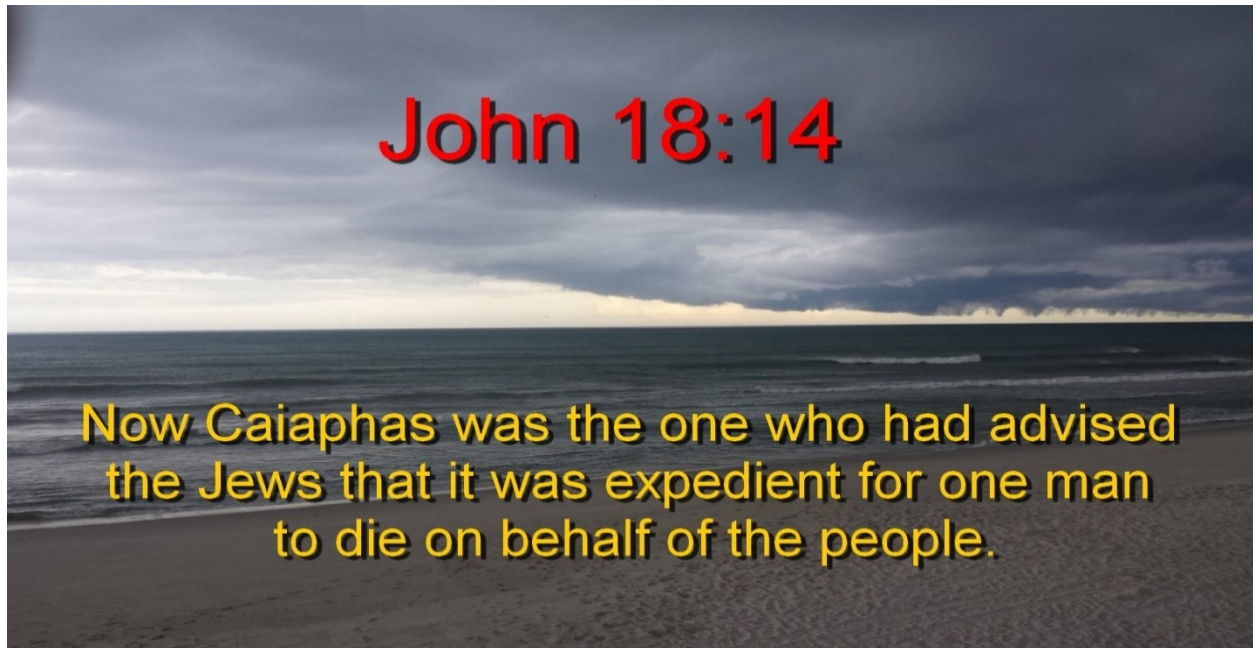
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for submitting Himself to the religious authorities who should have been bowing down before Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus submitted Himself to the religious authorities as part of His plan to give His life as the perfect and complete atonement for sin?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Forty One

## Expedient Today



What did Caiaphas prophesy about Jesus? Caiaphas prophesied that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.

When the Jewish council met to discuss their opposition to Jesus and His ministry, Caiaphas said it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people. Caiaphas was high priest that year, and he spoke prophetically about Jesus, not truly understanding that Jesus was God in the flesh.

Jesus intended to give His soul a ransom for the lives of sinners. Jesus followed the Father's loving plans for sacrificing His only Son. Jesus came to His hour of arrest, knowing that He would drink the cup His Father had given to Him.

During this entire process of arrest, trial by the Jews and Romans, and then crucifixion, Jesus knew that agony and glory were coming. He loved us.



## ***Caiaphas***

1. **Death.** Why did Caiaphas advise the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people? Caiaphas prophesied because he was high priest that year and was worried about the Jews losing their position of favor with the Romans.

2. **Threat.** Caiaphas was worried that Jesus posed a threat to his position and to his nation because the people recognized Jesus as doing many signs.

3. **Death.** Caiaphas thought it was better for Jesus to die than for Caiaphas to lose his position and his nation to be endangered.

4. **Messiah.** Caiaphas was the high priest and he had no conception that Jesus was the Messiah.

5. **Religious.** Many religious leaders today have never known Jesus as personal Savior.

6. **Prophecy.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Caiaphas prophesied truly, but not according to what he was thinking.

7. **Expedient.** We rejoice today because it was expedient for Jesus to die for the sins of Caiaphas, Israel and the entire world.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Caiaphas prophesied about Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we realize that the high priest spoke about one man dying for the nation of Israel.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for His obedience to the Father's plans, including being tried in court by His own creations.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for His death for the nation of Israel and the whole world. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praising Jesus because it was expedient that one Man would die on behalf of the many people?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Forty Two

## Following Jesus Today



**John 18:15**

Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest,

Who followed Jesus after His arrest? Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus.

Simon Peter followed Jesus after He was arrested. Another disciple also followed with Simon Peter. The other disciple was known to the high priest and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest.

Jesus did not resist arrest. At His trial, He planned on remaining silent. He did not intend to provide a defense to the charges, which were blasphemous on their face. Jesus never broke any law, secular or Roman.

Jesus was a priest after the order of Melchizedek and the King of all the Universe. The Jewish court derived its authority from Jesus, and yet Jesus willingly submitted to the Jewish court totally prejudiced against Him. That court should have been a minister for keeping God's order. Instead, that court convicted Jesus of crimes He never committed.

## ***The Court of the High Priest***

1. **Where?** Where did they take Jesus after His arrest? Jesus was led to the court of the high priest.

2. **Followed.** Peter and another disciple were following Jesus.

3. **Court.** The other disciple was known to the high priest and entered with Jesus into the court.

4. **Peter.** Jesus had predicted that the devil would sift Peter like wheat and Peter would deny Him three times.

5. **Tested.** Peter had the courage to follow Jesus, but that courage was about to be tested.

6. **Attacked.** Living Godly in the family of God means that our faith will be tested and Satan will attack us.

7. **Survived.** We rejoice today because Peter survived the spiritual attack and strengthened his brethren afterwards. All of the prophecies of Jesus came true.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Simon Peter followed Jesus after His arrest.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for His commitment to doing the Father's will, even when it meant giving up His life without a fight.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus and the body prepared by His Father and given to Him to offer as the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

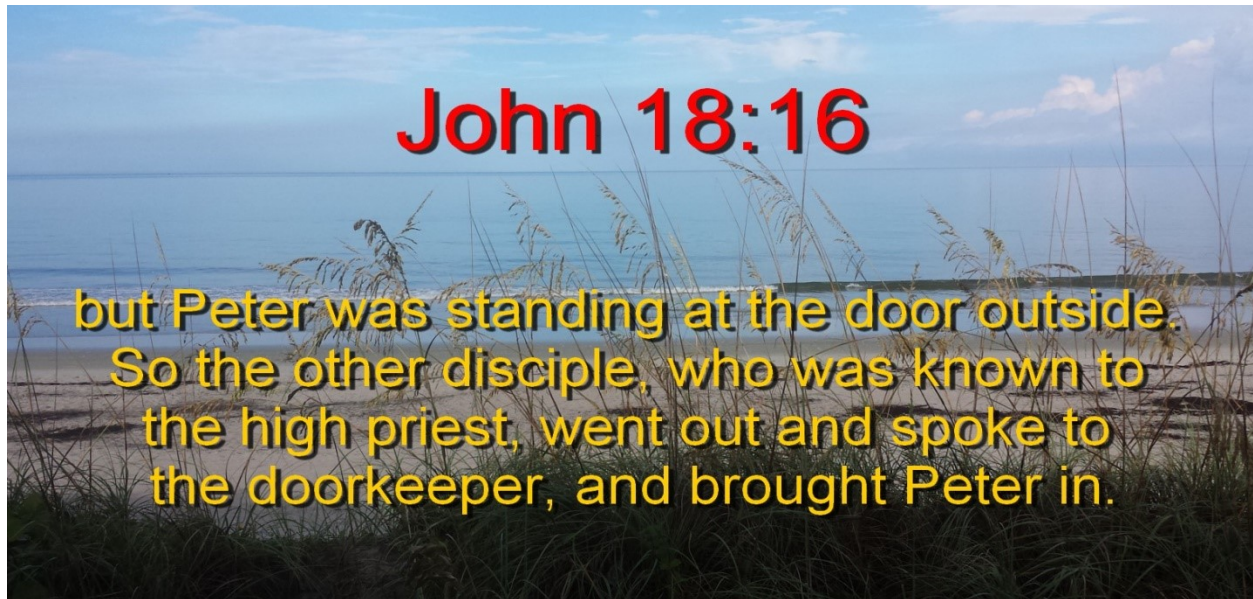
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus followed His Father's plans for Him to be tried and convicted by the Jewish court. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving Jesus for His quiet submission to evil religious rulers and their court of injustice?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Forty Three

## Standing at the Door Today



How did Peter get into the court of the high priest? The disciple known to the high priest spoke to the door keeper and brought Peter in.

The unnamed disciple had a connection with the high priest. That disciple was known to the high priest and the door keeper followed the direction of that disciple.

Jesus called men from all walks of life and they had contacts with all kinds of people. Yet, all those disciples had Jesus in common. He alone had the words of eternal life. He loved His disciples and He spent the hours before His arrest preparing them for life after He returned to heaven.

At this point, the disciples had both seen Jesus raise people from the dead, but they had not seen a resurrection to an immortal body. Jesus was going to be resurrected on the third day after His death, but His disciples did not understand those things yet.

## ***Peter In***

1. **Court.** How did Peter get into the court of the high priest? The other disciple of Jesus, who knew the high priest, brought Peter in.
2. **Admitted.** The other disciple was known to the high priest and gained admission to the court.
3. **Inside.** The other disciple and Peter had courage to follow Jesus into the court.
4. **Prophecy.** Jesus had prophesied that Peter would deny Him three times that very night.
5. **Denial.** Peter's denial of Jesus would take place in that court.
6. **Good and Bad.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we have good days and bad days following Jesus.
7. **Salvation.** We rejoice today because we never lose our salvation, even if we deny Jesus under pressure.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Simon Peter had the courage to enter the court of the High Priest.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by following Jesus where He leads us, even when we go into enemy territory.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for His absolute commitment to loving us and securing our salvation by being put to death on a cross.**

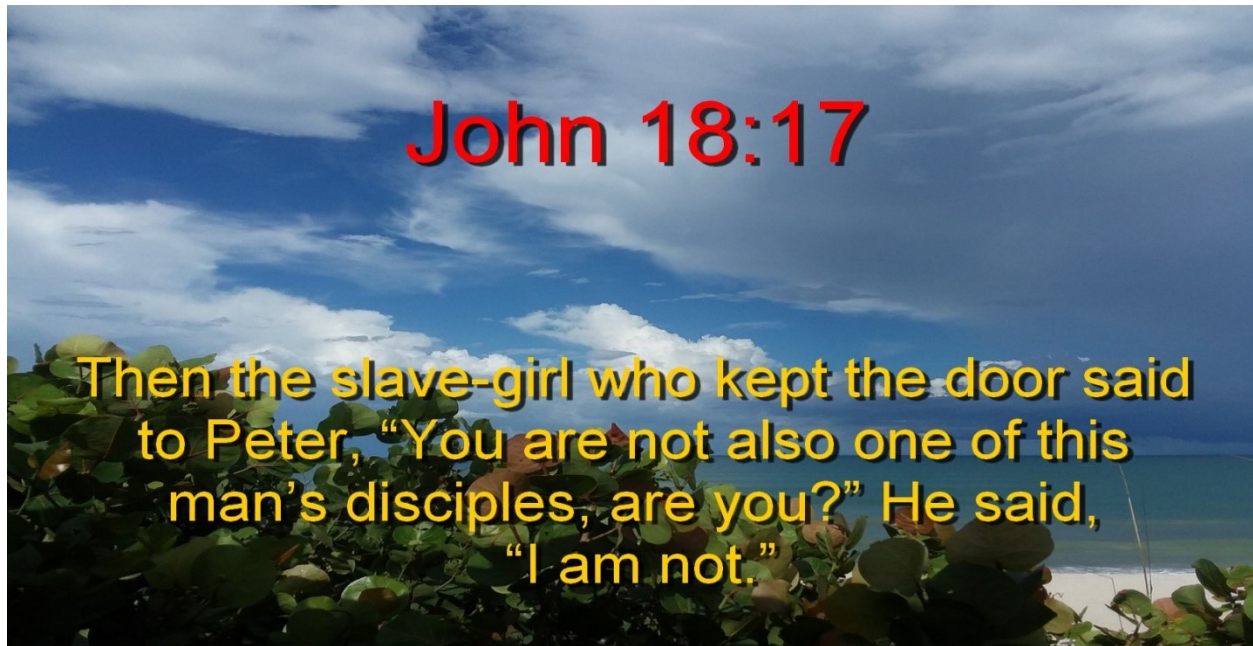
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by seeing Jesus suffer many things at the hand of the Jews, the chosen people of God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and appreciate the depths of the love of Jesus for all of us?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Forty Four

## The Slave Girl Today



What did the slave girl ask Simon Peter? The slave girl asked Simon Peter if he was one of the disciples of Jesus? Simon Peter denied it.

Jesus had prophesied that Simon Peter would deny Christ three times in one night. Simon Peter made the first denial to the slave girl who opened the door for Simon Peter to enter the court of the high priest.

Remember that Simon Peter had cut off the ear of Malchus, the slave of the high priest. The door keeper was also a slave of the high priest. She apparently recognized Simon Peter and asked the question about being a disciple of Jesus.

True to the prophecy of Jesus, Simon Peter denied Jesus. Simon Peter had the courage to enter the court of the high priest, but he also denied Jesus immediately upon entering the court. The words of Simon Peter summarize his state of mind: "I am not."

## ***I Am Not***

1. **Disciple.** Did Peter deny that he was a disciple of Jesus? Yes, Peter denied that he was a disciple of Jesus.

2. **Followed.** Peter had the courage to follow Jesus into the court of the high priest.

3. **Asked.** When a slave girl asked Peter if he were a disciple of Christ, Peter said, I am not.

4. **Identity.** Jesus frequently used the phrase "I am" to identify Himself.

5. **Deny.** Peter used two Greek words to deny that he was a disciple of Jesus. Jesus told Peter that he would deny him that very night, but Peter refused to believe Jesus. Now Peter understood.

6. **Sin.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we sin greatly at times, but Jesus still loves us.

7. **Weakness.** We rejoice today because Jesus sympathizes with our weakness and loves us eternally, no matter what.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Simon Peter denied Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Simon Peter lived through the night he denied Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by understanding that everyone sins, and sometime we do things completely opposite of our faith in Jesus.**

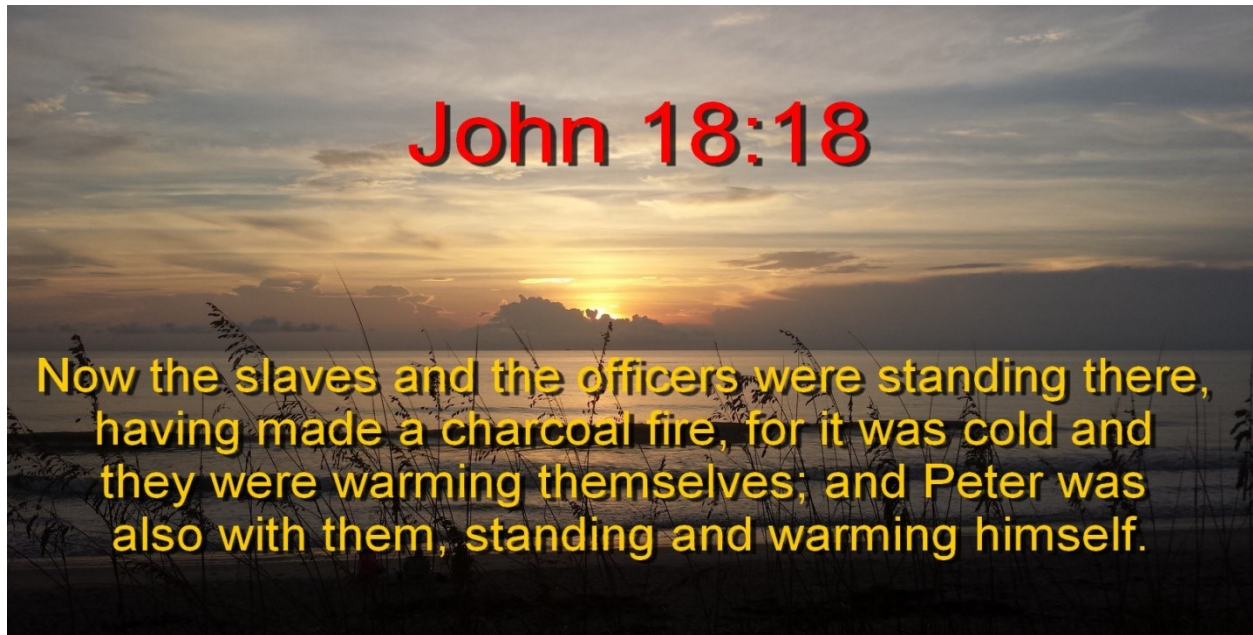
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting that we will fail Jesus at times and He will still love us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that your salvation does not rest upon your works before salvation or after salvation, but has everything to do with saving faith in Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Forty Five

## The Charcoal Fire Today



Who stood near the fire with Peter? The slaves and the officers were standing near the charcoal fire and Peter was standing with them.

Peter had entered into the court of the high priest, following Jesus after His arrest. Peter had denied Jesus to the slave girl who kept the door. According to the prophecy of Jesus, Peter had two more denials to go.

Peter and the others stood around the fire, because it was cold and they wanted to warm themselves. People gathered around the fire, and the slave girl had already asked Peter if he was a disciple of Jesus. Peter denied it, but did not leave. Instead, Peter stayed warming himself and standing among the slaves and the officers.

Peter stood there in the dark and cold. The time had come for Jesus to be arrested and tried by the Jewish court. Peter apparently wanted to be nearby, but he risked being identified as a disciple of Jesus.

## ***Warming Himself***

1. **Standing**. The slaves and the officers were standing together. They had come from arresting Jesus in the garden.

2. **Fire**. The air was cold, indicating that it was a cold spell at the time Jesus was arrested. Jesus was probably arrested in early April. They made a fire for heat.

3. **Warming**. During the night of the arrest, they sought to warm themselves, which means they gathered together around a fire. The historical details help explain why the group was gathered together after the arrest.

4. **Peter**. Jesus told Peter that Peter would deny Jesus three times that night. Peter was standing with the people warming themselves. Peter had just cut off the ear of the slave of the high priest.

5. **Standing**. Peter stood with the very people he opposed with a sword earlier that night when they arrested Jesus.

6. **Standing**. Living Godly in the family of God means that the prophecies of Jesus always come true, just as prophesied. Peter was standing near that fire. He was near all the people who had arrested Jesus. The time had come for his denials.

7. **Warming**. We rejoice today because Jesus always tells the truth. The truth was that Peter was warming himself by the fire, but inside he was ready to deny Jesus. Jesus foresaw what Peter would do, and told him not to let his heart be troubled, but to continue believing in Jesus and to continue believing in God. Peter knew that Jesus was still alive, but held captive, awaiting trial.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Peter followed Jesus into the court of the high priest.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we remember that Peter put himself in danger of discovery, even after his first denial of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by counting upon the prophecies of Jesus always coming true.**

### **Application for Today**

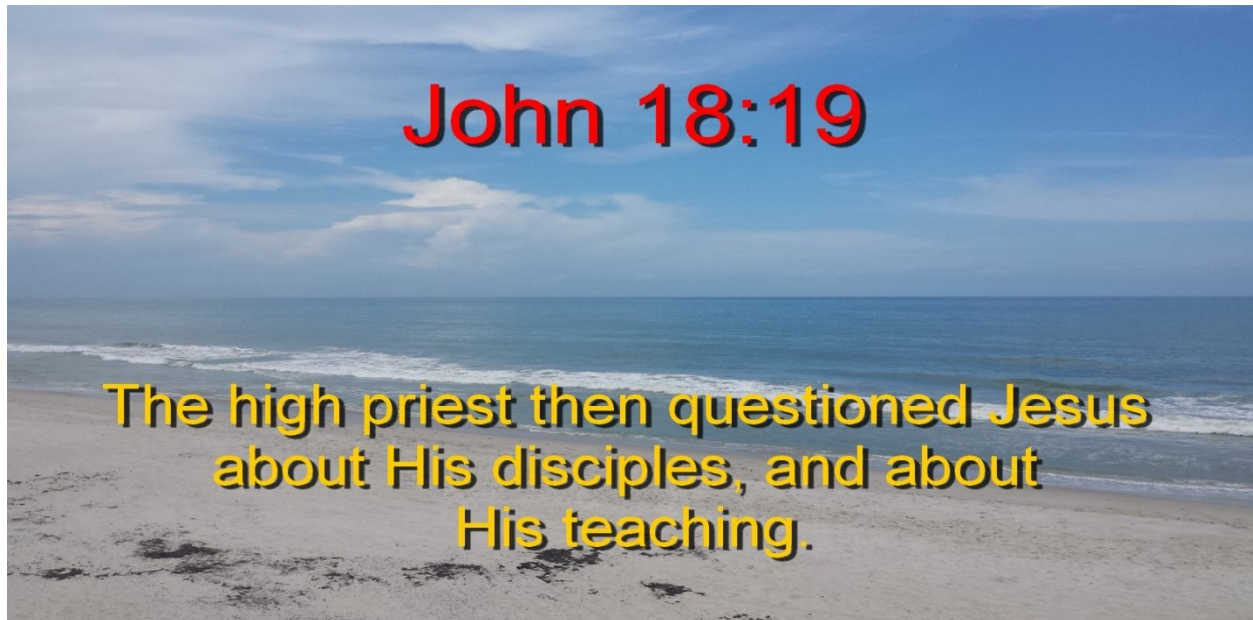
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by considering the actions of Peter leading to his denials of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by being careful about where you go and with whom you stand?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Forty Six

## High Priest Today



What did the high priest question Jesus about? The high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching.

Caiaphas, the high priest that year, had prophesied that it was expedient for one man to die for the nation. He held a position of high esteem in the religious council.

Annas questioned Jesus about His disciples. Peter was standing by the charcoal fire with soldiers and officers. He had an interest in being near Jesus to see what happened. Peter had already denied Jesus to the slave girl who kept the door. Jesus had specifically intervened for His disciples so that they would not be arrested.

Annas also questioned Jesus about His teaching. Jesus taught often in Jerusalem and answered many questions. Jesus and His disciples had left Jerusalem because the high priest and other religious officials were seeking

to kill Him. He came back to Jerusalem for the Feast, and to sacrifice Himself for sinners, all according to the plan of God. Caiaphas sought to trap Jesus.

## ***Questioned Jesus***

1. **High Priest.** What did the high priest question Jesus about? The high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and about His teaching.

2. **Interest.** Peter and another disciple were standing outside in the court of the high priest. They had high interest in questions about Jesus and His disciples.

3. **Free.** When Jesus was arrested, He urged His opponents to let the disciples go free.

4. **Disciples.** As Isaiah prophesied, Jesus interceded for His disciples.

5. **Basis.** The high priest wanted to find any basis to attack Jesus so that He could be put to death.

6. **Questions.** Living Godly in the family of God means that people will always be asking questions about Jesus, His teaching, and His disciples.

7. **Answers.** We rejoice today because Jesus knows all the answers to all the questions anyone will ever ask us. We must rely upon Him for answers.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting that people will ask us questions about the disciples of Jesus and His teaching.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we live by the grace of God, knowing that the world hates us, and many religious leaders are part of that world of hate.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus because He willingly subjected Himself to a trial designed to convict Him of false charges, and never find the truth.**

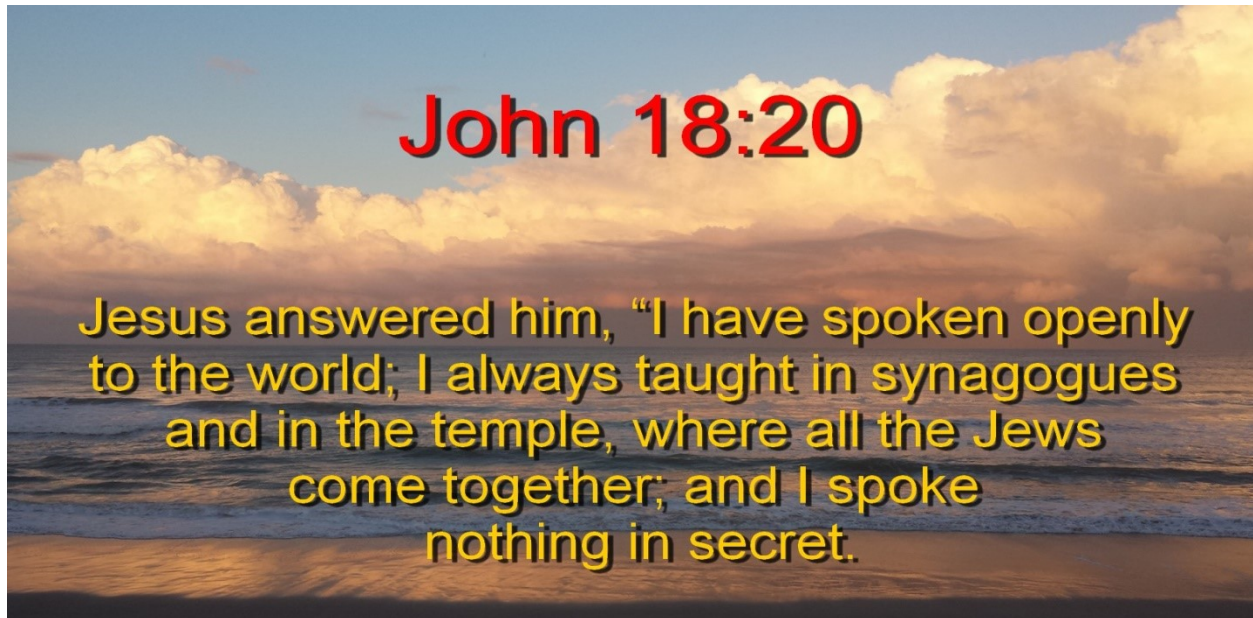
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting that many religious leaders will oppose Jesus and have questions about His disciples and teaching. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and be ready to give an answer to those who seek to know the truth?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Forty Seven

## Openly Today



How did Jesus respond to the high priest's request for information about His teaching? Jesus said He did nothing in secret.

Jesus spoke openly in the world. He was not a member of a secret society, or a secretive group. On the contrary, Jesus spoke openly in synagogues. He traveled all over Israel and drew large crowds on many occasions. Thousands of witnesses could testify to the teachings of Jesus.

Jesus also said that He spoke where all the Jews come together, referring to the temple. Jesus attended the feasts and drew large crowds. In fact, the religious authorities were jealous of Jesus and the attention He received from the people.

Jesus understood the motives of the high priest in questioning Jesus. Jesus gave a sound legal answer that many people could bear testimony. Many witnesses could confirm His teaching and fulfill the law of testimony by multiple witnesses. The high priest knew the law of testimony.

## ***Nothing in Secret***

1. **Preaching.** Did Jesus preach in secret? No. Jesus spoke nothing in secret.
2. **Teaching.** When the high priest questioned Jesus about His teaching, Jesus replied that He spoke nothing in secret.
3. **Completed.** By the time of His arrest, Jesus had completed His preaching ministry in the synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews came together.
4. **Not Secret.** If anyone tells you about the secret ministry of Jesus, remember that Jesus said He spoke nothing in secret.
5. **Father.** Jesus never denied His teachings or His relationship to the Father, even when Peter denied knowing Him.
6. **Savior.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus preached openly in the synagogues and in the temple so that the Jews would know Him as Savior.
7. **Gospel.** We rejoice today because Jesus preached the gospel not only to the Jews, but to Gentiles, like me, also.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by answering questions with the wisdom of God.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by giving evidence and presenting witnesses that reveal the truth.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we see Jesus display His knowledge and power to confound those who seek to prosecute Him.**

### **Application for Today**

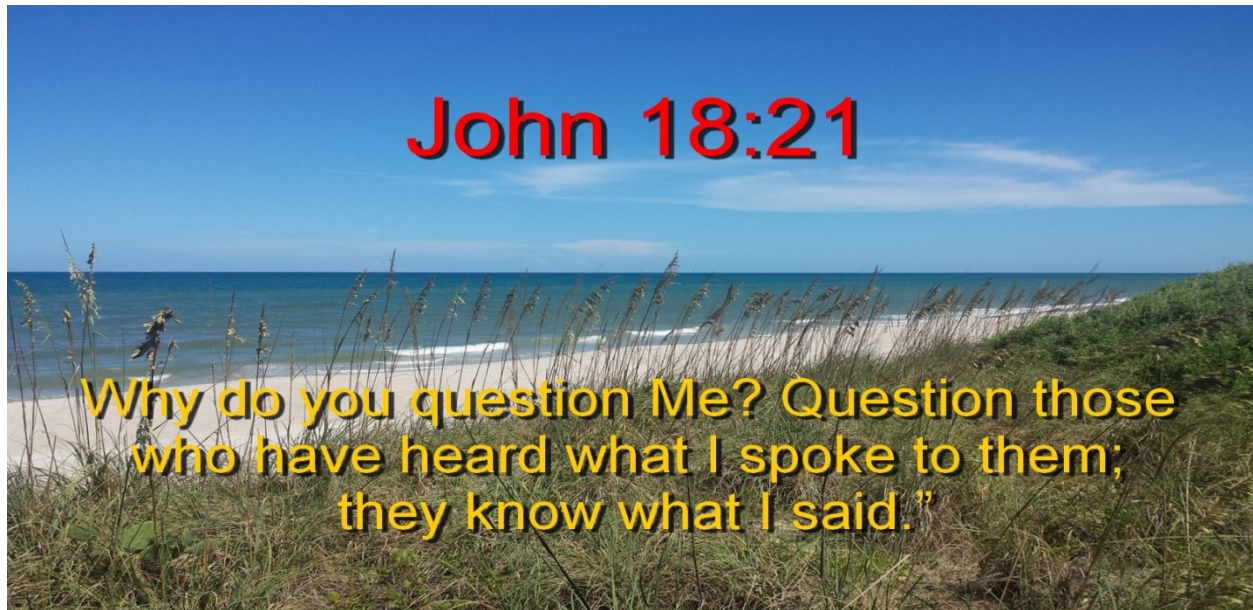
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to give us words to say when people attack us for our faith. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by relying upon God to help you answer questions produced by evil motives?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Forty Eight

## Question Today



Did Jesus ever answer a question with a question? Yes, Jesus answered questions with His own questions at times.

The high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples. Jesus responded with a question followed by an appeal to the law of testimony. On the testimony of two or three witnesses a matter shall be established as true.

The Jews had already criticized Jesus for offering testimony about Himself. They said He was a liar because He testified about Himself. Now the high priest solicits testimony from Jesus. The high priest sought to trap Jesus in His own testimony or else impeach Jesus as a witness because He testified about Himself.

Jesus never fell for cheap legal tricks. No one ever outsmarted Jesus. No one ever caught Jesus in a trick or devise. He knew all things and lovingly and patiently endured vessels prepared for destruction. Being a high priest



was no guarantee of heaven. Caiaphas opposed Jesus and so proved he never knew the God he claimed to serve as high priest.

## ***They Know***

1. **Publicly.** Why did Jesus tell the high priest to question those who heard Jesus? Because Jesus never taught in secret, but publicly; the people knew what He said.

2. **Openly.** Jesus said that He always taught openly in the world and taught in the synagogues and in the temple.

3. **Taught.** Jesus taught where all the Jews came together.

4. **Many.** The high priest may not have wanted to question many witnesses about Jesus because he feared inflaming the multitudes who considered Jesus a prophet.

5. **Witnesses.** Notice that Jesus invited many witnesses to His trial before the high priest, but none of His witnesses were called to the witness stand.

6. **Shared.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus had no intention of lying, dodging, or covering up His teaching; His entire ministry was about publicly sharing the good news of salvation in Him.

7. **Truth.** We rejoice today because Jesus always told the truth and He still proclaims the words of eternal life today.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by telling the truth under pressure.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by calling witnesses who can testify to the truth.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we remember Jesus exposing the truth behind questions.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by telling the truth and having witnesses to support the truth. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by counting upon God to help you present testimony pleasing to God?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Forty Nine

## Struck Jesus Today



**John 18:22**

When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?"

Why did one of the officers strike Jesus? The officer struck Jesus because His answer made the high priest look bad in front of everyone.

Jesus told the truth, and the truth will always be a very powerful instrument of righteousness. Jesus was the truth and spoke the words of truth. Jesus said He sanctified Himself for the sake of the disciples. He prayed that they would be sanctified in the word of God, which is truth.

The officer reacted spontaneously to Jesus following the law of testimony. The officer also displayed his deep animus toward Jesus. The very officer and officials who should be bowing before Jesus and acknowledging Him as God and Savior instead held Him in contempt and dishonored Him. They never intended to give Jesus a fair trial and find the truth.

Caiaphas himself had already concluded that Jesus must die, because the death of one man would be expedient to save the entire nation. Annas

also was not impartial in any way. He was merely looking for any means to convict Jesus and seek His death.

## ***Answer***

1. **Officer.** Why did the officer strike Jesus? The officer struck Jesus because he did not like the answer Jesus gave.

2. **Witnesses.** Jesus spoke the truth in public before many witnesses. Apparently, the officer and everyone else at that trial did not want those witnesses to speak.

3. **Strike.** Some people strike first and think later. No one should ever strike Jesus.

4. **Nailed.** Yet, we all nailed Jesus to the cross with our sins which He bore for our redemption.

5. **Biased.** Nothing Jesus said dishonored the high priest; but Jesus showed how the high priest dishonored Jesus by putting God in the flesh on trial before biased human judges.

6. **Submitted.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus willingly submitted Himself to arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death because He loved us.

7. **Trial.** We rejoice today because Jesus went to trial for us so that God would declare us righteous by the free gift of faith alone.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting people to dishonor Jesus because they never honored His Father or knew His Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that some people who claim to serve God actually oppose God and dishonor Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus because He sanctifies us in truth and the truth will always be a powerful instrument in the hands of God.**

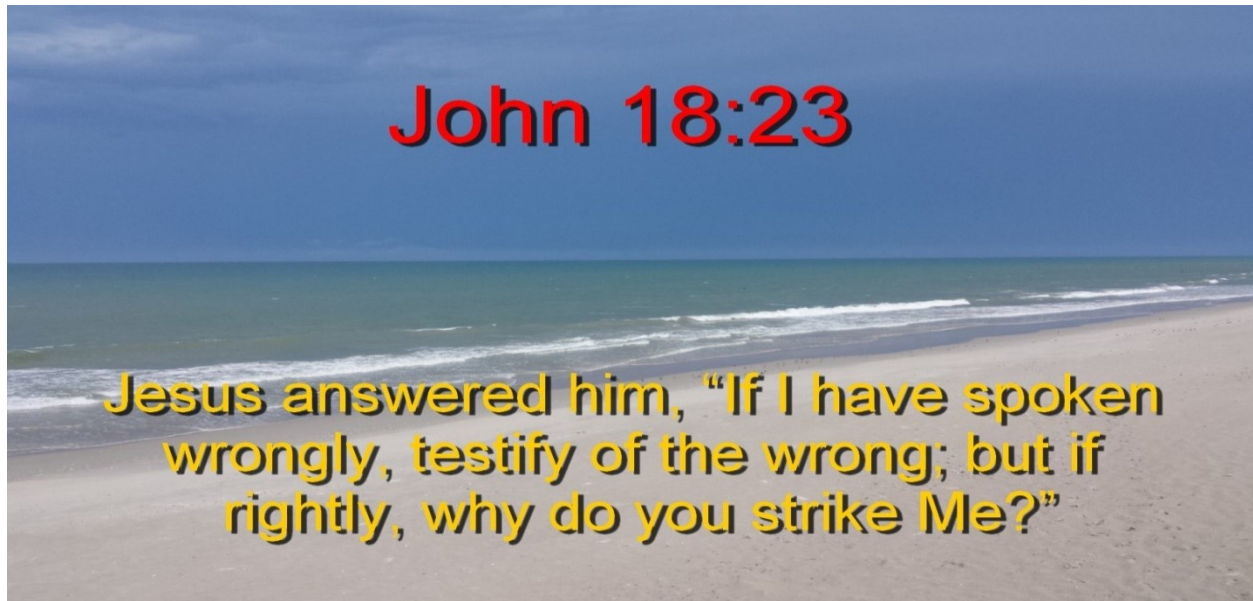
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by telling the truth and expecting strong opposition from some religious people. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by telling the truth and expecting repercussions from people who oppose Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Fifty

## If Rightly Today



How did Jesus answer the officer who struck Him? Jesus answered by directing attention to the justice embodied in His words.

Jesus challenged the officer who struck Him to consider His words. Jesus asked the officer to decide if the words of Jesus were evil or good. If they were good words and truthful words, based upon the law of testimony, then the officer struck Him for no good reason.

Jesus at any moment could have struck down every person opposing Him. Yet, Jesus loved them and wanted them to consider every word He said. Jesus was not trying to escape justice; His very words provided a sound defense to all charges. His teachings were well known and always truthful.

The officer acted upon the words of Jesus. Rather than pondering the words of Jesus as the perfect answer to the high priest, the officer acted impulsively and struck Jesus for no cause. Jesus had prophesied that He

would suffer, and the first blow had been struck for Jesus telling truth that struck home.

## ***Why Do You Strike Me?***

1. **First Blow.** After His arrest one of the officers struck the first recorded blow against Jesus. Many would follow.

2. **Incorrect.** Even after being struck, Jesus explained the correct criminal procedure to be followed by the court and officers.

3. **Improper.** Jesus did not admit He spoke wrongly, because He did not. The officer improperly struck Jesus.

4. **Immediate.** Jesus indicated that the officer should have testified about the alleged wrong, rather than imposing immediate punishment for righteous conduct.

5. **Love.** Jesus demonstrated what it means to love your enemies even when they strike you without cause.

6. **Righteousness.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we expect some religious people to punish righteous behavior.

7. **Demonstrated.** We rejoice today because Jesus demonstrated for us how to love our enemies.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the way that Jesus responded to physical violence against Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by expecting that telling the truth about Jesus will incite violence from religious people opposed to Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another as we suffer violence and opposition from people who think they are acting for God when they harm believers who tell the truth about Jesus.**

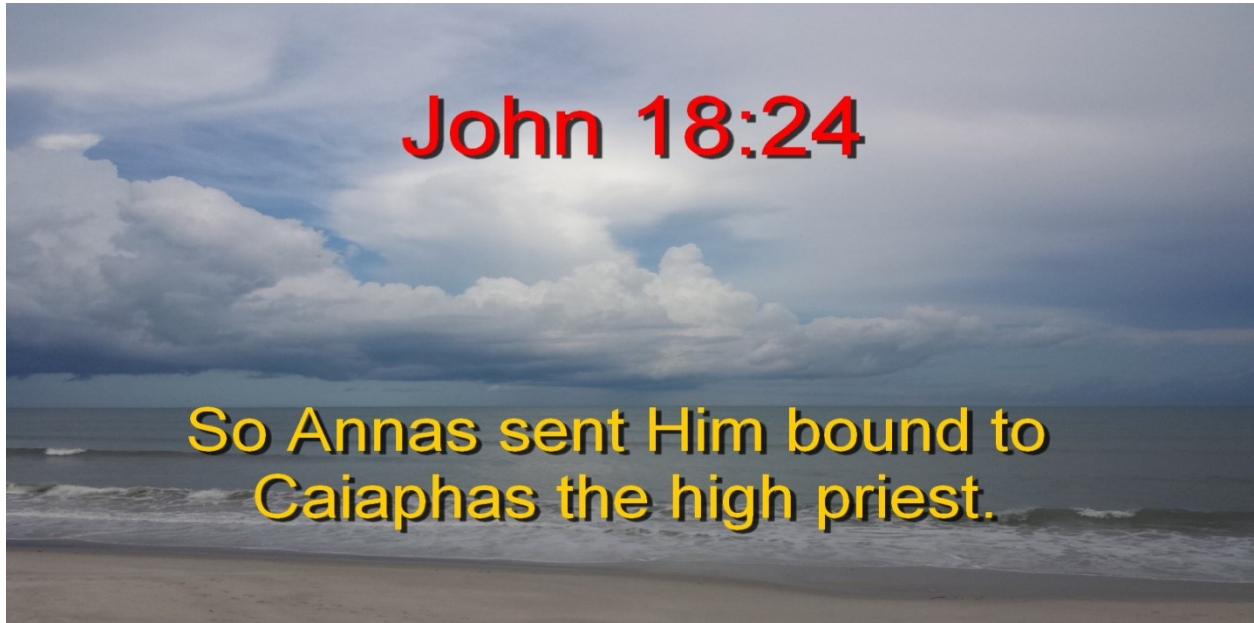
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting that telling the truth may be met with violence from some religious people who claim to be serving God, but never knew God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praying for saints who experience violence for telling the truth about Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Fifty One

## Annas Sent Today



Where did Annas send Jesus? Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the High Priest.

Annas was the father-in-law of Caiaphas. Annas was also a high priest, and examined Jesus first. Having found sufficient cause to send Jesus to Caiaphas, the high priest that year, Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas.

Caiaphas knew about Jesus. The religious council had struck a deal with Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus. The council had been planning on killing Jesus for some time. They were waiting for Him to come to the mandatory feast so that they could find a way to arrest and try Jesus without the crowds causing an uproar.

As a high priest, Caiaphas had duties to make religious judgments. The Jews had no authority to impose the death penalty, but they could refer the

case to the Romans for trial and execution. The Jews needed the Romans to convict Jesus and sentence Him to death.

## ***Bound***

1. **Determined.** Why did Annas send Jesus bound to the high priest? Annas had determined that Jesus must die and Caiaphas, the high priest, could deliver Jesus to the Roman governor for the death sentence.

2. **Examined.** Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year, acted like a magistrate to examine the accused and bind Him over for trial.

3. **Bound.** Annas examined Jesus about His teachings. Imagine binding God if He did not agree to be bound.

4. **Taught.** Jesus responded that He taught openly in the temple and in the synagogues; many of those witnesses could testify of His teaching.

5. **Challenged.** An officer struck Jesus for saying talk to the witnesses; Jesus challenged the man striking Him to bear witness of any wrong done by Him.

6. **Wrote.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus not only knew the Mosaic Law, but He also wrote the Mosaic Law and knew it inside and out.

7. **Unfair.** We rejoice today because Jesus laid down His life for us after the most unfair trial in history.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Annas examined Jesus and bound him over for trial before Caiaphas, the high priest that year.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Annas bound Jesus, but Jesus had never broken any law and taught often in public, the synagogues, and the temple.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by expecting that some tribunals do not seek the truth or righteousness, but only to further their own evil plans.**

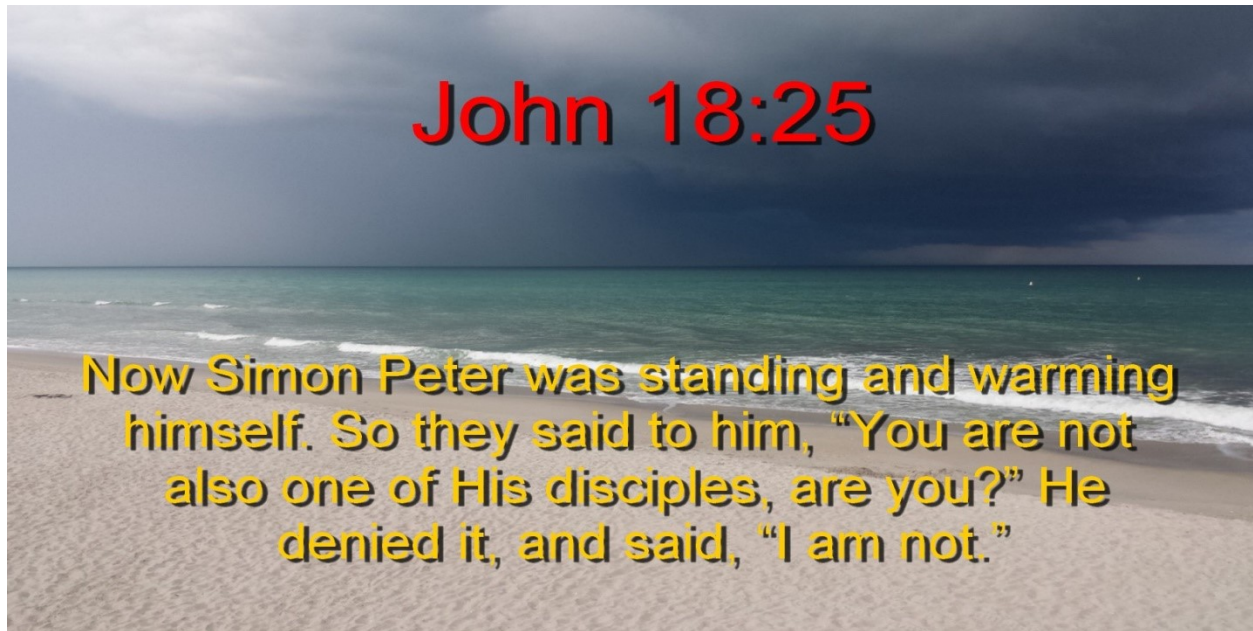
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus was bound and sent to Caiaphas, even when Jesus was innocent of all charges. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus willingly submitted Himself to the most unjust of trials for our sakes?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Fifty Two

## You Are Not Today



As Peter was standing with others, did he deny being a disciple of Jesus? Peter denied that he was a disciple of Jesus.

Peter put himself in a very strange situation. On the one hand, Peter wanted to be near Jesus and see what was going to happen to Jesus. He was on trial for His life, but Jesus had done nothing wrong. On the other hand, Peter was afraid to confess Jesus in any way for fear that they would arrest him next.

Jesus had told Peter that he would deny Jesus three times that same night. Peter had just declared he would lay down his life for Jesus. Jesus replied with the prophecy that Peter would actually deny Jesus three times. Peter had courage and fear at the same time. Courage to follow Jesus after His arrest, but fear to identify himself as a disciple or as someone who knew Jesus. Things for Peter were not going well.

## ***I Am Not***

1. **Peter.** Did Peter deny Jesus? Yes, Peter denied that he knew Jesus and that he was a disciple of Jesus.
2. **Symmetry.** In perfect negative symmetry, Jesus confessed that "I AM," and Peter denied saying "I am not."
3. **Feared.** Jesus controlled His arrest to be sure it succeeded; Peter feared arrest, lied, and denied Jesus.
4. **Lied.** At times we have courage to follow Jesus, but in the face of fierce pressure, we too may lie and deny Him.
5. **Lost.** We know that Peter stood near the fire to warm himself, but when the fire of aggression burned too close, he lost the spiritual battle which Jesus won.
6. **Grace.** Living Godly in the family of God means that the grace of God pulls us out of dark spiritual times.
7. **Loves.** We rejoice today because Jesus always wins, even when we fail Him. He loves us always.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by realizing that we all can do things under pressure that cause us shame, like denying Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by realizing that Jesus knows when the devil will sift us like wheat, and we will fall into serious sin.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging saints who deny Jesus to remember Peter and learn from his sinful errors.**

### **Application for Today**

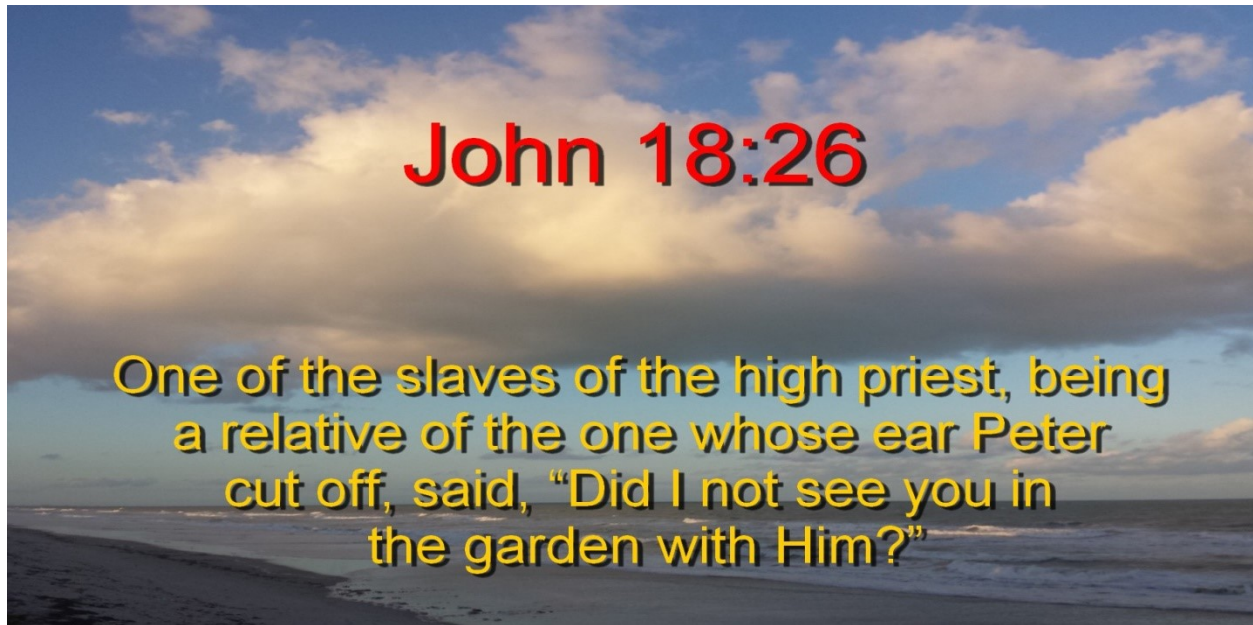
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that one night of denials will not disqualify anyone for future service if they were truly saved in the first place. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that severe pressures can produce very evil behavior in the moment?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Fifty Three

## Cut Off Today



Did cutting off the ear of the high priest's slave come back to trouble Peter? Yes, a relative of that slave asked Peter if he was in the garden with Jesus when Jesus was arrested.

At times in our lives, the sins we committed in the heat of the moment may come back later. When Peter cut the ear off of Malchus, one of his relatives had a clear view of Peter. That relative knew that Peter had hurt her relative and Peter apparently tried to kill him. Relatives tend to remember the people who tried kill their relatives that same night.

The relative asked Peter in front of many witnesses if he was in the garden with Jesus. Peter had already denied Jesus twice, and Peter was now faced with a third problem. Having already denied twice, we know that Peter had not fled the scene after his first two lies and denials. Peter stuck around for more problems.

## ***Did I Not***

1. **Eyewitness.** Why does eyewitness testimony make a difference? In this case the witness had a special relationship with a slave who temporarily lost an ear to Peter's sword.

2. **Reason.** Some witnesses have a reason to remember precisely what happened and who did it. They say things like, "Did I not see you."

3. **Relative.** Relatives of injured people often remember precisely what happened.

4. **Confronted.** The relative of the injured slave confronted Peter directly about Peter's presence in the garden with Jesus at the time of His arrest.

5. **Sin.** People in our lives can testify to the times we sinned and failed Jesus.

6. **Noticed.** Living Godly in the family of God means that people notice our sinful activity; God knows our every sin and has forgiven our every sin.

7. **Overcome.** We rejoice today because God love sinners like us and helps us overcome our failures in the past.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that one denial of Jesus may lead to another denial of Jesus and then another denial of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we realize that denying Jesus in any way before other people will cause us great sorrow sooner or later.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging saints who have repeatedly denied Jesus to remember that Jesus still loves them and gave His soul to redeem them from the death penalty of sin.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that many saints will fall into patterns of sin that seem overwhelming at the time. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by believing in God and believing in Jesus after periods of great sin and denial of Jesus before other people?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Fifty Four

## Denied It Again Today



What did Peter do before the rooster crowed? Peter denied Jesus for the third time before the rooster crowed.

Jesus had prophesied that Peter would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed. Peter had boldly proclaimed that he would lay down his life for Jesus, and now Peter knew that Jesus was right and Peter's words were empty.

Denying Jesus means that Peter had lost a serious spiritual battle. Saints lose spiritual battles from time to time. We say things we should never say. Peter said things under pressure that caused him great sorrow later.

Peter desired to stay near Jesus, but that decision brought him into great peril. Peter drew attention to himself by cutting off a slave's ear before many witnesses. News spread fast and people now knew Peter was there with

Jesus. Peter did not run and hide, but did run away from Jesus and denied Jesus before witnesses.

## ***Rooster Crowed***

1. **Denied.** Did Peter deny Jesus three times? Yes, Jesus prophesied that Peter would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed and, indeed, Peter did.

2. **Walked.** Although Peter walked with Jesus for years on a daily basis, Peter still denied Jesus.

3. **Peter.** Although Peter blustered that he would never deny Jesus, but lay down his life for Jesus, Peter still denied Jesus.

4. **Prophesied.** Although Jesus told Peter all about the prophecy of his three denials, Peter still denied Jesus.

5. **Jesus.** Although Peter denied Jesus, Jesus never denied Peter.

6. **Faithful.** Living Godly in the family of God means that God always remains faithful, even when we deny Him.

7. **Forever.** We rejoice today because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. He loved us then, He loves us now and He will love us tomorrow.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that when we make bold proclamations of our intentions to lay down our lives for Jesus, time will tell what we will actually do under spiritual pressure later.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by recognizing the nature of intense spiritual battles.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by understanding that losing a spiritual battle may bring serious spiritual consequences, but we remain saints and part of the family of God.**

### **Application for Today**

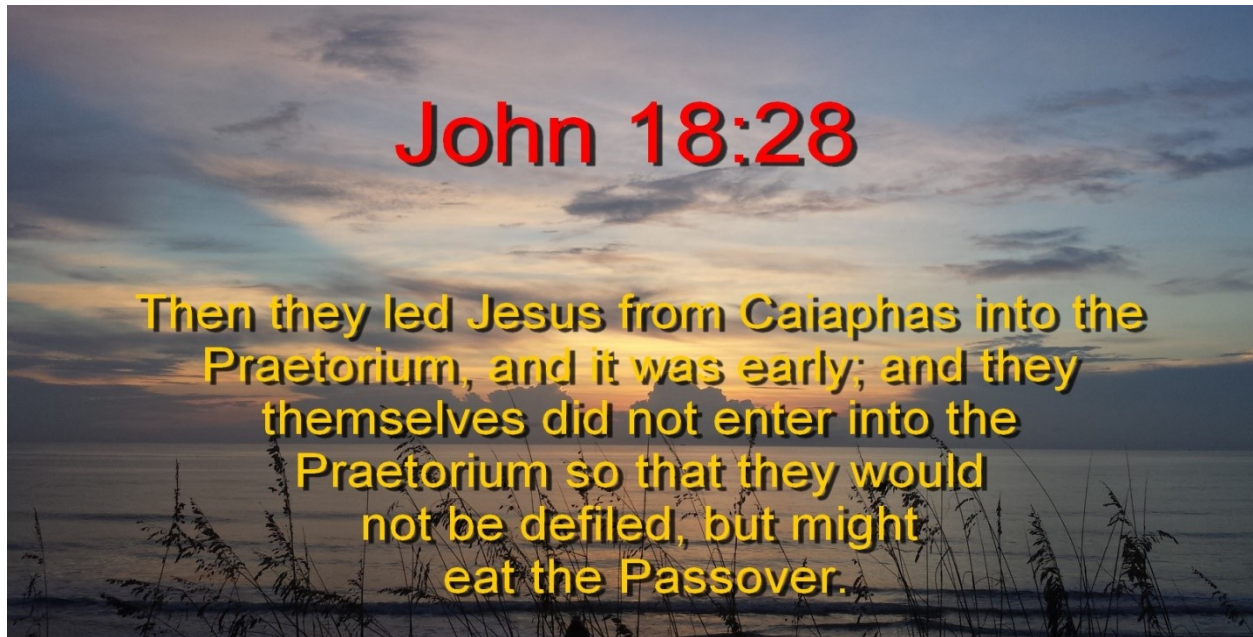
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus never stops loving us and we can never leave the body of Christ. Will you live Godly in the family of God today remembering that Jesus said that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Fifty Five

## Led Jesus Today



Where did they lead Jesus after they left Caiaphas? They lead Jesus to the Praetorium.

The Jewish leaders led Jesus to the Praetorium, the home of the Roman governor. The Jews were to eat the Passover, and so they did not want to go into the Praetorium. It was early and they wanted to avoid being defiled.

While the Jews focused upon ceremonial cleanness, their hearts were filled with evil. They were straining out the gnats and eating the camel. They were taking Jesus to the Romans for trial and execution. While they were worried about defiling themselves, they did not understand they were seeking to execute the Son of God for telling them the truth.

Jesus had prophesied earlier that both the Jews and Romans would cause Him to suffer and the He would be crucified. Jesus knew that the



Romans would have to authorize His crucifixion, and Jesus did not seek acquittal or release. He was going to drink the cup the Father set before Him.

## ***The Praetorium***

1. **Residence.** Why did they lead Jesus to the Praetorium? They led Jesus to the Praetorium because that was the official residence of Pilate, the Roman governor.

2. **Enemies.** Jesus warned people not to strain out the gnat and swallow the camel. The enemies of Jesus pretended to try Him according to the Law. They actually swallowed the camel of evil by trying Jesus and finding Him guilty of breaking God's Law. Jesus never broke the Law, but fulfilled the Law.

3. **Abomination.** Putting God on trial for any reason is a miscarriage of justice and an abomination.

4. **Unjust.** Having rendered their unjust verdict that Jesus had blasphemed, the enemies of Jesus then brought Him to the Praetorium, where they hoped Pilate would impose the death penalty upon Jesus.

5. **Unclean.** The Jews did not want to enter the Praetorium because doing so would render them unclean and unable to eat the Passover. More swallowing the camel.

6. **Death.** Living Godly in the family of God means that the enemies of Jesus stopped at nothing to put Him to death.

7. **Free.** We rejoice today because Jesus never broke the Law, but fulfilled the Law, so that we would be free in Him.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that while Peter was denying Jesus, Jesus was following the plan of His Father without wavering.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by seeing the contrast between the sins of Peter and the glory of Jesus when they both faced spiritual battles.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus more because He first loved us and gave Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins without shrinking back or seeking to escape.**

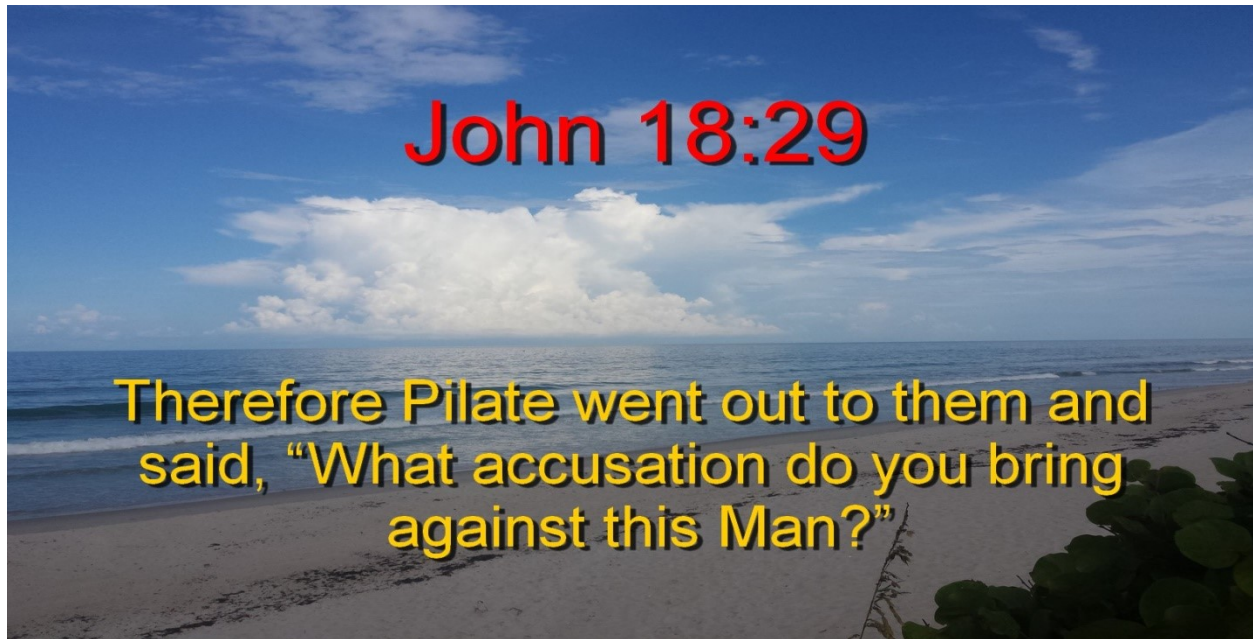
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the love of Jesus that sent Him to the Praetorium for trial and then crucifixion. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus opened heaven's door for us by leaving heaven's glory to die on the cross for us?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Fifty Six

## Pilate Today



What did Pilate ask the Jews? Pilate asked them to state the accusation they brought against Jesus.

The Jews had tried Jesus before their religious tribunal. Because they sought to impose the death penalty upon Jesus, they also needed Pilate the governor to sentence Jesus to death under Roman law.

You may recall that the Roman cohort attended the arrest of Jesus. The Romans were going to crucify Jesus, and Pilate was the main player in that court drama.

Pilate asked the Jews for their accusation. As the judge of Jesus, Pilate started with a request for the accusation against Jesus. In Roman courts, people had the right to hear the charges. Basic due process of law included notice of the charges and an opportunity to be heard.

Jesus was never going to receive a fair trial or due process of law. Jesus was laying down His soul because He loved us and gave Himself for us. He knew the outcome before the trial started.

## ***What Accusation?***

1. **Pilate**. The Jews led Jesus to the Roman Governor, Pilate. He had the authority to impose the death sentence under Roman law. Therefore, the Jews had to have Pilate find Jesus guilty of a capital offense.

2. **Accusations**. Why did Pilate seek accusations against Jesus? Pilate wanted to know why the Jews brought Jesus for trial.

3. **Accommodation**. Pilate accommodated the Jews by going out to them so that they would not become unclean and miss Passover.

4. **Habit**. Pilate made a habit of pleasing the Jews, even at the expense of justice for Jesus.

5. **Judge**. As a Roman judge, Pilate needed to understand the accusations against Jesus.

6. **Justice**. Living Godly in the family of God means that we trust God to provide justice, not human beings.

7. **Mercy**. We rejoice today because sinless Jesus took the justice we deserved and poured His grace and mercy upon us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Roman trial Jesus received.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we learn more about Pilate and his sense of justice for Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we love Jesus for giving Himself to human courts ready to convict Him without any evidence of a crime.**

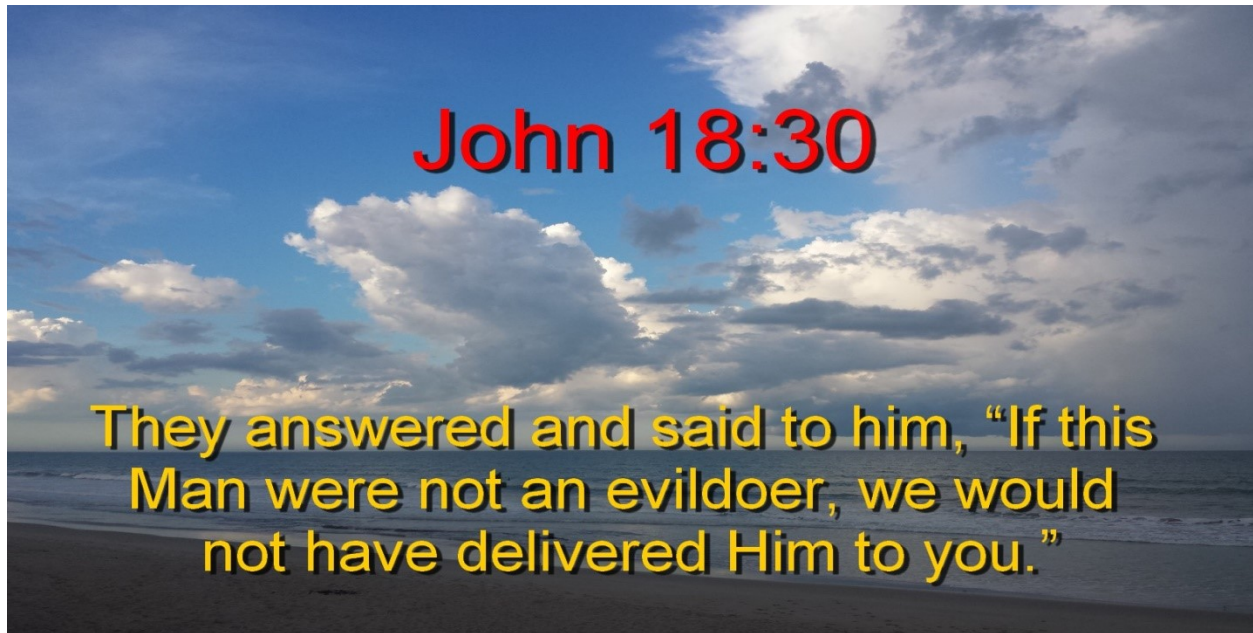
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding the legal process that led to the conviction, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by learning more about Jesus and trials within trials?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Fifty Seven

## Evildoer Today



What accusations did the Jews lodge against Jesus? They claimed Jesus was an evildoer and so they delivered Him to Pilate for judgment.

Notice that Pilate asked for their accusation against Jesus. Pilate was looking for a basis to try Jesus in a Roman court. The Jews had an obligation to state the charges about what Roman law Jesus had broken. Of course the Jews were going to have an impossible time finding any such charge because Jesus did not break Roman law or Jewish law.

Jesus was righteous in all His behavior. He did not sin against God or against man. The Jews would have to fabricate charges and suborn perjury with witnesses to prove Jesus had broken Roman law.

The Jews essentially looked at Pilate and said that he should take their word that Jesus deserved death under Roman law. Instead of stating an

accusation, they resorted to saying Jesus was an evildoer without specifying the evil He did.

## ***Delivered Him***

1. **Specific.** Pilate asked the Jews for the specific accusations they were making against Jesus.

2. **Evildoer.** The Jews sidestepped the question and said essentially: "Trust us. He is an evildoer. Now convict Him."

3. **Holy.** Can you imagine calling holy and righteous Jesus an evildoer?

4. **Acts.** Jesus had been called many things by many people, but He never committed a single evil act.

5. **Death Penalty.** The Jews did not want to cite specific religious charges against Jesus because they wanted the death penalty for an offense under Roman law.

6. **Secular.** Living Godly in the family of God means that our enemies use the secular courts to achieve evil purposes.

7. **World.** We rejoice today because Jesus did not come to judge the world, but to save the world by giving His life a ransom for a many, like us.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Jews intended for Jesus to die on their say so alone.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by appreciating the loving restraint that Jesus showed by submitting to this mockery of a real trial.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for His great compassion for all people in submitting Himself to a show trial with the verdict written before any charges were stated or any evidence presented.**

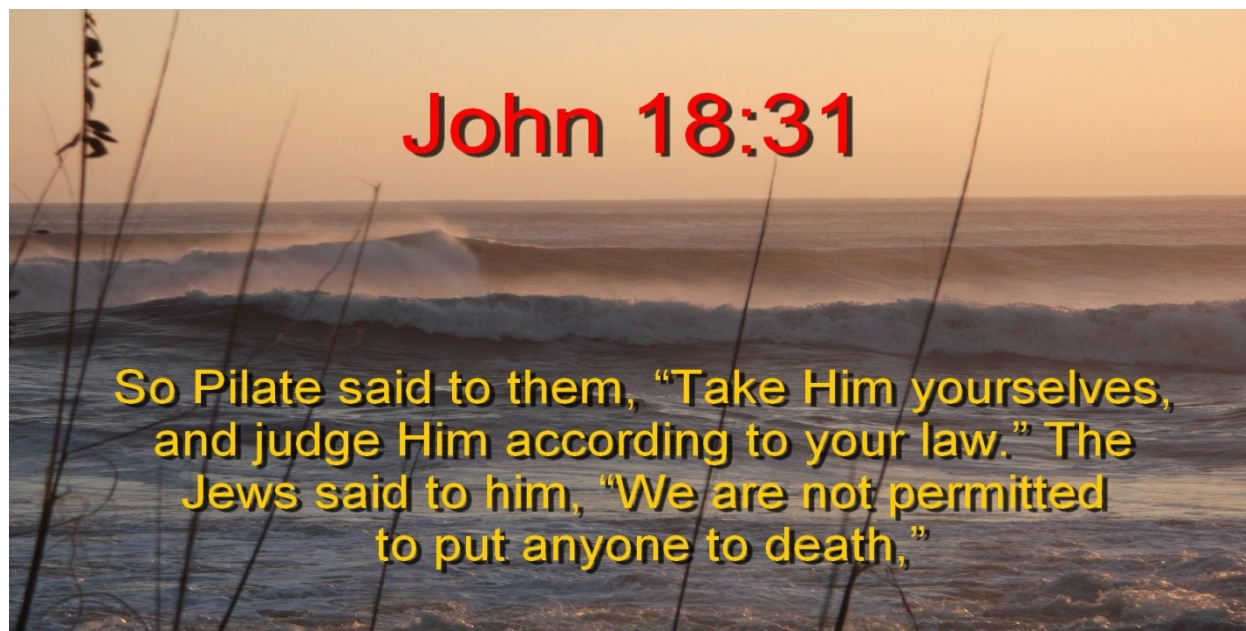
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus loved us and gave Himself for us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering Jesus before Pilate and that the Jews could not state an accusation against Him?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Fifty Eight

## Take Him Today



What did Pilate say to the Jews? Pilate told the Jews to take Jesus and judge Him according to your own law.

Pilate saw through the Jews' answer to his request for an accusation against Jesus. When the Jews said to trust them that Jesus was an evildoer, Pilate responded that they could try Him under their Jewish law.

Pilate attempted, for the first time, to send Jesus back to the Jews, knowing that they could not impose the death penalty upon Jesus. The Jews answered that they could not put anyone to death. The Jews left no doubt in Pilate's mind that they wanted to kill Jesus and do so under Roman authority. In other words, the Jews wanted the Romans to do the heavy lifting with Jesus. They knew they could not execute Jesus, which would cause a variety of problems for the Jewish rulers, but the Romans could execute Jesus and so be held responsible. Things did not turn out the way the Jews wanted things to go. In the short run, they executed Jesus. In the long

run, they executed themselves by their sinful behavior and the death penalty was eternal destruction in the Lake of Fire.

## ***To Death***

1. **Pilate.** Why did the Jews take Jesus to Pilate? Because the Jews could not put Jesus to death, but Pilate could.

2. **Roman.** As the Roman Governor, Pilate had Roman authority to put people to death after trial.

3. **Jews.** In the case of Jesus, the Jews had already made up their minds that Jesus must die.

4. **Hope.** The Jews were hoping that Pilate would rubber stamp their decision of guilt and impose the death penalty upon Jesus.

5. **Death.** Pilate tried to refer the case back to the Jews, but the Jews had none of it because they wanted death for Jesus.

6. **Judgment.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus submitted Himself to the corrupt judgment of death because He loved us.

7. **Slaughter.** We rejoice today because Jesus kept silent as a lamb led to slaughter so that we would live eternally and never face the death penalty.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by realizing that Jesus faced the death penalty without cause.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Jews were bound and determined to see Jesus executed as quickly as possible by the Roman government.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus that He planned on using His time with Pilate for the glory of God.**

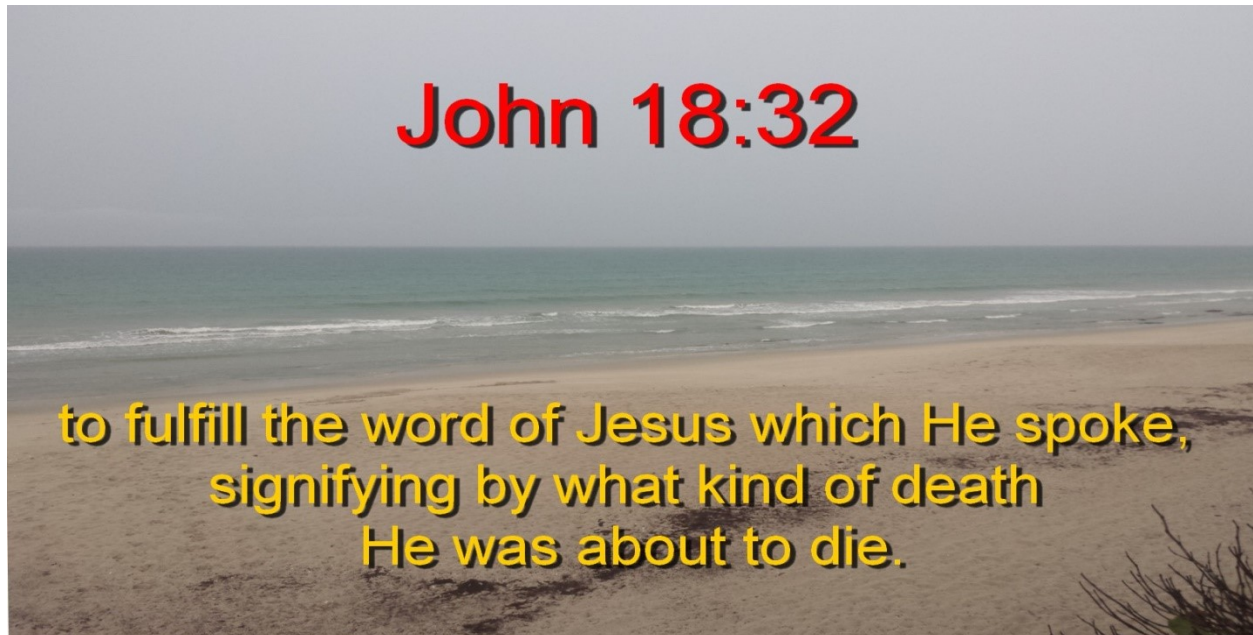
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by making the most of the time God has given to us to testify to people in authority about the love of Jesus Christ. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering Jesus at trial on completely false charges before a rigged court?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Fifty Nine

## Fulfill the Word Today



What kind of death did Jesus suffer? Jesus suffered crucifixion, the death penalty imposed by the Romans.

Jesus and the Scripture go hand in hand. Jesus not only wrote the Scriptures, He fulfilled many Scriptures. Before He arrived in Jerusalem, Jesus had revealed the type of death He would suffer. He knew that crucifixion would be imposed by the Romans.

Jesus signified the kind of death He would die. Death by crucifixion could be a slow and very painful kind of death. The more we learn about the death of Jesus, the more we appreciate the love that motivated Him to die for us.

The Jews stoned people to death. They even picked up stones to stone Jesus on more than one occasion. They tried to kill Jesus with stones when He identified Himself as greater than Abraham. They also tried to kill Jesus

when He said He was One with the Father. Even so, Jesus was not destined to die from stones, but from being hung on a cross, lifted up from the earth.

## *To Die*

1. **Crucifixion.** How did the Jews fulfill the prophecy of Jesus without even knowing it? The Jews demanded Roman crucifixion, just as Jesus prophesied that He would be lifted up in death.

2. **God.** Jesus was Prophet, Priest and King, as well as Savior and Lord and God.

3. **Prophesied.** Jesus prophesied about many things. Not all of them have been fulfilled yet. Not one of them has failed.

4. **Program.** Jesus lived prophecy and so do we. God described the future of the church and believers and the end of the world. We are all on God's program, moving towards His end points.

5. **Fulfilled.** The Holy Spirit revealed to John just how the prophecies of Jesus were fulfilled.

6. **True.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we enjoy the prophecies of Jesus because we know they will come true.

7. **Future.** We rejoice today because Jesus knows the future and controls the future.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Scriptures will always be fulfilled.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by praising God that Jesus fulfilled Scripture by being crucified.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another to keep our faith focused upon Jesus, because He suffered crucifixion for us.**

### **Application for Today**

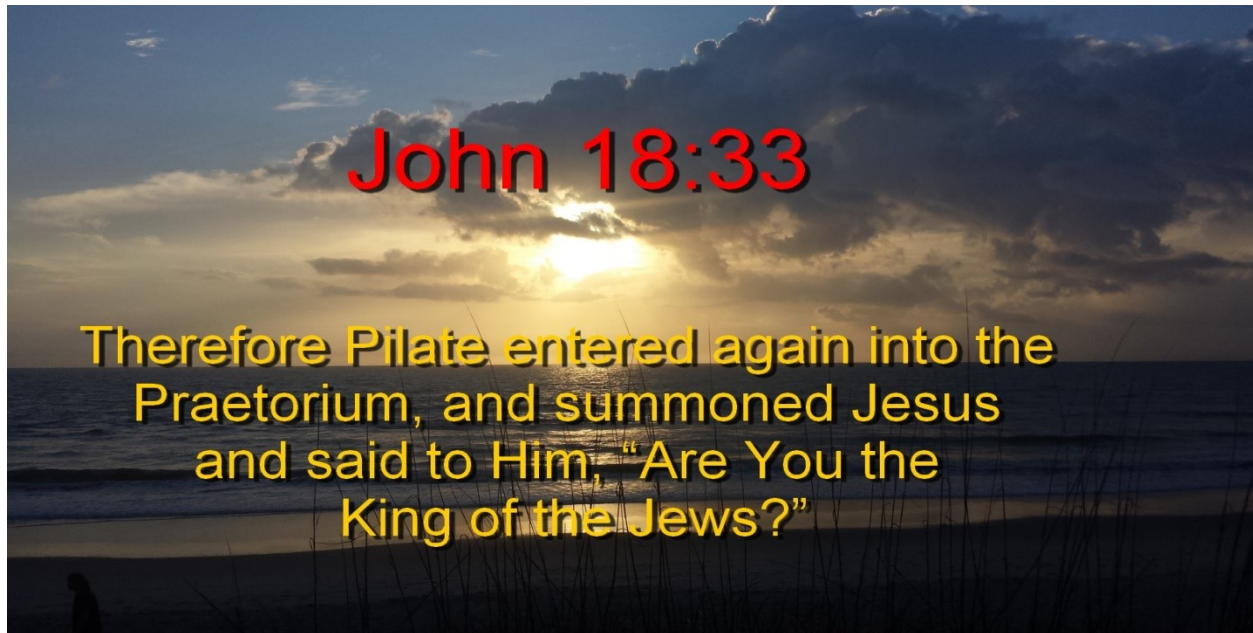
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for undergoing a terrible death so that we might live forever. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by enjoying the new life Jesus gave to you by giving His life on the cross?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Sixty

## Entered Again Today



What did Pilate ask Jesus? Pilate asked Jesus if He was King of the Jews.

The Jews brought Jesus to Pilate so that he would impose the death penalty upon Jesus. The Jews wanted Jesus to suffer crucifixion. They hated Jesus and looked forward to His death.

After they had a Jewish trial for Jesus, they took Him bound to Pilate. The Passover was near so they did not want to go into the Praetorium. Pilate asked them what accusation they made against Jesus. They did not name an accusation, but said Jesus must be guilty or they would not have brought Jesus to Pilate.

Pilate later asked Jesus if He was the King of the Jews. Pilate asked a very penetrating question. If Jesus claimed to be king, then Jesus was guilty of trying to overthrow the Roman government, and so guilty of capital

offense. Pilate knew just what question to ask to give Jesus an opportunity to declare His own guilt.

## ***King of the Jews***

1. **Absolutely.** Was Jesus the King of the Jews? Absolutely yes.
2. **Perceptive.** Pilate asked Jesus a very perceptive question. Pilate perceived the Jews were acting out of jealousy against Jesus.
3. **Charge.** The Jews sought a charge under Roman law that would bring the death penalty to Jesus.
4. **Sufficient.** If Jesus made Himself out to be the King of the Jews and was planning a rebellion against Caesar, then the Jews had found the charge sufficient to kill Jesus, if proved.
5. **Question.** Therefore, Pilate drove right to the heart of the matter with his question, 'Are you King of the Jews?'"
6. **King.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we all recognize that Jesus is the King of the Jews; in fact, Jesus is the King of the universe.
7. **Life.** We rejoice today because Jesus, the King of the Jews, laid down His life for both Jews and Gentiles.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering always that Jesus is King.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that people like Pilate want to know if Jesus is truly the king.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus will always tell the truth, even when others deny Him and try to save their lives with lies.**

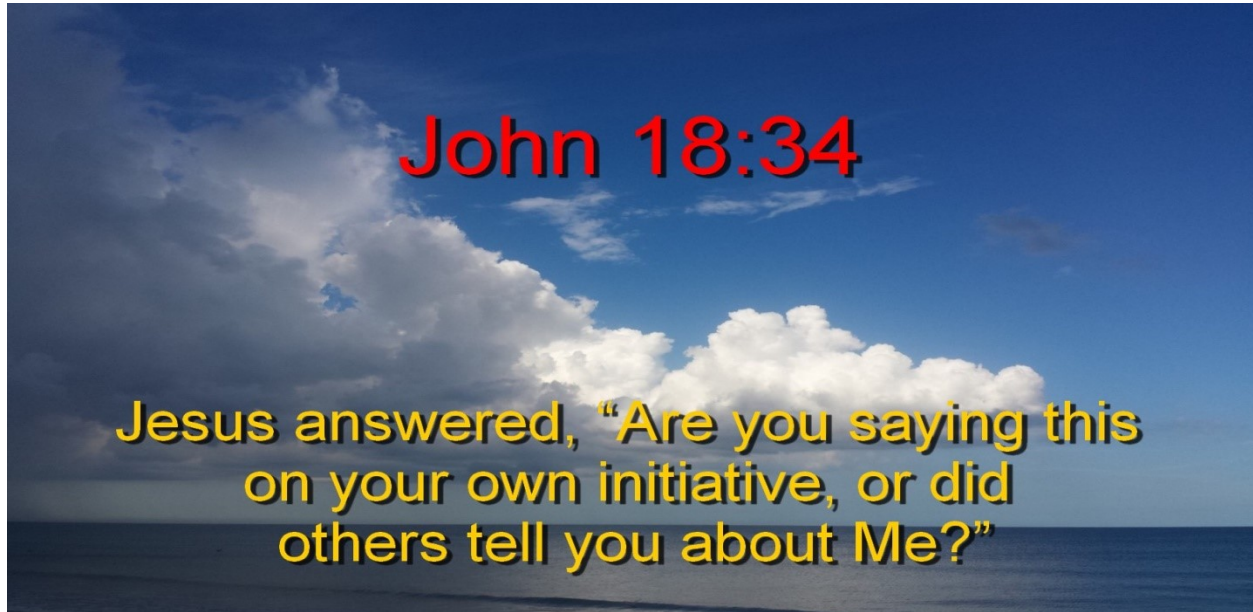
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to tell the truth at all times, no matter who is asking Him questions. Will you live Godly in the family of God today telling the truth about Jesus to people who ask you questions?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Sixty One

## Initiative Today



How did Jesus answer Pilate's question: "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied with a question of His own.

Jesus responded with a question about why Pilate asked if Jesus was King of the Jews. Jesus asked about the basis for the question. Was Pilate asking on his own initiative? Did Pilate just want to know if Jesus was King of the Jews? Or did other people tell Pilate about Jesus?

Notice that Jesus wanted Pilate to think about Jesus as king. Jesus wanted to expose Pilate's reasons for the question. By getting Pilate thinking about who may have told Pilate about Jesus claiming to be the King of the Jews, Jesus knew that Pilate would understand the truth. Jesus was laying the groundwork with Pilate for a clear statement about the deity and royalty of Jesus. But first, Pilate had to understand the Jews and their ways of manipulating Pilate for their own ends, the crucifixion of Jesus.

## *About Me*

1. **Doubt.** Why did Pilate ask Jesus if He were the King of the Jews? Because Pilate doubted the Jews.
2. **Jews.** If Jesus claimed to be the King of the Jews, then the Jews could argue the charge of Roman treason for Jesus making Himself King of the Jews.
3. **Reality.** Of course, Jesus was actually the King of the Jews.
4. **Pilate.** Pilate also wanted to know more about Jesus, for He had drawn multitudes to Himself.
5. **Truth.** Jesus never denied the truth, but He also remained silent without defense.
6. **World.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus has always been the King of the Jews and of the whole world.
7. **Kingdom.** We rejoice today because Jesus left heaven above to bring His kingdom to earth.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by questioning the motives of people opposed to Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by learning from Jesus how to handle questions from our adversaries.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another during times of persecution to remember Jesus as He was on trial for crimes He never committed.**

### **Application for Today**

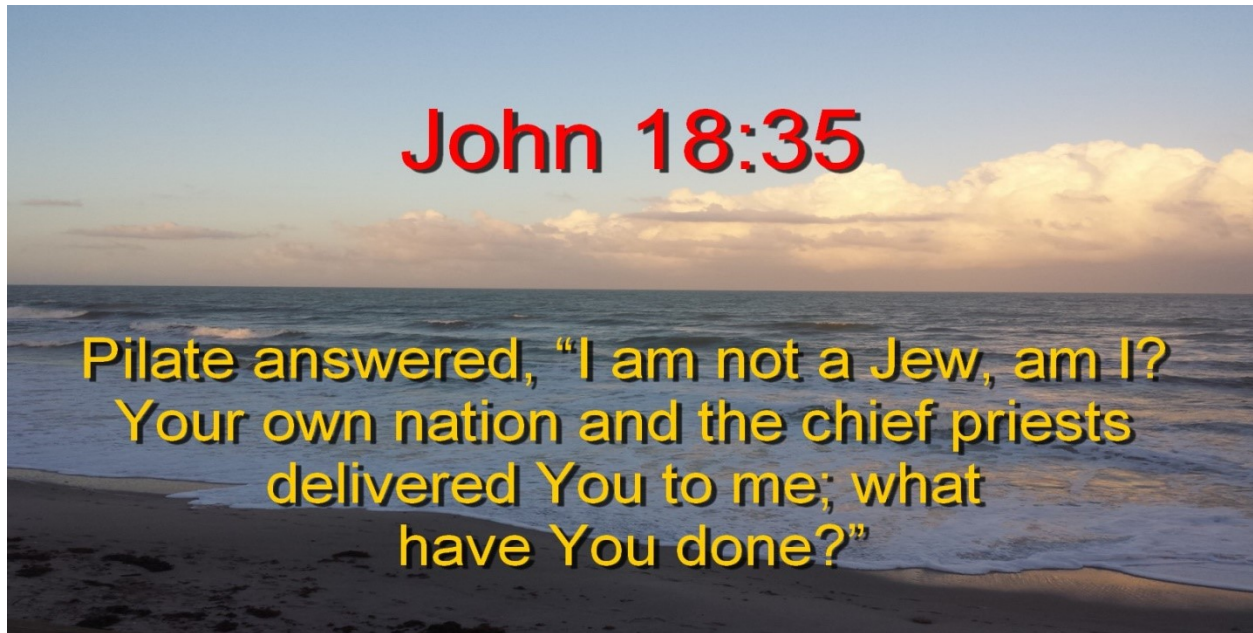
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering how Jesus answered pointed questions. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by trusting God to provide perfect responses to questions from unbelievers?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Sixty Two

## Pilate Answered Today



How did Pilate answer Jesus? Pilate answered first with a question.

Pilate first answered and said, "I am not a Jew, am I?" Pilate implied that others had told him that Jesus claimed to be King of the Jews. Of course Jesus was King of the Jews, but in what sense was Jesus King of the Jews?

Pilate then replied that Jesus' own nation and the chief priests delivered Jesus to Pilate. Pilate knew the accusers, but not their accusations. When Pilate asked them to state their accusation against Jesus, they said trust them, Jesus was guilty. They did not state any accusation against Jesus.

Pilate asked Jesus directly what He had done to cause the Jews to deliver Him to Pilate. Pilate already knew that the Jews were up to something. As governor, Pilate wanted to know the truth, at least some of the truth. He gave Jesus a chance to relate the charges against Him and to answer those charges.



## ***Delivered***

1. **Pilate.** Pilate answered Jesus' question with his own questions and an answer.
2. **Answered.** Pilate answered Jesus saying that the Jews and the chief priests handed Jesus over to Pilate.
3. **Questions.** Pilate also answered with questions. Pilate declared he was not a Jew. Pilate meant that he was acting upon the charges brought by the Jews against Jesus.
4. **What?** Pilate also answered with another question: What have You done?
5. **Interest.** Pilate had some interest in getting at the truth.
6. **Truth.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus spoke the truth to Pilate.
7. **Innocent.** We rejoice today because we know the truth about the trial of Jesus. All the world condemned an innocent man, who was God in the flesh.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus had done nothing wrong, and yet the Jews delivered Jesus to Pilate for crucifixion.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus said if they hated Him, then they would also hate His disciples.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for being cool under pressure. Peter broke under pressure and denied Jesus three times. Jesus always told the truth and guided the conversation.**

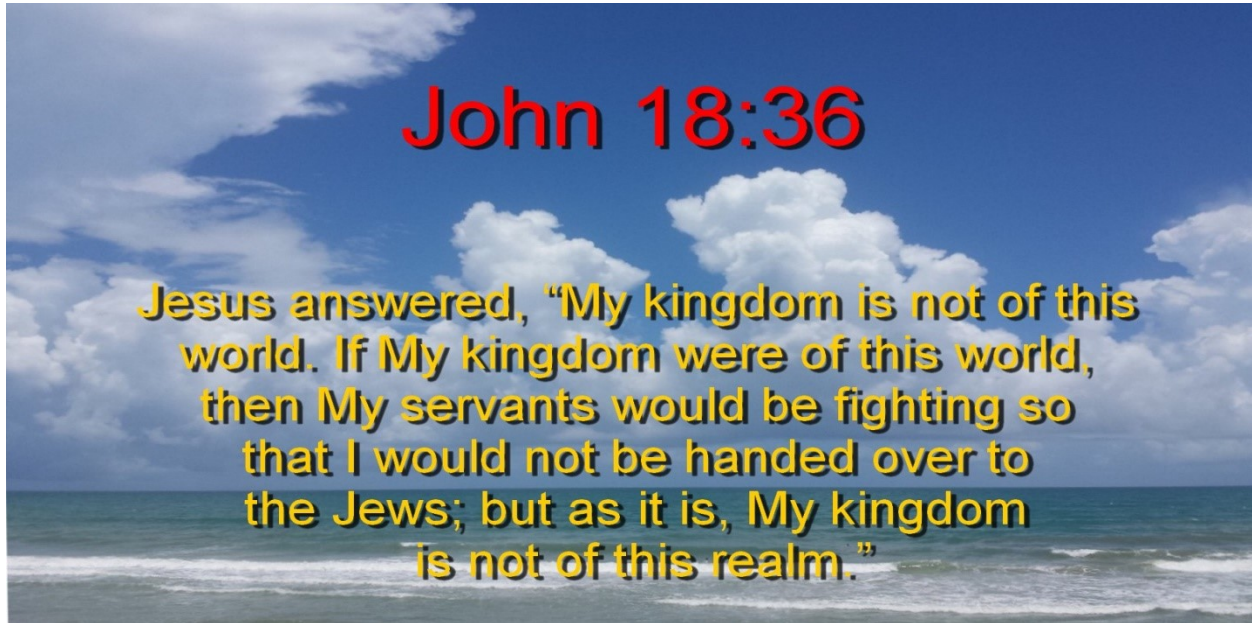
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus talked with Pilate about spiritual matters. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by talking with unbelievers about Jesus and His death and resurrection?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Sixty Three

## My Kingdom Today



How did Jesus answer the question about if He was the King of the Jews? Jesus said His kingdom was not of this world.

Jesus implied that Pilate's kingdom was of this world. Jesus had already told His disciples that the world would hate them because they were not of this world. In fact, God the Father sent Jesus into the world to save the world because the Father loved the world. He did not want anyone to perish, but to have eternal life.

Jesus then explained that His kingdom was not of this world. If it were, then His servants would be fighting so that He would not have been handed over to the Jews. Just like Jesus was not of this world, so also His kingdom was not now here.

Jesus destroyed the argument that He was planning an insurrection. The Father's plan did not involve immediately setting Jesus upon His royal

throne in Jerusalem, but to seek and to save the lost by sacrificing His Son for sinners.

## ***This World***

1. **Kingdom**. Jesus proclaimed that the Kingdom of God was at hand. Most people rejected Jesus and His own did not receive Him. For those who did, they learned what Jesus meant about His kingdom.

2. **World**. Jesus used the common word for world. God the Father so loved that world that He gave His unique Son so that whoever believed in Jesus as Savior would be saved.

3. **Servants**. Jesus said that His servants would have fought if His kingdom were of this world. Jesus said He had access to more than twelve legions of angels. One angel could kill more than 150,000 warriors at a time.

4. **Handed Over**. Jesus did not call upon His servants because He did not oppose being handed over to the Jews for trial and crucifixion.

5. **Here**. Jesus then declared that His kingdom is not “here.” The term “realm” does not convey the ordinary meaning of the term “here” used in all the other occurrences of the term in the New Testament. It simply means here, as opposed to there. It can also mean on one side and then the other side. The two thieves were “here” and “here” on the crosses next to Jesus. People leave “here” and go away. By using the word “realm,” the translators brought in a foreign idea to the simple word “here.” Jesus did not deny that His kingdom is of this “realm,” He denied it was “here” now.

6. **Jews**. Living Godly in the family of God means that we remember that the Jews, the chosen people of God, did not receive Jesus, and they also had Him crucified.

7. **Jerusalem**. We rejoice today because one day Jesus will come back and His bring His kingdom here, with His throne in Jerusalem. The Jews, from the least of them to the greatest of them, alive on earth at that time, will look upon Jesus Whom they killed and mourn. They will then come to know the Lord Jesus as King and Savior of the World.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus said His kingdom is not of this world.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by listening carefully to what Jesus said, especially about the kingdom of God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus, the King of the Kingdom of God that is not here now.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by looking forward to the kingdom of God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by living in the kingdom of God, which is not of this world?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Sixty Four

## King Today



**John 18:37**

Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?"  
Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a  
king. For this I have been born, and for this I  
have come into the world, to testify to the  
truth. Everyone who is of the truth  
hears My voice."

Why was Jesus born? Jesus was born to be king.

When Pilate asked Jesus if He was a king, Jesus replied that He is a king. Jesus then elaborated that for that reason He was born and came into the world.

Jesus meant that He came into the world to be King and to testify to the truth. Jesus had told His disciples that He is the truth. Jesus told everyone the truth. Jesus only told the truth, all the time.

Jesus then revealed that everyone who is of the truth hears His voice. Jesus implied that only some people hear his voice, but only those people of the truth hear Jesus. At this point, Jesus had declared to Pilate that Jesus is the King that came into the world to be King and to tell the truth. Jesus was King of the Jews, but His kingdom was not of this world and it was not here.

## ***My Voice***

1. **Asked.** Why did Pilate ask Jesus twice if He were a king? Pilate first asked Jesus if He were the King of the Jews and the second time he asked Him, "Are you a king?"-- a much broader question.

2. **Told.** Jesus had already told Pilate that He really was a king, but His kingdom was not of this world.

3. **Revealed.** Jesus also revealed to Pilate that He came into the world to testify to the truth.

4. **Affirmed.** Jesus also affirmed clearly that Pilate was correct when he said, "You are a King."

5. **Decision.** Jesus also revealed that everyone who is of the truth hears the voice of Jesus. Pilate had to make a decision about Jesus.

6. **Hear.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus really was the King, He told the truth, and He invited people to hear His voice, if they were of the truth.

7. **Truth.** We rejoice today because Jesus was born and came into the world to tell the truth so that we might be saved by the truth He brought.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus came into this world to be King.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus always tells the truth, and He told the truth about being King.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by learning from Jesus how to explain spiritual truths to unbelievers.**

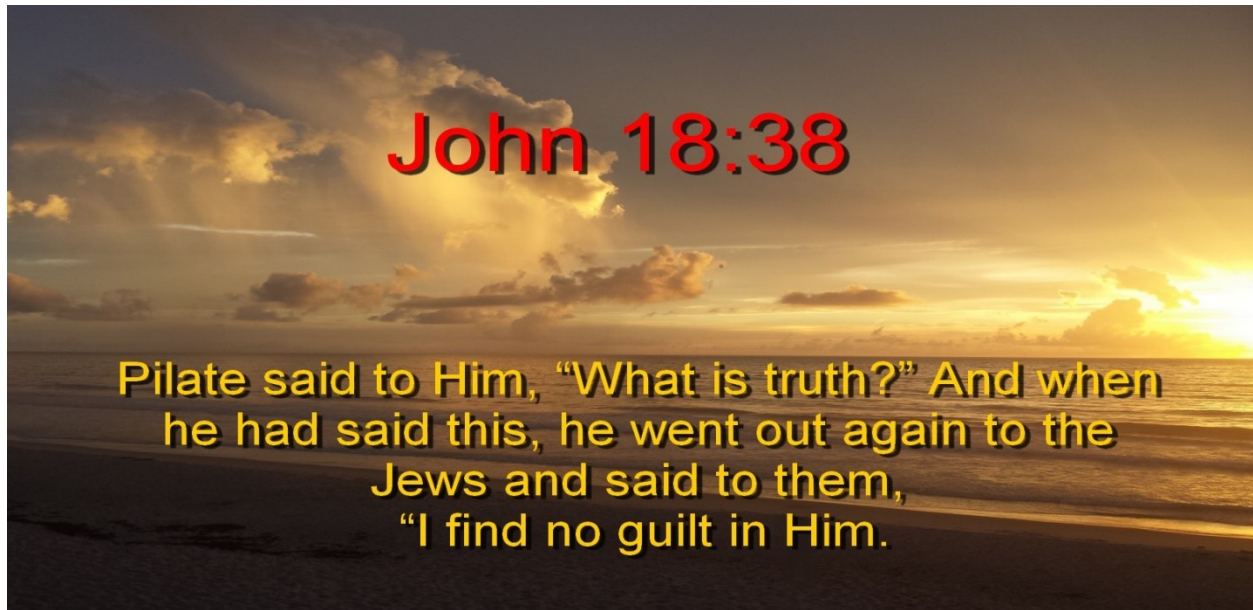
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for coming into the world to tell us the truth. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thanking Jesus that you are of the truth and hear His voice?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Sixty Five

## Truth Today



Why did Pilate say he found no guilt in Jesus? Pilate found no guilt in Jesus because Jesus had answered his questions and told the truth.

Pilate listened to Jesus declare His kingdom was not of this world, but He came into the world to be King. Jesus led Pilate through the conversation and told Pilate that everyone of the truth hears the voice of Jesus.

Jesus came into the world to speak the truth to people. Some people would receive Jesus because the Father gave them to Jesus. Jesus is the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Jesus.

Jesus used the time with Pilate to assert His claims to be king, but made it clear that He did not intend to displace the Romans with a physical rebellion. Instead, Jesus spoke about the kingdom that was not of this world.

## ***No Guilt***

1. **Truth.** What is truth? Pilate asked Jesus that very question.
2. **Explained.** Jesus had already explained to His disciples that He is the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Him.
3. **Question.** Pilate asked that question because Jesus said He came to testify of the truth and that He was King.
4. **Conclusion.** Having questioned Jesus, Pilate concluded that Jesus was guilty of no crime and announced that he found no guilt in Jesus.
5. **Guiltless.** At that moment, a righteous judge would have released Jesus, because He had no guilt in Him.
6. **Judge.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we have a gracious and righteous judge named Jesus.
7. **Debt Paid.** We rejoice today because Jesus has already paid the sin debt we owed at the cross. Case closed.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate was convinced that Jesus was not guilty of any crime under Roman law.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God knowing Jesus convinced Pilate of His innocence.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that innocence did not stop Pilate or the Jews from killing Jesus.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by telling the truth and urging people to hear the voice of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thanking Jesus for truly being innocent of all crimes, yet willing to be crucified for us, the guilty ones?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Sixty Six

## Release Today



What was the custom of Passover release? Pilate described a custom that he would release a prisoner to the Jews at Passover.

Pilate had already examined Jesus and determined that no guilt was in Him. Therefore, at that moment, under the law Pilate should have released Jesus.

Instead of promptly releasing Him, Pilate offered to release Jesus as part of the custom of Passover release. Pilate would release a prisoner to the Jews at Passover. Why Pilate tried to release Jesus when the Jews were the ones who sent Him to Pilate seems unusual on its face. Pilate obviously wanted to find a way to release Jesus, but the custom of release at Passover seems unlikely to have succeeded.

Pilate had political concerns. He knew the Jews wanted the Roman government to order the crucifixion of Jesus. He knew that was their purpose all along. Having talked with Jesus about being king, Pilate was convinced

that Jesus had committed no crime. If Pilate released Jesus, then the Jews would make trouble for Pilate, because he held the political office of governor. The population could make his job much harder and damage his political standing with Rome and Caesar.

## ***A Custom***

1. **Offered.** Did Pilate try to release Jesus? Yes, Pilate offered to release Jesus.

2. **Release.** The Jews had a custom that some prisoner would be released at Passover.

3. **Custom.** Pilate knew that custom and was willing to apply it to Jesus with their consent.

4. **Free.** At that point the Jews could have set Jesus free, but they had no intention of doing so.

5. **King.** Pilate referred to Jesus as King of the Jews.

6. **Intended.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus intended to lay down His life and never sought to be released from custody.

7. **Death.** We rejoice today because Jesus was King of the Jews, but laid His glory aside and died for us. One day we will reign with Him in His kingdom upon earth.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate called Jesus the King of the Jews.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate offered to release Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God remembering that the plans of God required Jesus to be crucified, and Pilate would ultimately yield to crucifying Jesus.**

### **Application for Today**

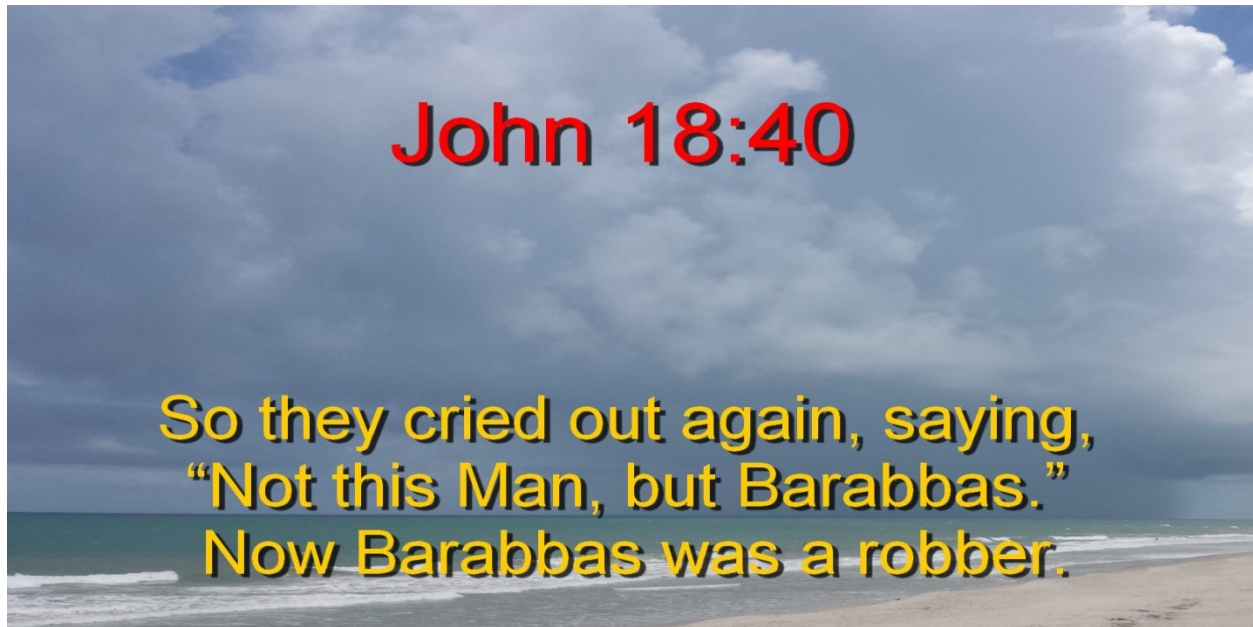
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate tried to release Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thanking God that everyone involved in the crucifixion of Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures so that Jesus was indeed crucified as prophesied?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# **Day Seven Hundred Sixty Seven**

## **Cried Out Today**



Why did the Jews cry out the name Barabbas? The Jews cried out the name Barabbas because they wanted Jesus crucified and so chose Barabbas to be released on Passover.

Pilate offered to release Jesus to the Jews on Passover. Of course the Jews had delivered Jesus to Pilate for the very purpose of crucifixion. So, they were not going to jump at the chance to see Jesus released. Perhaps Pilate thought the crowd may call for the release of Jesus, and thus thwart the will of the Jewish leaders who sought to have Jesus crucified. At any rate, the crowd cried out to release Barabbas.

Barabbas was a robber. The law should be followed concerning a robber. Pilate must have felt the pressure of the crowd to release Barabbas. Pilate had determined that Jesus was not guilty, and now heard from the crowd their desire to have Barabbas released.

Pilate had to make a simple choice and release Jesus, because He was innocent. Yet, such a choice would infuriate the crowd. Pilate could not ignore the crowd and the religious leaders.

## ***Barabbas***

1. **Why?** Why did the crowd cry out, 'Not this man, but Barabbas'? They cried out for Barabbas because they wanted Jesus crucified.

2. **Custom.** Pilate indicated he would release Jesus, according to the custom of the Passover.

3. **Savior.** The Jews preferred a robber to be set free so that the sinless Savior would be crucified.

4. **Execution.** The Jews had no intention of seeing Jesus released because they had delivered him to Pilate for the sole purpose of execution by crucifixion.

5. **Crucified.** At all times Jesus knew that He would be crucified and raised from the dead on the third day.

6. **Endured.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we trust Jesus to get through tough times just like He got through tough times.

7. **Died.** We rejoice today because Jesus died for robbers like us and rose again with glory following.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Pilate refused to release Jesus and the crowd sought the release of Barabbas, a robber.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that the plans of God move the hearts of governors and kings, even without their conscious knowledge of those plans.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for submitting to death even when His own people cried out for a robber to be released to them.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the crowd wanted a robber released to them and not Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus had the entire crowd calling out for His death by crucifixion when they passed up the opportunity to have Jesus released from custody?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Sixty Eight

## Took Jesus Today



After the crowd sought the release of Barabbas, what did Pilate do with Jesus? Pilate had Jesus scourged (whipped).

Pilate offered to release Jesus to the crowd on Passover. The crowd cried out for Barabbas to be released. The crowd had clearly communicated that they wanted crucifixion for Jesus.

Pilate found no guilt in Jesus and sought to release Him. Pilate's best efforts did not persuade the crowd. Based upon the prophecies of Jesus, we know how things were going to turn out. Pilate would ultimately sentence Jesus to crucifixion.

Pilate scourged Jesus. Whipping an innocent man was profoundly unjust. Jesus was about to undergo severe personal injury at the hands of the Romans. Neither the crowd nor the Jewish leadership had any problem with Pilate's actions.

## ***Scourged***

1. **No Cause.** Why did Pilate scourge Jesus? Pilate scourged Jesus without cause.
2. **No Guilt.** Pilate had already declared that he found no guilt in Jesus.
3. **Release.** Pilate also sought to release Jesus.
4. **Scourged.** Pilate scourged Jesus, perhaps, to appease the Jews.
5. **Prophesied.** Centuries before the birth of Jesus the prophet Isaiah wrote that by His scourging we are healed.
6. **Endured.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus took the scourging we deserved.
7. **Paid.** We rejoice today because Jesus took every blow that we deserved because He loved us and suffered in our place for our sins. Debt paid in full.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus took the scourging we deserved.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus laid down His soul and His body because He loved us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we remember our Savior was scourged even though He was innocent and sinless.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus more as we contemplate His suffering for our sins. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering Jesus in His unjust suffering?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Sixty Nine

## Crown of Thorns Today



What did the soldiers do to Jesus after His scourging? The soldiers crowned Jesus with thorns and put a purple robe on Him.

Pilate had Jesus scourged. Then the soldiers twisted together a crown out of thorns. They would be painful when the crown was put on His head. The soldiers mocked Jesus with their crown, making of fun of Jesus, the King of the Jews.

The soldiers also put a purple robe on Jesus. The color purple was the sign of power and position. The soldiers put the purple robe on Jesus to mock Him. They did not recognize Him as king of anything. Their unbelief motivated their actions against Jesus.

Pilate still intended to release Jesus. He allowed the soldiers to mock Jesus and present Him to the crowd in parody of His claim to be a king. Pilate was guilty of mocking and scourging Jesus, the King of the Jews.



## ***Purple Robe***

1. **Soldiers.** Why did the soldiers put a crown of thorns on the head of Jesus? Pilate had declared Jesus to be the King of the Jews and so the soldiers mocked Him.

2. **Mocked.** Jesus suffered in many ways, including wearing a crown of thorns and a purple robe as His own creatures mocked Him.

3. **Attacked.** Jesus suffered the verbal and physical attacks because He loves us.

4. **Guiltless.** Both Pilate and the soldiers knew that Jesus had no guilt.

5. **Unbelievers.** One day, if those soldiers remained unbelievers, those soldiers will stand before Jesus and He will judge them for their crimes and unbelief.

6. **Loves.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus suffered mocking because He loves us.

7. **Propitiated.** We rejoice today because Jesus took the mocking and scourging we deserve for our sins to propitiate the wrath of God.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the soldiers made Jesus wear a crown of thorns and a purple robe.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering the many humiliations the soldiers caused Jesus the King of kings.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus because He suffered in many ways because He came to seek and to save the lost.**

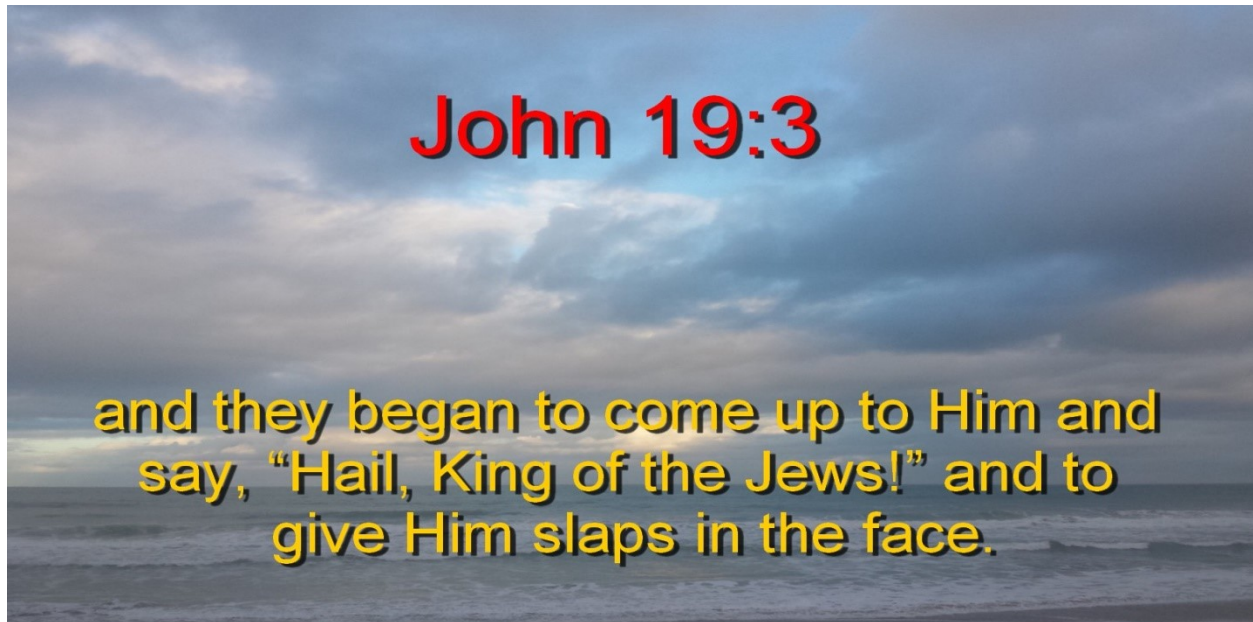
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus more as we learn more about the soldiers and their treatment of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thanking Jesus for wearing a crown of thorns and a purple robe?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Seventy

## Hail Today



What did the soldiers say to Jesus? The soldiers came up to Jesus and said, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

The soldiers crowned Jesus with thorns and put Him in a purple robe. One day the soldiers will face Jesus and give an account of their actions that day. The soldiers also mocked Jesus with the words, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

The soldiers also slapped Jesus in the face. If they had known the truth of their mockery, they would have been bowing their knees before Him. One day each of the soldiers will join every other human being in bowing their knees before Jesus, the King of the Jews, and the King of kings.

Jesus loved sinners and gave His perfect body and perfect life for us. His face was marred more than any man, and He was unrecognizable as a man. Jesus suffered tremendously because He followed the Father’s plan to suffer in our place and to give His soul for our salvation.

## ***Slaps***

1. **Slapped.** How did the Roman soldiers treat Jesus? They mocked Him and slapped Him.

2. **Mocked.** Those soldiers came up to Jesus and said, "Hail, King of the Jews." They mocked Jesus with those words, but they were absolutely true.

3. **Lord.** One day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God.

4. **Endured.** The Roman soldiers also slapped Him. Jesus endured such terrible actions because He loved everyone.

5. **Plan.** The Roman soldiers mocked Jesus and slapped Him, but He followed through on God's plan.

6. **Every.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus took every slap and every mocking word we deserved, because He loves us.

7. **Hostility.** We rejoice today because Jesus loved us so much that He endured the hostility of sinners for our salvation.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus suffered slaps to the face for us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for taking every slap we deserved.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus being mocked by soldiers with slaps and false words.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the soldiers who slapped Jesus in the face will see Jesus as truly the King of the Jews and their personal judge. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by worshiping Jesus for His humility in drinking the cup His Father set before Him with slaps and false greetings?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Seventy One

## Out Again Today



**John 19:4**

**Pilate came out again and said to them,  
“Behold, I am bringing Him out to you  
so that you may know that I find  
no guilt in Him.”**

Why did Pilate bring Jesus out to the Jews again? Pilate brought Jesus out to the Jews again so that he could say, again, that the Jews would know, that Pilate found no guilt in Jesus.

Jesus looked different this time. He wore a crown of thorns, purple robes and the marks of a severe beating to the face. He also looked like a man scourged by Roman soldiers. Jesus looked like a battered King.

Pilate had crafted a scene with Jesus for the sake of the Jews. Perhaps Pilate hoped that the Jews would see Jesus looking bad and decide He had suffered enough. Pilate knew the Jews wanted punishment for Jesus, and perhaps Jesus would now look punished enough to satisfy the Jews, but we do not know for sure. We do know for sure that Pilate reiterated his finding of no guilt in Jesus and he wanted the Jews to know.

## ***Bringing Him***

1. **Why?** Why did Pilate bring out Jesus to the Jews? Because Pilate found no guilt in Jesus.
2. **Guiltless.** Pilate had already declared that Jesus had no guilt.
3. **Scourged.** Although Pilate knew that Jesus was not guilty, Pilate still scourged Jesus.
4. **Double-Minded.** Pilate was double-minded. He did not want to kill an innocent man, but he did not want to offend the Jews either.
5. **Release.** Pilate also tried to release Jesus according to the custom of the Passover, but the Jews demanded the release of Barabbas, a robber.
6. **Innocent.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus was innocent of all crimes and yet convicted, condemned to death and crucified, just as Jesus prophesied.
7. **Judgment.** We rejoice today because Jesus never sought release from judgment and death, and drank the cup the Father set before Him, because God loved us.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate twice pronounced his finding of no guilt in Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we remember Jesus standing before the crowd, scourged, beaten, disfigured, and clothed in purple.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by never forgetting what we all did to Jesus that day, because He died for our sins.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus suffered greatly even after Pilate found no guilt in Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus was tortured and abused because He loved us?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Seven Hundred Seventy Two**

## **Jesus Came Out Today**



Why did Pilate say, “Behold, the Man!” Pilate said “Behold, the Man!” because he wanted the Jews to see Jesus wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Pilate did not call Jesus a king, but a man. Pilate had humiliated Jesus and mocked Him. Pilate understood the Jews and their desire to punish Jesus. Pilate may not have fully comprehended the hatred of the Jews for Jesus, but Pilate did present Jesus to them in a punished state, with complete humiliation.

Pilate said “Behold” to draw the attention to what he had done to Jesus. The Jews wanted some action against Jesus and Pilate had scourged Jesus, beaten Him, and mocked Him. Pilate found no guilt in Jesus, but still inflicted pain, suffering, and grief upon Jesus.

Pilate saw Jesus as a man, but not God the King. Pilate made a terrible error that day, and he will face eternal judgment for abusing the Righteous God and Savior, Jesus.

## ***Behold, the Man***

1. **Mocked.** Why did Pilate say, "Behold, the Man?" Because Pilate wanted everyone to see Jesus wearing the crown of thorns and purple robe being mocked as a king.
2. **Guiltless.** Pilate had already declared he found Jesus without guilt.
3. **Crucifixion.** Jesus never intended to avoid crucifixion or death.
4. **Future.** Pilate, the soldiers, and the crowd will all stand before Jesus one day.
5. **See.** They have mocked Jesus with the crown of thorns and a purple robe, but they will see Him in the future as King of kings, Lord of lords, and King of the universe and eternity.
6. **Suffered.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus never shrank back from taking the pain and suffering we deserved.
7. **Gave.** We rejoice today because Jesus gave His soul a ransom for many.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate presented Jesus with the words, “Behold, the Man!”**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Pilate had no power as a ruler over Jesus, except the power given to him by God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus that He chose to stand there, hurting and wounded, because He loved us.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus was truly a Man, but He was always God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering: Behold, Your Savior !

**HALLELUJAH !**

# 4

## **Learning about Godliness and Crucifixion Today**

As Jesus neared Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside and told them that the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third He will be raised from the dead.

Jesus then entered Jerusalem sitting on a donkey and the crowds cried out “Hosanna.” Other crowds a few days later would be yelling “Crucify Him.” After Pilate finished his examination of Jesus, he declared Jesus without guilt. The Jews pressured Pilate and he handed over Jesus to them for crucifixion. They crucified Him at the Place of the Skull. John noted that the soldiers who crucified Him divided His garments by casting lots, and so fulfilled the Scriptures.

We crucified Jesus at the place of the skull, called Golgotha in Hebrew. He died there in our place, for our sins, so that we would live forever by faith in Him. The Jews took Jesus to the cross and crucified two other men with Him, one on either side. The inscription on the cross read, “JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS,” which Pilate had written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. The Jews objected, but Pilate overruled their objection.

The soldiers divided His garments while Jesus was crucified. They cast lots to avoid tearing His tunic, fulfilling the Scripture that said they would cast lots for His garments.

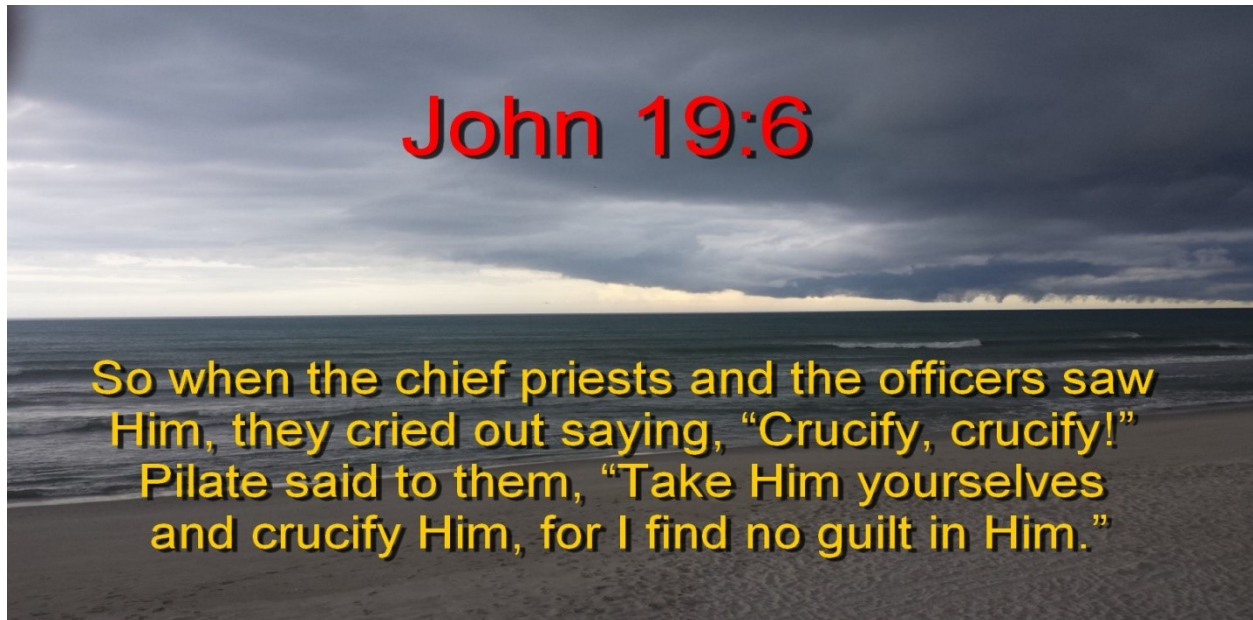
Women stood by the cross: His mother and her sister and Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus then arranged for the disciple whom Jesus loved to take His mother into his household with the words: “Woman, behold your son!” and to the disciple “Behold, your mother!” Jesus was always lovingly concerned about others, even on the cross. After Jesus knew that all things had been accomplished, He said: “It is finished.” He then bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Jesus loved us and endured crucifixion for us. He knew what was coming and drank the cup His Father set before Him. Jesus died for us so that we may live in Him and He in us by grace through faith. We praise Jesus for the words “It is finished.”

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Seventy Three

## Crucify, Crucify Today



When the chief priests and the officers saw Jesus, what did they do? They cried out, "Crucify, crucify!"

Pilate made a last attempt to show the Jews he found no guilt in Jesus. For various reasons, Pilate did not release Jesus, but delivered Him to the Jews for crucifixion.

Pilate said to the Jews, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him." Pilate in effect capitulated to the demands of the Jews. Pilate would have set Jesus free, but for the Jews demanding His crucifixion.

Pilate tried to have it both ways. He said he found no guilt in Jesus, but Pilate delivered Jesus to the Jews for crucifixion. Pilate abandoned his duty to use the law to protect innocent people.



## *Take Him*

1. **Kill.** Why did the chief priests and the officers cry out: "Crucify, crucify!"? Because they wanted to kill Jesus and needed Roman authority to put Him to death.

2. **Jesus.** Jesus stood before them wearing the purple robe and the crown of thorns.

3. **Rejected.** Jesus had come to His own and His own did not receive Him.

4. **Pilate.** Pilate again affirmed that he found no guilt in Jesus.

5. **Duty.** As a Roman governor, Pilate had a duty to protect the innocent and uphold justice.

6. **Unreliable.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we cannot always rely upon the government to protect our rights.

7. **Grace.** We rejoice today because Jesus always upheld justice, but also lavished grace upon us by giving His life for ours.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate delivered Jesus to the Jews for crucifixion.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we also recall that Pilate told them that he found no guilt in Jesus, and still handed Him over for crucifixion.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate could not absolve himself of guilt for murdering the guiltless Jesus.**

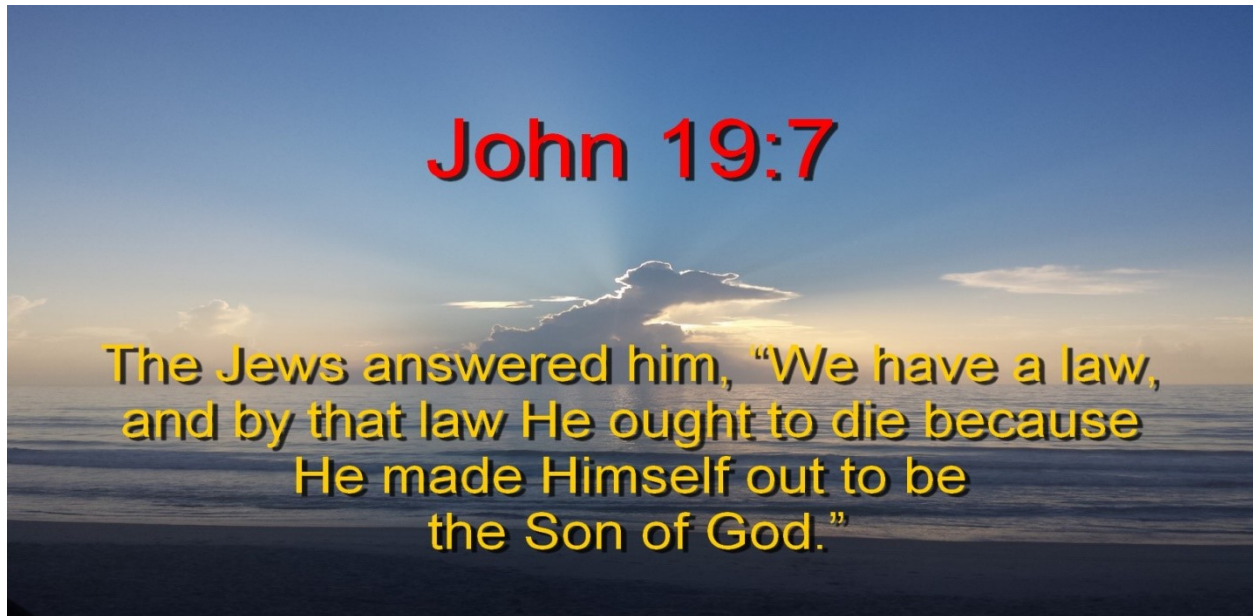
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate was responsible for crucifying God in the flesh, Jesus Christ the righteous. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by worshiping Jesus for enduring such hostility at the hands of sinners?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Seventy Four

## A Law Today



What reason did the Jews give to Pilate for wanting to kill Jesus? The Jews said that Jesus broke their Law by calling Himself the Son of God.

The Jews broke the Law in many ways, including rejecting Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus gave the Law to Moses, and before him, Abraham received laws, statutes, commandments, and charges. The Jews hated Jesus because they were of their father, the devil. Jesus was not of the world, and so the world hated Jesus and sought to kill Him.

The Jews said that Jesus ought to die. They had already passed their own judgment upon Jesus. They never considered that Jesus was telling the truth. He proved His claims in numerous ways with numerous witnesses. Jesus was truly the Son of God. He was God in the flesh, the Word which became flesh and dwelt among men.

The Jews picked a charge that might resonate with the Romans. If they could prove that Jesus was making Himself king, then He would be in

rebellion against Roman rule. Pilate had already explored that charge with Jesus personally and found Jesus without guilt.

## ***He Ought To Die***

1. **Jews.** Why did the Jews tell Pilate that Jesus ought to die? Because He violated their interpretation of the Old Testament Law.

2. **Pilate.** Pilate twice declared that he found no guilt in Jesus and sought to release Him.

3. **Die.** The Jews told Pilate that Jesus must die because He claimed to be the Son of God.

4. **Claim.** The Jews claimed to be following the Old Testament Law.

5. **Misinterpret.** When people misinterpret the Law, they can make horrible and deadly mistakes.

6. **Crucified.** Living Godly in the family of God means that the Jews crucified Jesus because they thought He ought to die.

7. **Son of God.** We rejoice today because Jesus really is the Son of God described in the Old Testament.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Jews claimed Jesus broke their Law.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Jews sought to kill Jesus because He claimed to be the Son of God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the truth that Jesus is truly the Son of God.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding the actual events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by looking upon Jesus as the Son of God?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Seventy Five

## Pilate Heard Today



How did Pilate feel when he heard this statement that Jesus called Himself the Son of God? Pilate was even more afraid.

Pilate found no guilt in Jesus. He sought to release Jesus in several ways, but the Jews persisted in calling for His crucifixion. Evidently, Pilate became afraid of executing Jesus, because of he had personally examined Jesus and found Him without guilt.

Pilate then heard from the Jews that Jesus had broken their Law by claiming to be the Son of God. Pilate knew from Jesus that His kingdom was not of this world. Jesus said He had servants ready to fight for Him, but that was unnecessary because His kingdom was not here now.

Often the person on trial for their life becomes afraid. In this case, Pilate the Roman governor and judge become afraid, with good reason.

## ***More Afraid***

1. **Truth.** Why was Pilate more afraid? Because he knew the Jews were lying and Jesus perhaps was telling the truth.
2. **Governor.** As a Roman governor, Pilate worried about putting an innocent man to death.
3. **Husband.** As a husband, Pilate's wife warned him to have nothing to do with this righteous man (Matthew 27:19).
4. **Politician.** As a politician, Pilate had to get along with people under his rule.
5. **Attempted.** In many ways Pilate did not want to kill Jesus and tried to release Him.
6. **Plans.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we follow Jesus in following the plans of God the Father and not our own.
7. **God.** We rejoice today because Jesus acted like God, full of grace and truth; Jesus did not act like a judge, a politician, or a Roman governor named Pilate.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate was even more afraid of killing Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Pilate's fear did not stop him from murdering Jesus by turning Him over to the Jews.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by fearing Jesus and bowing our knees before Him as confessing Him as King of kings, and Lord of lords, to the glory of God.**

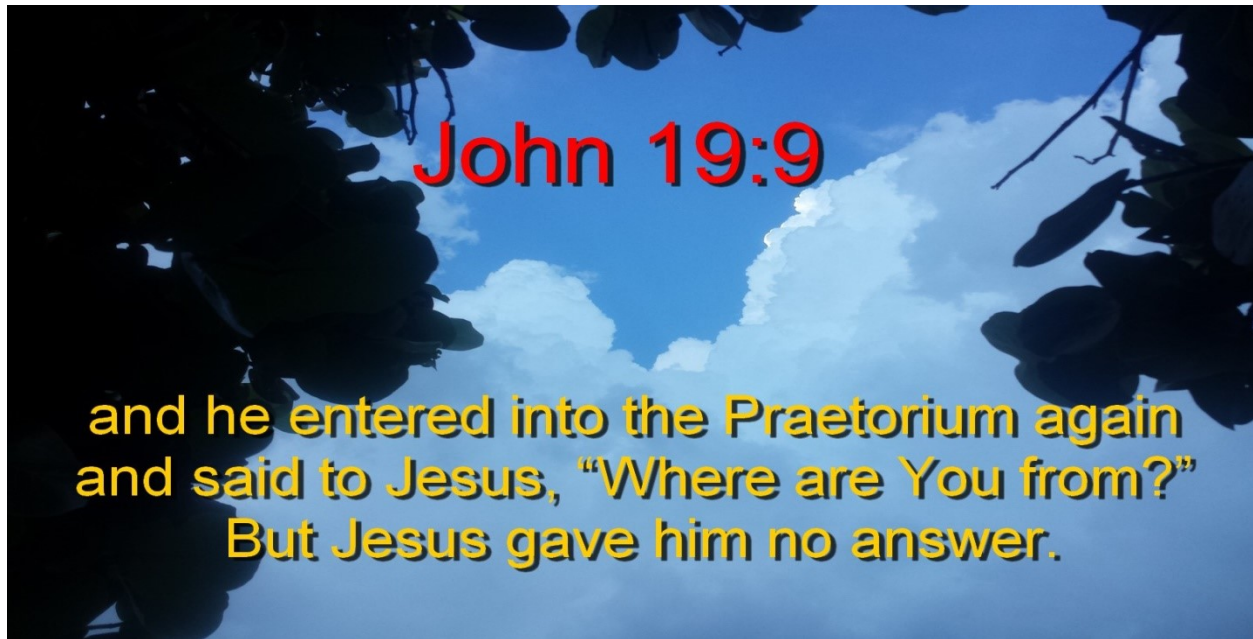
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for suffering for us and making Pilate afraid by His words and demeanor. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and understand the fear of God?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Seventy Six

## From Today



What did Jesus answer when Pilate asked where Jesus was from? Jesus gave Pilate no answer.

After Pilate presented Jesus beaten and scourged to the Jews, and heard them demand Jesus be crucified, Pilate agreed to release Jesus to the Jews for crucifixion.

Pilate then went back into the Praetorium and asked Jesus where He was from. Jesus gave no answer. Jesus had already told Pilate that He came into this world to testify to the truth, that Jesus was a King, but His kingdom was not here. Jesus also told Pilate that everyone who is of the truth hears His voice.

By this time Pilate was afraid. Jesus was telling Pilate things that disturbed Pilate. Pilate had to appease the Jews, but wanted to distance himself from crucifying Jesus. Pilate was a politician and failed to protect an innocent Man, Jesus.

## ***No Answer***

1. **Intention.** Why did Jesus give no answer to Pilate about where Jesus came from? Because Jesus had no intention of defending Himself; He intended to sacrifice Himself for us.
2. **Death.** Pilate was even more afraid when the Jews demanded the death of Jesus.
3. **Fear.** Pilate feared killing an innocent Man, but he feared offending the Jews and the Roman government more.
4. **Overcame.** People make horrible decisions when fear overcomes their desire to do the right thing.
5. **Pilate.** Pilate asked where Jesus was from, but Jesus had already told him that His kingdom was not of this world.
6. **Silent.** Living Godly in the family of God means Jesus fulfilled Scripture by remaining silent before Pilate.
7. **Praises.** We rejoice today because Jesus kept silent so that we would sing His praises for all eternity.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus did not answer Pilate's question about where Jesus was from.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we learn more about the crucifixion of Jesus and understand the injustices and torture inflicted upon Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by thanking Jesus that He suffered in our places for all of our sins.**

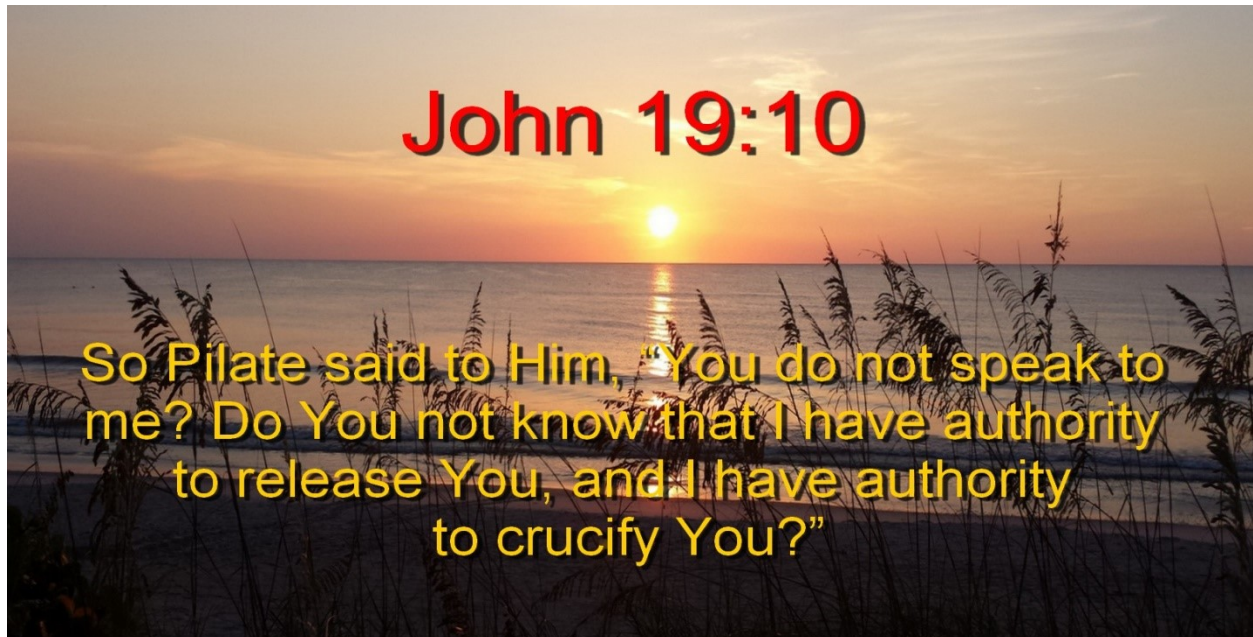
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by giving glory to Jesus with our knees bent for laying down His soul for us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by taking time to thank Jesus for suffering for us at the hands of evil men?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Seventy Seven

## Not Speak Today



How did Pilate respond to the silence of Jesus? Pilate asked Jesus why Jesus did not speak to him.

Pilate had talked briefly with Jesus before. Pilate has grown afraid of crucifying Jesus and he knew the Jews had no reason to crucify Jesus.

Pilate continued with questions for Jesus. Pilate turned to authority. Jesus as omnipotent God actually had all authority over everyone, including Pilate. People may think they have authority over Jesus, but all authority was given to Jesus by His Father, particularly for judgment.

Pilate then informed Jesus that Pilate had authority to release Jesus or authority to crucify Jesus. Pilate put it in the form of a question. Pilate was trying to reason with Jesus about talking. Jesus was following the plan of His Father in heaven. He had no interest in persuading Pilate to release Him. Pilate had repeatedly stated that he found no guilt in Jesus, but refused to

release Him. Pilate was talking out of both sides of his mouth and Jesus knew it.

## ***Release You***

1. **Pilate**. Pilate was more afraid after hearing why the Jews wanted to kill Jesus. They said Jesus should die because He called Himself the Son of God.

2. **Speak**. Pilate wanted to hear more from Jesus. They had talked briefly before. Now the time had come for Pilate to hand over Jesus. He had already promised the Jews that he would hand over Jesus to them for crucifixion. Pilate asked Jesus why He would not speak with Pilate.

3. **Know**. Asking Jesus if He knew something showed Pilate's complete ignorance about Jesus. Pilate had fear, and Jesus was saying nothing. Jesus was not begging for Pilate to save His life.

4. **Authority**. Pilate thought he had authority over Jesus. Pilate did not understand that Jesus as God had all authority over all things. One day Pilate will bend his knees and confess Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God. Unless Pilate turned to Jesus for salvation, then that future day will be terrible for Pilate. In that future day, Jesus will sit in judgment upon Pilate and Pilate will receive justice from Jesus, even after Pilate did not give Jesus the slightest justice on earth.

5. **Release**. Pilate also thought he had authority to release Jesus. Jesus did not defend Himself to Pilate. Jesus never sought His release.

6. **You**. Living Godly in the family of God means that Pilate thought he was talking to just a man claiming to be God; in fact, God was talking to a man who thought he had authority over Jesus, except that authority was given by God.

7. **Me.** We rejoice today because Jesus not only laid down His soul for us, He also laid down His soul for Pilate as well. Pilate said he wanted Jesus to talk to me (Pilate). Jesus was sharing with Pilate how to go to heaven by believing in Jesus.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus always shared with people how to have saving faith in Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that every unbeliever needs to hear the Gospel of Jesus from us, as opportunities arise.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by listening carefully to the questions asked us about Jesus, so we can give answers that will focus upon Jesus and His Gospel.**

### **Application for Today**

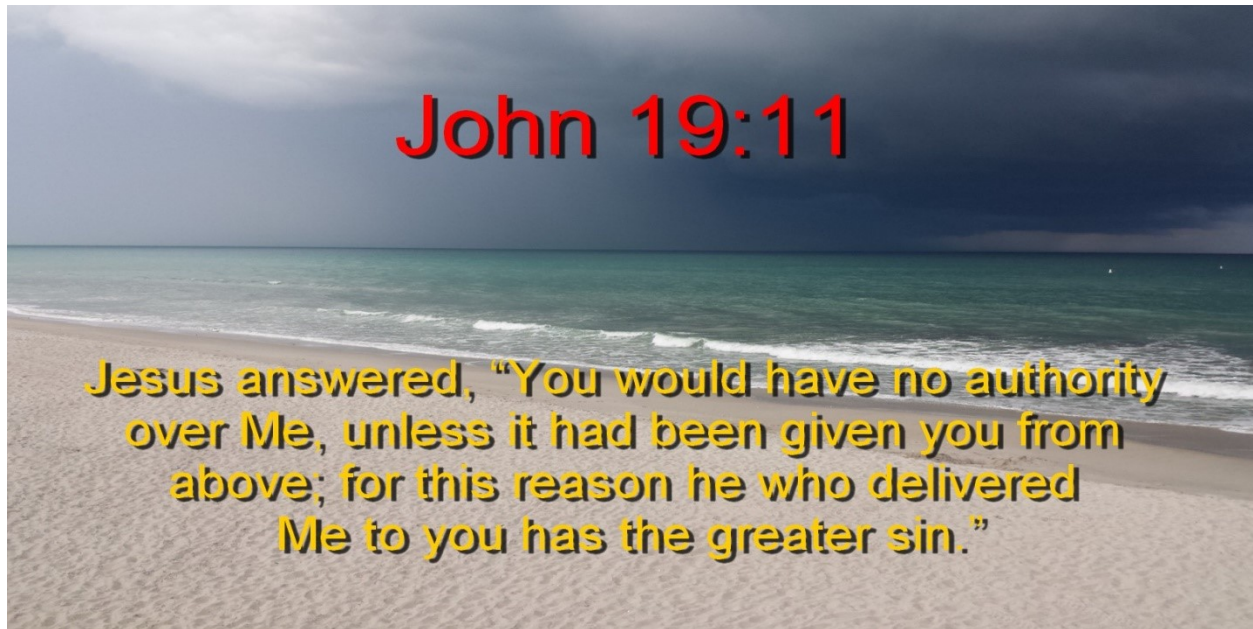
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by thanking Jesus for submitting to Pilate's questions. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by learning from Jesus how to bear up under persecution and suffer unjustly?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Seventy Eight

## Delivered Me Today



How did Jesus answer Pilate's question about authority? Jesus answered the question as God in the flesh.

Jesus told Pilate about authority. Pilate tried to assert his authority over Jesus. Pilate did not understand the truth about authority. Jesus explained that Pilate had no authority, except the authority given to him from above.

Pilate was listening to the best answers ever given to questions like Pilate's. Jesus was not weeping and begging for His life. He was explaining true authority to Pilate.

Jesus also explained sin to Pilate. Jesus told Pilate that Pilate was a sinner. Pilate had treated the Son of God as a criminal, but found Him not guilty. Jesus also told Pilate that those who delivered Jesus had greater sin.

Jesus was explaining to Pilate that Pilate was a sinner and needed forgiveness. Jesus alone could provide that forgiveness, but Pilate did not understand that Jesus really was the Son of God.

## ***Greater Sin***

1. **Sin.** Are some sins greater than others? Yes, because the people, including Judas and the Jewish leaders, who delivered Jesus to Pilate had the greater sin than Pilate.

2. **Greater.** Jesus meant that the greater the authority, the greater the sin when that authority is abused.

3. **Authority.** Pilate exercised authority as a Roman governor.

4. **Abused.** The Jewish leaders acted presumably on the authority of God; in fact they were abusing their authority before God.

5. **Jewish Leaders.** The Jewish leaders therefore had greater sin than Pilate.

6. **Gives.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus gives authority to whomever he wills.

7. **Life.** We rejoice because Jesus had the authority to lay down His life and to take it up again.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by taking opportunities to talk to people in authority about the gift of authority from above.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by accepting the authority God has given to people.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for having all authority, but He also loves us and did not use His divine authority to be set free and avoid crucifixion.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by accepting the authority God gives to some people on earth. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by giving glory to God for the way Jesus used His authority to save us from our sins by being crucified for us, all according the Scriptures and according to God's plans?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Seventy Nine

## Efforts Today



**John 19:12**

**As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, “If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar.”**

Why did Pilate make efforts to release Jesus? Pilate sought to release Jesus because he knew that Jesus was not guilty.

Pilate was sure that Jesus had not committed any crime worthy of death. He had heard from the Jews that Jesus had claimed to be the Son of God. Jesus told Pilate that His kingdom was not of this world.

The Jews threatened Pilate for making efforts to release Jesus. They now claimed that if Pilate released Jesus, then they would make trouble for Pilate with Rome. They claimed that Pilate could be no friend of Caesar if Pilate released Jesus after the Jews pointed out that Jesus thought of Himself as a king.

The Jews then claimed that Jesus made Himself out to be a king. The Jews then claimed that everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar. Therefore, the Jews argued that Jesus should die for opposing Caesar.

## *Caesar*

1. **Blackmail.** Why did the Jews raise the name Caesar? They raised the name of Caesar as the ultimate argument to blackmail Pilate.
2. **Jews.** Pilate understood that if he released Jesus against the will of the Jews, the Jews would then charge him with releasing a traitor.
3. **Argued.** The Jews argued that Jesus was guilty of treason by making Himself out to be King.
4. **Treason.** In the Roman Empire if anyone called himself a king, then he opposed Caesar and was guilty of treason.
5. **Choice.** The Jews had driven Pilate into a legal corner where he must choose between delivering Jesus to the Jews or being charged with releasing a traitor himself.
6. **Legal.** Living Godly in family of God means that we know some religious leaders use the legal system to attack Jesus.
7. **King.** We rejoice today because Jesus never backed down from being King and never disowned the title.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Jews opposed the efforts of Pilate to release Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that the Jews threatened Pilate's life and position because he wanted to release Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus divided people with His powerful words.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Jews opposed Jesus and then opposed Pilate who wanted to release Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Pilate felt pressure and fear in dealing with Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Eighty

## Judgment Seat Today



What did Pilate do when he heard the threat from the Jews? Pilate went out and sat on the judgment seat.

Pilate heard Jesus explain that Pilate had no authority over Jesus except that authority given to him from above. Jesus consistently testified to Pilate about the spiritual world.

After hearing from Jesus, and considering the threat against him by the Jews, Pilate sat down for judgment. His efforts to release Jesus were confronted squarely by the Jews with threats of reporting to Rome that Pilate supported another king who opposed Caesar.

As Pilate sat down on that judgment seat, Jesus had done nothing to allay the fears of Pilate. The more Jesus talked, the more Pilate heard about the spiritual aspects of life. Jesus clearly talked like the Son of God He is.



## ***The Pavement***

1. **Sat.** Why did Pilate sit on his judgment seat at a place called The Pavement? Because Pilate had tried to release Jesus, but the Jews opposed him.

2. **Public.** Roman governors exercised their powers publicly when they wanted public opinion with them.

3. **Judgment.** In this case, Pilate had reached the point with the Jews where he had to pronounce judgment.

4. **No Guilt.** Pilate sought to release Jesus because he found no guilt in Jesus.

5. **Threat.** The Jews threatened Pilate with a charge that he opposed Caesar if he released Jesus.

6. **Future.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know all people will be resurrected in the future.

7. **Resurrection.** We rejoice today because Jesus told us we would not be resurrected to judgment, but resurrected to life.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering Pilate sitting down on the judgment seat.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding the pressures upon Pilate to convict Jesus and deliver Him to the Jews for crucifixion.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we see the plans of God worked out in the lives of governors, officers, priests and many others.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus did not beg to be freed, but He died to free us for all eternity. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus did not choose freedom for Himself, He chose eternal freedom for all believers?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Eighty One

## Preparation Today



What did Pilate say to the Jews? Pilate said to the Jews: “Behold, your King.”

Pilate brought out Jesus at the sixth hour. Using Roman time, that would have been about 6:00 a.m. on Friday. Roman time makes sense since Pilate was trying Jesus.

Pilate had been talking with Jesus. He had announced that he found no guilt in Jesus and sought to release Jesus. The Jews then responded with threats against Pilate because they would report that Jesus tried to be king and such action would conflict with Roman sovereignty.

Pilate told the Jews: “Behold, your King.” Pilate knew the Jews despised Jesus and wanted to kill Him. Pilate also knew that the Jews did not recognize Jesus as their King. Pilate was making a spectacle of Jesus for the Jews, but they had rebuffed every move Pilate made to release Jesus.

## ***Sixth Hour***

1. **Preparation**. Pilate presented Jesus on the day of preparation for the Sabbath. The usual day of preparation was Friday, to prepare for the Sabbath on Saturday, the next day.

2. **Passover**. The law required that the Passover lamb be eaten on Nissan 14. After the Passover (Thursday) came the Day of Preparation (Friday) on which Jesus was killed. The Feast of Unleavened Bread lasted for a week, from Nissan 15 to Nissan 22. The Passover commemorated the death angel passing over the homes sprinkled with blood. The death angel killed all the firstborn of Egypt, if the angel did not find blood on the home.

3. **Sixth Hour**. John apparently followed the Roman clock so that the sixth hour would be 6:00 a.m. Mark apparently used Jewish time, with the day starting in the evening at 6:00 p.m.

4. **Said**. Pilate did a lot of talking. he talked with the Jews repeatedly and he talked with Jesus several times. The more Pilate talked and heard, the more he became afraid. He found no guilt in Jesus, and the Jews had threatened him if he released Jesus.

5. **Jews**. The Jews gave one reason to crucify Jesus: He called Himself the Son of God. The Jews had just one item on the agenda for Jesus and Pilate: crucify Jesus.

6. **Behold**. Living Godly in the family of God means that we remember that Pilate had arranged to display Jesus with purple robes, beaten face, scourged body, and disfigurement. Pilate brought Jesus forward to show the Jews that Jesus had already been humiliated and beaten.

7. **King**. We rejoice today because Jesus really was King. Jesus did not come to reign physically, but to seek and to save the lost. Jesus suffered that day because He loved us to the end.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus had been up all night before He was crucified.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we appreciate the detail given about the trials of Jesus and the foregone conclusions.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering the way that Jesus laid down His soul; no one took it from Him.**

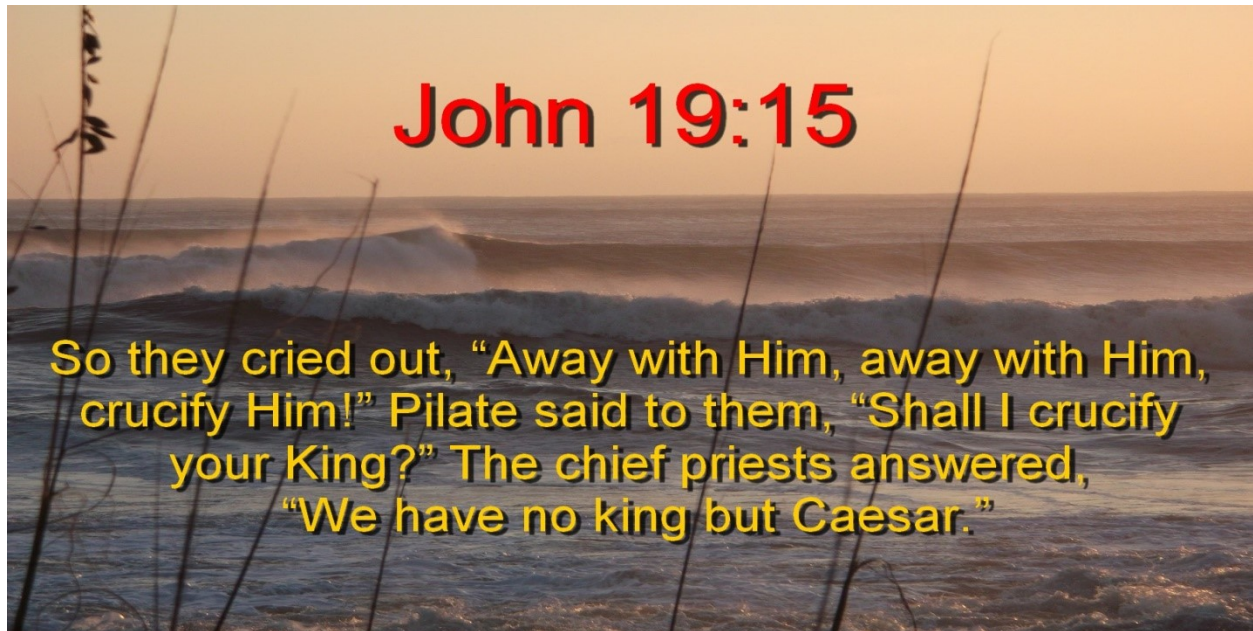
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus was truly the King of the Jews. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus has always been King and will come again to reign on earth?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Eighty Two

## Away with Him Today



Who did the Jews say was their king? They said they had no king but Caesar.

When Pilate presented Jesus and told the Jews: "Behold, your King!", the Jews responded with "Away with Him." They wanted nothing but His crucifixion.

Pilate then continued his act by saying to them: "Shall I crucify your King?" Pilate knew that they did not consider Jesus their King, but Pilate continued to mock Jesus and the Jews.

Pilate was caught in a bad situation of his own creation. He had become convinced that Jesus was not guilty of any crime. Yet, the Jews had threatened Pilate if he released Jesus. So, Pilate beat Jesus and scourged Him, but Jesus continued to talk with Pilate about spiritual things. Jesus was

not begging for His life or trying to be released from custody. The Jews said they had no king but Caesar. They had thoroughly rejected Jesus as King.

## *Caesar*

1. **Priests.** Why did the chief priests say "We have no king but Caesar?" Because they told the truth.
2. **King.** The chief priests did not recognize Jesus as king or God the Father as king.
3. **Caesar.** They had already told Pilate that he must recognize only Caesar as king and no one else.
4. **Realm.** Jesus had already told Pilate that Jesus was a king, but His kingdom is not of this realm.
5. **Judgment.** Having sat upon the judgment seat, Pilate had to render judgment upon Jesus.
6. **Bowed.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Pilate bowed to the pressure of the crowd, but Jesus bowed His will to God the Father.
7. **Believe.** We rejoice today because God the Father gave us His only begotten Son, so that we will not perish, because we believe in Him.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Jews said “Away with Him.”**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Pilate was willing to crucify a man he knew to be not guilty to pacify the crowd.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by recognizing the loving kindness of Jesus toward Pilate and everyone yelling for His death; He died for all of them.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus heard the Jews say they had no king but Caesar. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by confessing your only King is Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Seven Hundred Eighty Three**

## **Handed Today**



What did Pilate finally decide to do with Jesus? Pilate finally handed over Jesus to the Jews for them to crucify Him.

Pilate was the worst kind of politician. He had no moral foundation that prevented him from crucifying an innocent man. Pilate heard the threats of the Jews and their claim they had no king but Caesar. Pilate understood the implication that Jesus was not their king.

Pilate had sought to release Jesus and was afraid even more when he heard that Jesus called Himself the Son of God. Pilate had already promised the Jews that they could do what they wanted with Jesus. Pilate tried to distance himself from the guilt of crucifying an innocent man.

Pilate thought that handing Jesus over to the Jews may have relieved him of guilt. Pilate knew full well that Jesus was innocent and the Jews would

crucify Jesus, with Roman soldiers helping them. From their standpoint, they got what they came for: the crucifixion of Jesus.

## ***To Them***

1. **Pilate.** Why did Pilate hand over Jesus to the Jews? Because Pilate sought to please men and not God.

2. **Pressure.** Pilate felt the pressure of the Jews. They wanted to kill Jesus.

3. **Consent.** The Jews could not kill Jesus without the consent of Pilate, the Roman governor.

4. **Delivered.** Although Pilate found Jesus innocent of all charges brought by the Jews, he still delivered Jesus to the Jews for crucifixion.

5. **Favor.** Pilate loved his position and sought favor with the Jews.

6. **Salvation.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus did not seek justice for Himself, but grace and mercy leading to salvation for us.

7. **Justification.** We rejoice today because Jesus suffered injustice so that He could justify us with His blood.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate finally capitulated to the demands of the Jews for crucifixion.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we remember that Pilate failed in his duty to use the authority God gave to him to protect the innocent from the guilty judgment.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus because He let the Jews, His own people, take Him away to be crucified.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the failures of Pilate and avoiding them. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and avoid saying one thing and doing the opposite?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Eighty Four

## Cross Today



Where did the Jews take Jesus? They took Jesus to the Place of the Skull.

Pilate delivered Jesus to the Jews, knowing they wanted to crucify Him. The Jews could not kill anyone. Only Romans could impose the death penalty.

Jesus walked toward His own death, bearing His own cross. He labored under the load, but walked forward. Jesus knew that every step lead Him closer to more pain and crucifixion. Jesus made no move to escape and did not plead for His release.

Jesus walked to the place of crucifixion badly injured before He was crucified. He was unrecognizable because of the beating He had already received. He had been called a king, but treated like a criminal. Jesus walked towards the Place of the Skull, also known as Golgotha in Hebrew.

## ***Golgotha***

1. **Intent.** Why did the Jews take Jesus to Golgotha? Because they intended to crucify Him there.
2. **Cross.** Jesus went out, carrying His own cross.
3. **Skull.** The Place of the Skull was also known as Golgotha (Hebrew).
4. **Outside.** Because sacrifices were made outside of the camp of Israel, so also Christ was crucified outside of the city of Jerusalem.
5. **Crucifixion.** The Jews acted quickly, sending Jesus to crucifixion.
6. **Die.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus went to the Place of the Skull to die for us.
7. **Carried.** We rejoice today because Jesus carried the cross so that He could carry us to heaven later.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus waking to the Place of the Skull.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus carried His own cross toward crucifixion.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for taking that difficult walk because He intended to be crucified, just as the Scriptures had predicted.**

### **Application for Today**

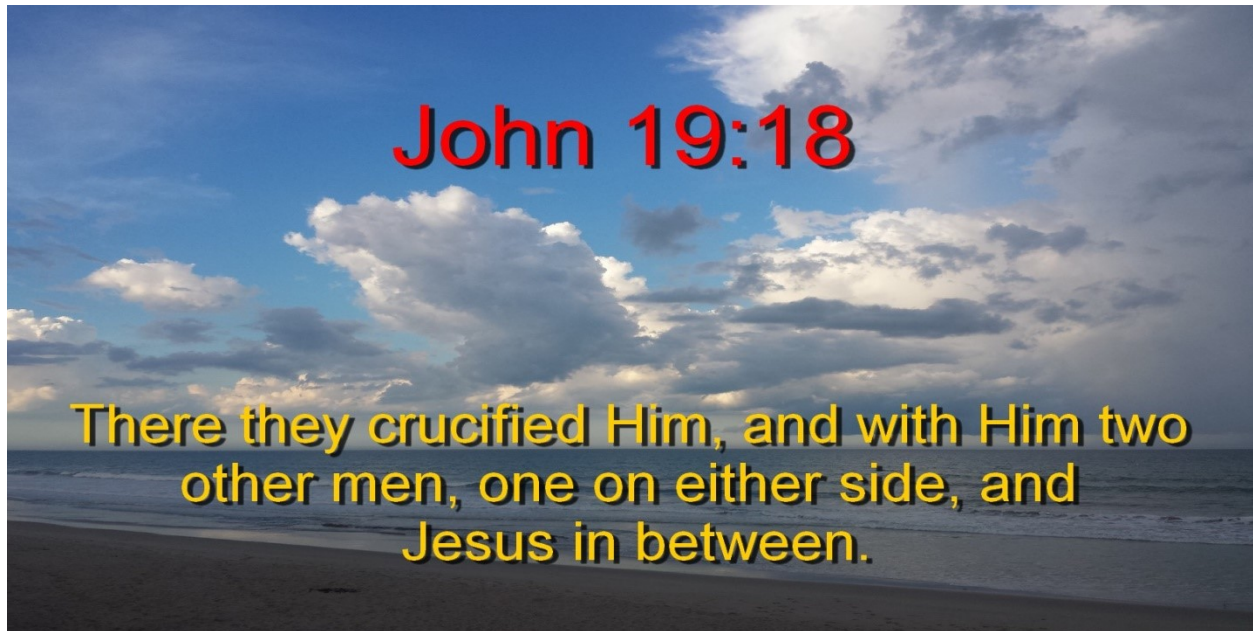
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus walking along, bearing His cross, and loving us with every sacrificial step. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by meditating upon Jesus carrying His cross for us?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# **Day Seven Hundred Eighty Five**

## **Crucified Him Today**



Was Jesus crucified with other men? Yes, Jesus was crucified between two men, one on either side.

Pilate released Jesus to the Jews for crucifixion. Along with the Romans, the Jews crucified Jesus. He was put between two other men, one on either side. Jesus died between two sinners. They deserved crucifixion, but Jesus had committed no crime.

Pilate had sought to release Jesus. Pilate indicted himself by acknowledging that he had the authority to crucify Jesus or to release Jesus. After talking with Jesus several times, Pilate found no guilt in Jesus. Even so, Pilate finally succumbed to the threats of the Jews and handed Jesus over to the Jews.

Jesus died between two sinners. They died for their crimes, but Jesus died for the crimes of everyone from all ages. He died to pay the wages of

death for all of us, from Adam forward. We all have sinned and Jesus is the only Savior.

## ***Jesus in Between***

1. **Death.** How did Jesus die? He died hanging on a cross, due to crucifixion.

2. **Crucifixion.** Jesus had predicted His crucifixion and knew the kind of death He faced.

3. **Not Alone.** Jesus was not alone in His death, because two other men were crucified with Him.

4. **Attended.** God the Father and God the Holy Spirit also attended the death of Jesus.

5. **Forsaken.** Jesus was forsaken to death, but never separated from God the Father or God the Holy Spirit.

6. **Suffered.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus suffered crucifixion because He loved us.

7. **Ransom.** We rejoice today because Jesus gave His soul as a ransom for many.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus died between two sinners.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus was crucified because He refused to set Himself free, choosing instead to feel the nails piercing Him so that we would go free.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by reminding one another of the loving sacrifice of Jesus to save us from our sins.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus in His crucifixion between two criminals. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering we too were criminals who deserved the death penalty because of sin?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Eighty Six

## Inscription Today



**John 19:19**

**Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."**

What did Pilate write for an inscription? Pilate wrote: "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews."

Pilate handed over Jesus to the Jews for crucifixion. Pilate also wrote an inscription about Jesus being the King of the Jews. Jesus told Pilate He was a king and that His kingdom was not of this world.

Pilate found no guilt in Jesus. He understood that the Jews did not have any criminal charge against Jesus. Because the Jews threatened Pilate with reports that he let a rebel go free, Pilate capitulated to their demands.

Just as the high priest prophesied about Jesus, so also Pilate wrote the truth about Jesus; Jesus was truly King of the Jews. Pilate, like the high priest, did not understand what they did, but the effect was that both of them told the truth about Jesus.

The trial of Jesus concluded with Pilate failing to do justice, bowing to political pressure, and inviting the anger of God to abide upon him. Pilate had written his name in history for all the wrong reasons.

## ***King of the Jews***

1. **Message.** Why did Pilate write an inscription for the cross? Because Pilate wanted to send a message to everyone who saw Jesus on the cross.

2. **Crucified.** Pilate wanted the religious leaders to know that Jesus was crucified for His claim to be the King of the Jews.

3. **Innocent.** Pilate declared Jesus innocent of all charges brought by the Jews against Jesus.

4. **Accepted.** Pilate also wanted to make it plain that he had no quarrel with Jesus and accepted Him as King of the Jews.

5. **Mocked.** On another level, Pilate also mocked the Jews by stating that the Jews killed their own King.

6. **Truth.** Living Godly in the family of God means that the inscription on the cross told the truth about Jesus for all to see.

7. **Died.** We rejoice today because Jesus, as King of the Jews, laid aside His royal glory to die for our crimes against God.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate wrote that Jesus was King of the Jews.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by expecting unbelievers to mock Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that the King of the Jews bought our freedom from sin and death by giving His life for ours. The King died so that the slaves may live forever in Him as adopted children of the King.**

### **Application for Today**

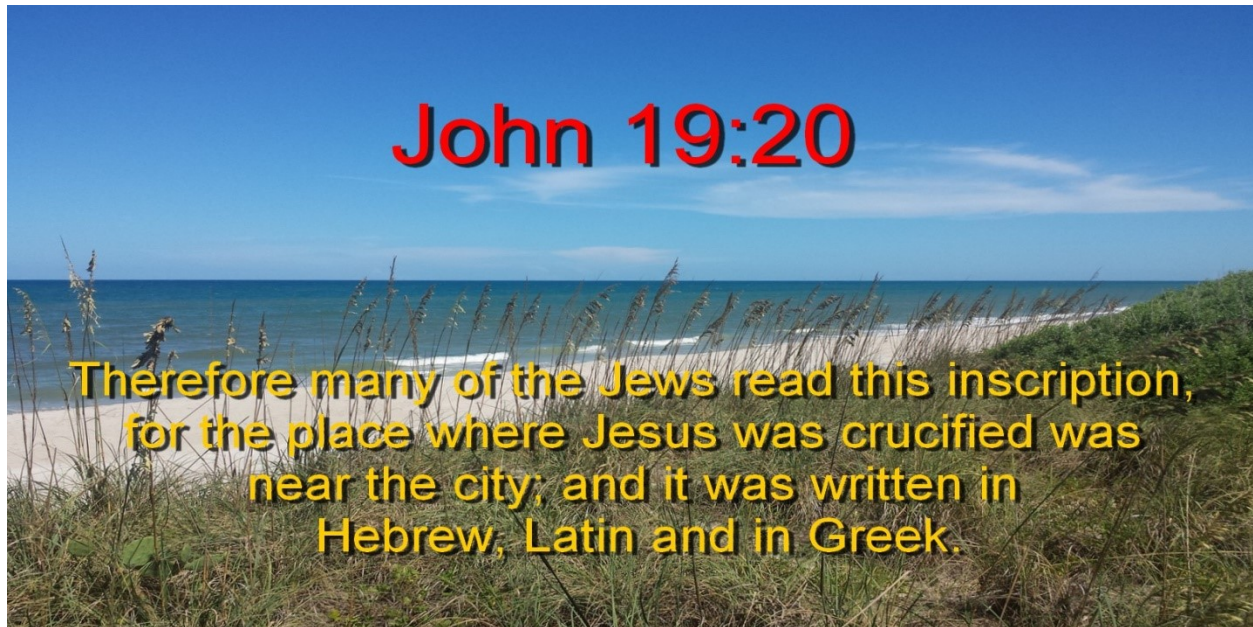
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus, the King of the Jews. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by honoring Jesus as the King of the Jews (at the moment of salvation, we all became children of Abraham by faith in Jesus)?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Eighty Seven

## The Place Today



Why did Pilate write the inscription in Hebrew, Latin and Greek? Pilate wrote in Hebrew so the Jews would understand. Pilate wrote in Latin so that the Romans would understand. Pilate wrote in Greek so that everyone would understand. Pilate wanted all of them to understand that Jesus was the King of the Jews.

Pilate rejected Jesus, because if he had known the true identity of Jesus, then he would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. By the wisdom of this world, the rulers and authorities never knew Jesus.

Pilate also understood the geography. The Place of the Skull, where Jesus was crucified, was near Jerusalem and many people would be going by there. So Pilate not only provided his own inscription, but he also wrote it in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. Therefore, many people could read the inscription and understand Pilate's message.



## ***Hebrew, Latin and Greek***

1. **Therefore**. Pilate wrote the inscription: “Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews.” Because Pilate wrote it, it held special significance.
2. **Many**. Many of the Jews read the inscription Pilate wrote. Pilate identified Jesus as from Nazareth. He also gave Jesus the title “King of the Jews.” Pilate correctly identified Jesus as King of the Jews.
3. **Inscription**. The inscription from Pilate expressed the feelings of Pilate toward both the Jews and Jesus. Pilate recognized Jesus as a king, but not as King of kings, God in the flesh. Pilate mocked the Jews who said their only king was Caesar.
4. **Place**. The Place of the Skull became famous because Jesus was crucified there. Many Jews came to see Jesus because it was near the city of Jerusalem, but not in the city of Jerusalem. Jesus died outside Jerusalem.
5. **Crucified**. The Bible records very important historical details. Jesus was crucified, fulfilling the words of Jesus that He would be lifted up from the earth.
6. **Written**. Living Godly in the family of God mean that we remember that Pilate wrote the inscription with the full intention that many Jews and others would see the title he gave Jesus. He also wanted to be sure that everyone would understand his message.
7. **Hebrew, Latin, and Greek**. We rejoice today because Pilate wrote his inscription in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. Just about anyone walking by the cross would know the King of the Jews was hanging there on the cross. Pilate told the truth to the entire world, without really knowing the truth himself.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the inscription of Pilate.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus was proclaimed as the King of the Jews.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus more because He hung on the cross with many people passing by and seeing Him with their eyes, but not their hearts.**

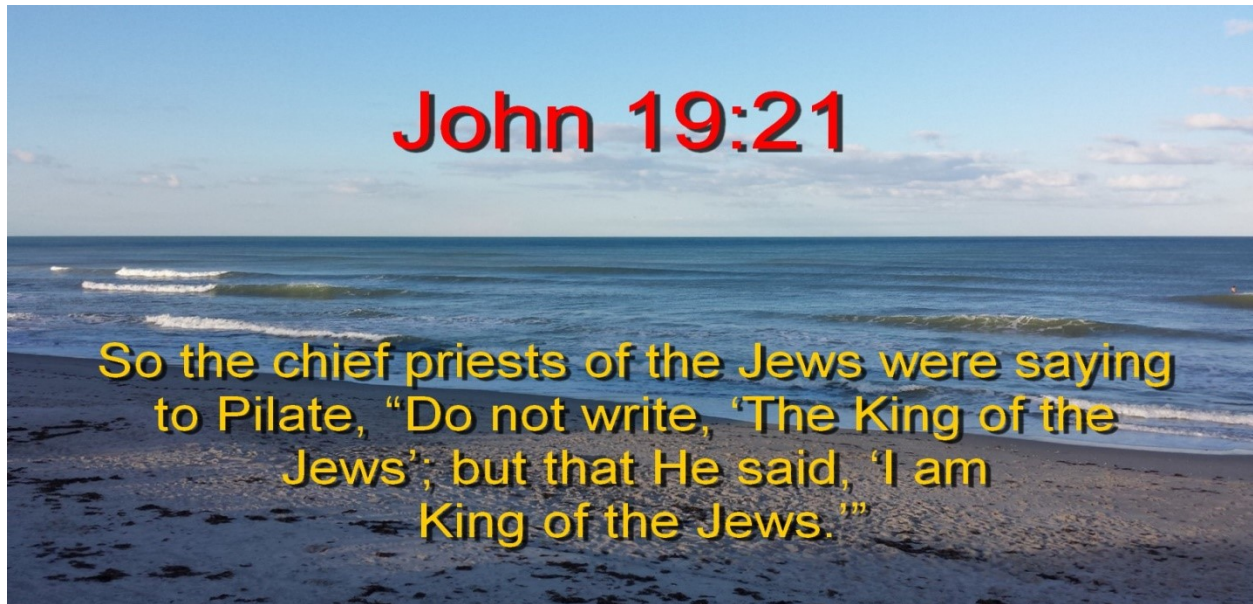
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the inscription of Jesus, written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and talk about Jesus with people you meet who are passing by?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Eighty Eight

## Do Not Write Today



What did the chief priests do when they saw the inscription? They asked Pilate to change the words to the words Jesus said: "I am King of the Jews."

The chief priests did not care for Pilate's inscription. Pilate had chosen his words carefully, and sought to send his own message to the Jews. He knew why they delivered an innocent man to him for crucifixion. He also remembered how he tried to release Jesus, but the Jews opposed him at every turn.

The chief priests certainly hated Jesus and all He stood for. They never knew God, but thought they were serving God and Rome. In fact, they were not serving either one. The Jews had said they had no king but Caesar. Pilate wrote his inscription because he remembered all that the Jews had said and done concerning Jesus.

The chief priests had already succeeded in pushing Pilate into delivering Jesus to them for crucifixion. Their last attempt to push Pilate failed, because Pilate had made up both his mind and his message for all to see.

## ***He Said***

1. **Change.** Why did the Jews want to change what Pilate wrote for an inscription? Because they did not recognize Jesus as King of the Jews.

2. **Inscription.** The chief priests of the Jews hated Pilate's inscription, calling Jesus the King of the Jews.

3. **Objection.** Pilate meant every word of that inscription and knew that the Jews would object.

4. **Innocent.** Pilate also knew that the Jews were determined to crucify an innocent man.

5. **Murder.** Pilate bowed to political pressure and became a co-conspirator in the murder of Jesus Christ.

6. **King.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus was truly the King of the Jews, no matter what anybody said about Him.

7. **Truth.** We rejoice today because Jesus proclaimed the truth when He declared Himself to be the King of the Jews.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering what the chief priests wanted Pilate to do for them.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the chief priests wanted the inscription to read: “I am the King of the Jews.”**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by understanding that the chief priests opposed Pilate’s inscription, but Pilate said a truth they disdained.**

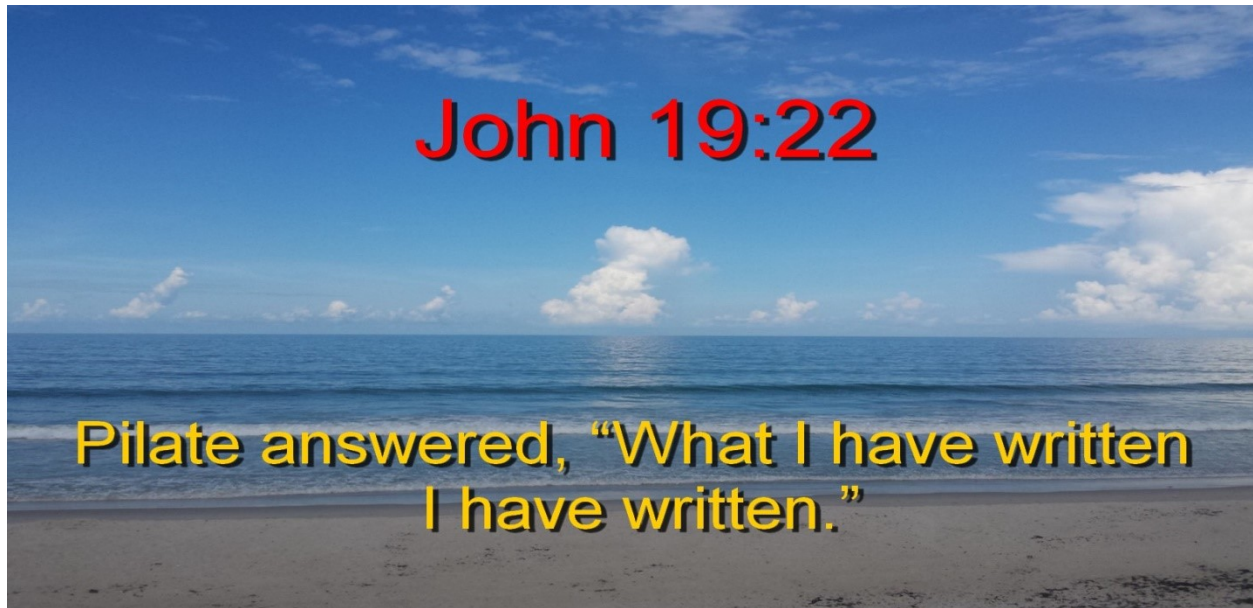
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting that many religious leaders will disdain Jesus being called the King of the Jews, even to this day. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by reminding people that Jesus died with the words “King of the Jews” visible for all to see?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Eighty Nine

## What I Have Written Today



How did Pilate respond to the change requested by the chief priest? Pilate refused to change a word.

Pilate was not just writing an inscription about Jesus. Pilate intended to say something about all the Jews, and particularly their religious leaders. Pilate wanted everyone seeing Jesus to see what he wrote in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. Pilate wanted everyone to understand the message he was sending to everyone.

The chief priests wanted the inscription changed to show that Jesus called Himself the King of the Jews, but He was not really the King of the Jews. Pilate declined their request because Pilate finally refused the request of the Jews.

Pilate knew he had crucified Jesus the Nazarene, a man without guilt. Yet, Pilate had killed Jesus, even after hearing the words of Jesus about His kingdom not being of this world.

## ***I Have Written***

1. **Truth.** Why did Pilate refuse to change the inscription, Jesus the Nazarene, The King of the Jews? Because Pilate wrote the truth.
2. **Jealousy.** Pilate knew that the Jews crucified Jesus out of jealousy.
3. **Declared.** Pilate also knew that Jesus declared Himself to be the King of the Jews.
4. **Delivered.** Pilate delivered Jesus to the Jews for crucifixion, but Pilate wanted no responsibility for the death of Jesus.
5. **Innocent.** Pilate sought to further his political career by delivering an innocent man to crucifixion.
6. **Loved.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Pilate put politics above justice, but Jesus loved us more than His own life.
7. **Saved.** We rejoice today because Jesus followed His Father's plans to save us from our sins.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Pilate finally opposed the chief priests and the Jews.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that everyone passing by Jesus saw the inscription proclaiming in the most popular languages that Jesus was the King of the Jews.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for arranging the perfect inscription about His crucifixion.**

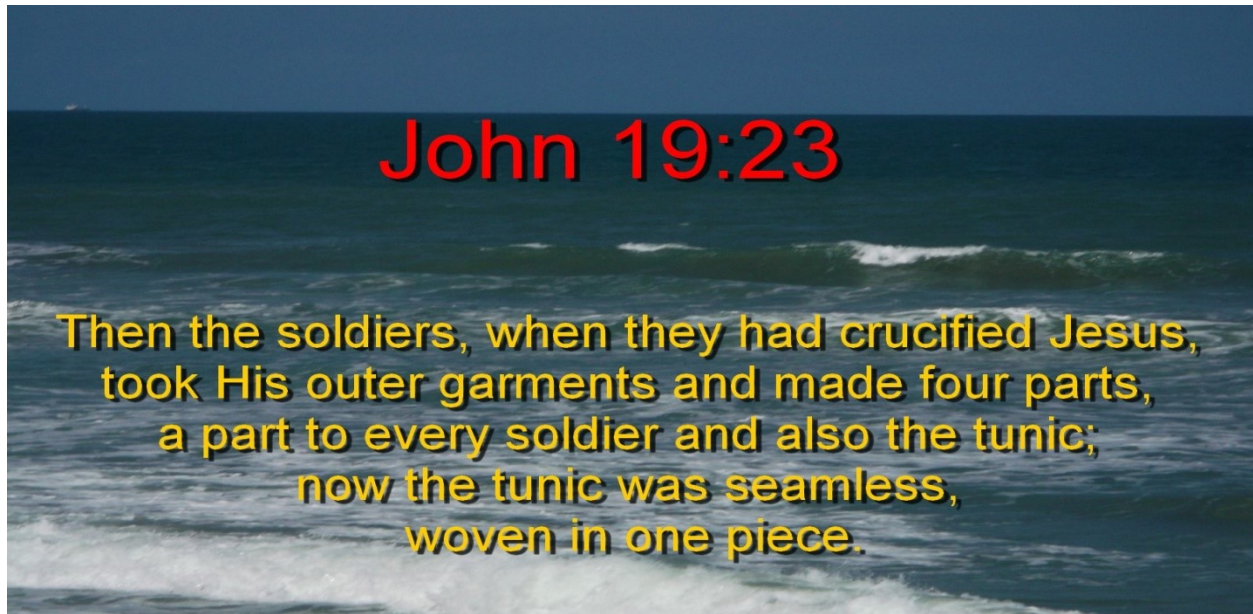
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus was the King of the Jews, whether the inscription said so or not. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by sharing with people the account of Jesus heading to crucifixion because He loved everyone?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Ninety

## The Soldiers Today



What did the soldiers do after crucifying Jesus? They separated the clothing of Jesus and made four parts, one for each soldier.

Those soldiers left that day with the outer garments worn by the Son of God. The soldiers did not understand the full significance of what they were doing or that God was hanging on that cross.

The tunic of Jesus was seamless, woven in one piece. The soldiers were unable to divide it among the four of them.

John recorded the details of the crucifixion of Jesus with help from the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised that the Holy Spirit would bring back to their minds the words He had spoken.

John wrote the words God gave to Him. They were perfect records of the events surrounding the crucifixion. The details matter and help us understand what happened to Jesus.

## *Crucified Jesus*

1. **Garments.** Having crucified Jesus, what did the soldiers do with His garments? They divided His garments among themselves.
2. **Details.** John gave exact details about even the garments of Jesus.
3. **Divided.** The soldiers took all the outer garments of Jesus, which they divided into four parts, one for each soldier.
4. **Prophecy.** Psalm 22 indicates that the garments of Jesus would be divided, and his clothing divided by lot.
5. **Robbed.** The soldiers robbed Jesus of His clothing, but not His love for sinners like us.
6. **Indignities.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus suffered many indignities as He gave Himself for us.
7. **Died.** We rejoice today because Jesus died clothed in righteousness, while His earthly garments were distributed among sinners.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging each other with words spoken by Jesus and the details of His crucifixion.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the soldiers divided His garments. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering Jesus our Savior paying the price on the cross for our sins?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Ninety One

## My Clothing Today



Why did the soldiers cast lots? The soldiers cast lots to see who would take the tunic of Jesus.

The Scriptures provided that people would divide the outer garments of Jesus among them, and cast lots for His clothing. The soldiers fulfilled that prophecy from the Old Testament without knowing about the prophecy.

Jesus knew all things as God in the flesh. The soldiers thought they were crucifying a man condemned to death. In a sense they were right. Jesus was a man condemned to death. The soldiers knew that Jesus would have no further use for His garments. They took what they wanted.

Jesus was also God. The Jews could not understand that God became flesh. They thought a person was flesh. Anyone man making himself equal to God was blaspheming the name of God. Yet Jesus explained to them that God called some men gods in the Old Testament. Jesus revealed to them that His

Father sanctified Him and sent Him into the world, to wear garments and to be crucified for the sins of the world.

## ***Cast Lots***

1. **Tunic.** Why did the soldiers cast lots for the clothing of Jesus? Because the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece and they did not want to tear it into parts.

2. **Fulfilled.** The soldiers also fulfilled the prophecy of Psalm 22 regarding the clothing of Jesus and the casting of lots.

3. **Prophecy.** The prophecy mentioned both the outer garments and His clothing.

4. **Precise.** The Scriptures are always precise and truthful.

5. **Robbery.** Roman soldiers sometimes supplemented their income by robbing other people.

6. **Crimes.** Living Godly in the family of God means that the soldiers were not merely following orders, but actively participating in the crimes against Jesus.

7. **Sinners.** We rejoice today because Jesus, even when stripped of His clothing, never wavered in His love motivating Him to lay down His life for sinners.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the soldiers fulfilled the prophecy concerning the garments of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by seeing God fulfill prophecy after prophecy in the life of Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by exalting God for humbling Himself and taking flesh to walk among us and give His soul for us.**

### **Application for Today**

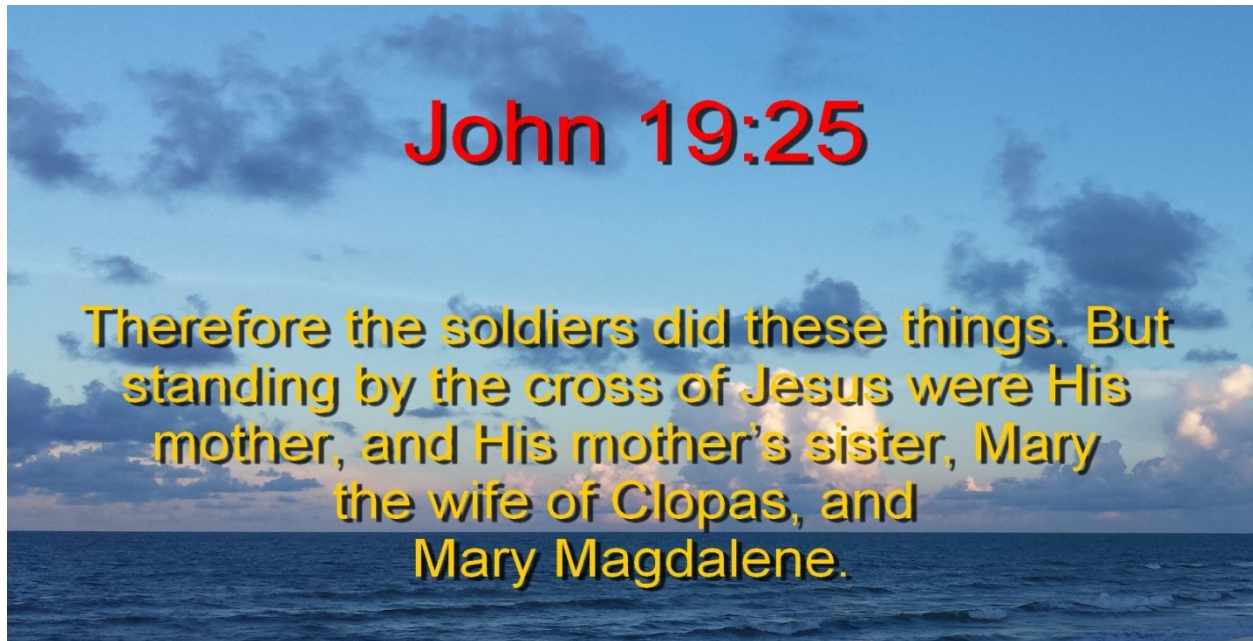
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for giving up His garments to the soldiers and not resisting the humiliation. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and humble yourself under the mighty hand of God so that He will exalt you at the right time?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Ninety Two

## The Soldiers Today



What women were standing by the cross? Mary the mother of Jesus and His mother's sister, Mary the Wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Women played important roles in the ministry of Jesus. They travelled with Jesus and offered various kinds of support. Mary the mother of Jesus treasured the prophecy of Simeon about a sword piercing her own soul. Mary suffered as she watched her Son tortured and then crucified.

Mary Magdalene had seven demons cast out of her. She followed Jesus because she had been set free from demonic oppression. She knew that Jesus had authority over demons and she loved Him and followed Him. Mary Magdalene liked sticking close to Jesus.

Mary the wife of Clopas remains unknown. The term Clopas only appears in the verse for today. A man named Cleopas met Jesus on the road to Emmaus, but the spelling of His name was different. Because we know so little about Mary the wife of Clopas, she reminds all of us that people who loved Jesus stood by His cross while He suffered for them and all of us.

## ***By the Cross***

1. **Cross.** When Jesus was crucified, who was standing by the cross? Mary the mother of Jesus, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene.
2. **Soldiers.** After the soldiers divided the garments of Jesus and crucified Him, the women watched as Jesus suffered and finally died.
3. **Disciples Fled.** When Jesus was arrested, His disciples fled.
4. **Denied.** Peter and another disciple followed the people who arrested Jesus to the court of the high priest. There, Peter denied Jesus.
5. **Supported.** Women played an important role in the ministry of Jesus and helped support Him out of their private means.
6. **Women.** Living Godly in the family of God means that women stood by the cross when others had fled.
7. **Loves.** We rejoice today Jesus loves both males and females, young and old, Jews and Gentiles, because He is partial to none.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the women who stood by the cross after so many men had fled.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand the important work that women did for Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we join together to sing the praise of Jesus for being no respecter of persons.**

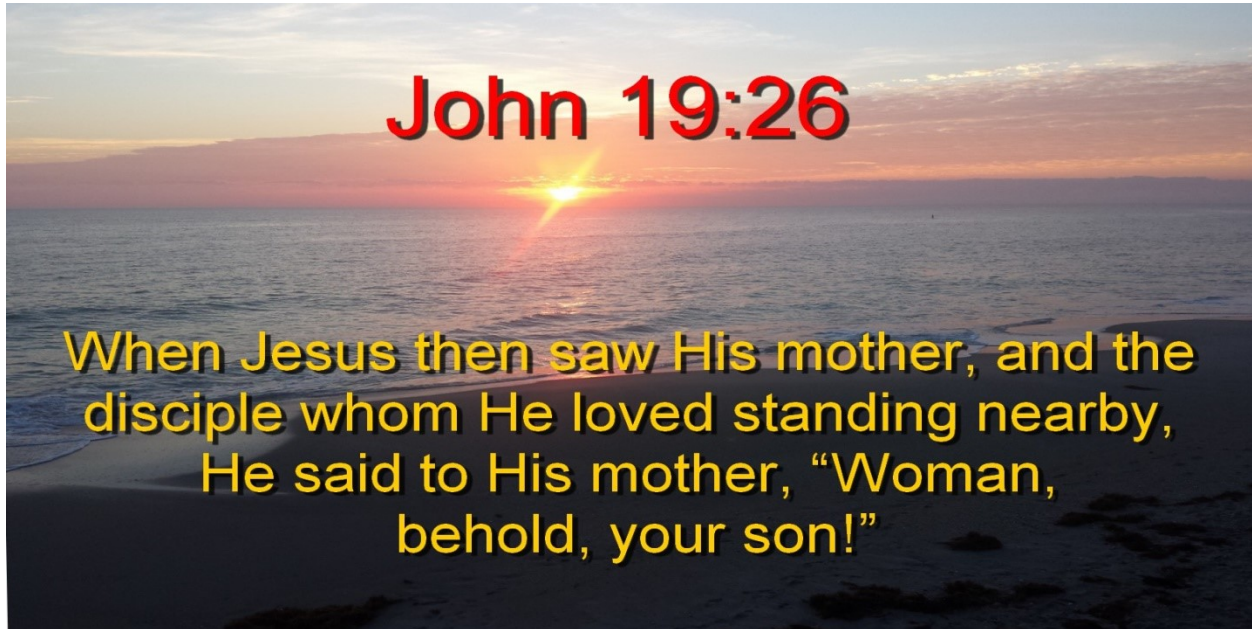
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by standing by our friends who go through difficult times. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by caring for your friends who suffer for doing the right things?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Ninety Three

## His Mother Today



What did Jesus say when He saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby? Jesus said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

Even while crucified, Jesus still had other people on his mind. He thought about His mother and her future. Therefore, He told Mary to behold her son, the disciple Jesus loved. Jesus meant that Mary should treat that disciple like she treated Jesus as her son.

Jesus valued loving relationships. He sought to establish new relationships and strengthen them. Jesus had a plan for His mother and the disciple. This disciple stayed when other people had left Jesus.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, had witnessed her Son grow up without sin. He performed miracles and He had helped her at the wedding at Cana. He made wine for all the guests because she sought His help. Jesus fed people, made the lame walk, the blind see, and raised the dead. Mary knew many

things about Jesus, but now she also knew that He wanted her to have a new relationship with the disciple.

## ***The Disciple***

1. **Son.** When Jesus was on the cross, what did He say to His mother? Jesus said, "Woman, behold your son."

2. **Relationship.** As the next verse makes clear, Jesus was establishing a new relationship between the disciple He loved and His mother.

3. **Mother.** Jesus thought about His mother as He died.

4. **Ensured.** Jesus wanted to be sure His mother would be taken care of by someone He knew well.

5. **Confidence.** Jesus had confidence that the disciple He loved would take very good care of His mother.

6. **Love.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus loved His mother, Mary, and thought about her welfare.

7. **Welfare.** We rejoice today because Jesus placed the welfare of others before His own needs.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by promoting new love relationships.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by helping the grieving find new people to love.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering the way Jesus put people together in love.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by losing loved ones and gaining new relationships of love. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and be open to loving new people?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Seven Hundred Ninety Four

## Your Mother Today



What did the disciple of Jesus do with His mother? The disciple took the mother of Jesus into his own household.

Jesus wanted Mary to have a place to go after He was gone. The disciple who loved Jesus would be missing Jesus, just like His mother was going to be missing Jesus.

As Jesus hung on the cross, He still ministered to the people around Him. He loved them and understood their needs. Jesus found the perfect home for His mother, and the disciple that loved Him would also love her.

Jesus purposely established that new relationship of love between a new son with a new mother. Jesus had a marvelous way of building love and restoring families. Jesus loved His mother and the disciple. Together His mother and that disciple could share their love for Jesus. He had not forsaken them, but wanted both of them to take care of the other.



## ***Own Household***

1. **Mother.** Who was going to take care of the mother of Jesus after He died? Jesus directed the disciple whom He loved to take care of Mary, His mother.

2. **Directed.** As Jesus hung on the cross, He directed the disciple whom He loved to take care of His mother.

3. **Care.** Although Mary once had a husband and had several other children besides Jesus, she apparently needed someone to take care of her.

4. **Waited.** Jesus waited until He hung on the cross to tell the disciple whom He loved to take care of His mother.

5. **Son.** Likewise Jesus also waited to tell Mary that she had a new son, the disciple whom Jesus loved.

6. **Family.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus wanted the members of the family of God to take care of one another, like mother and son.

7. **Household.** We rejoice today because Jesus loved His mother and gave her a new son to take care of her and receive her into his own household.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by seeing the people Jesus puts before us so that we can take care of them.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by seeing the people Jesus puts in front of us to take care of us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus loves households and wanted His mother to find her place in the perfect household.**

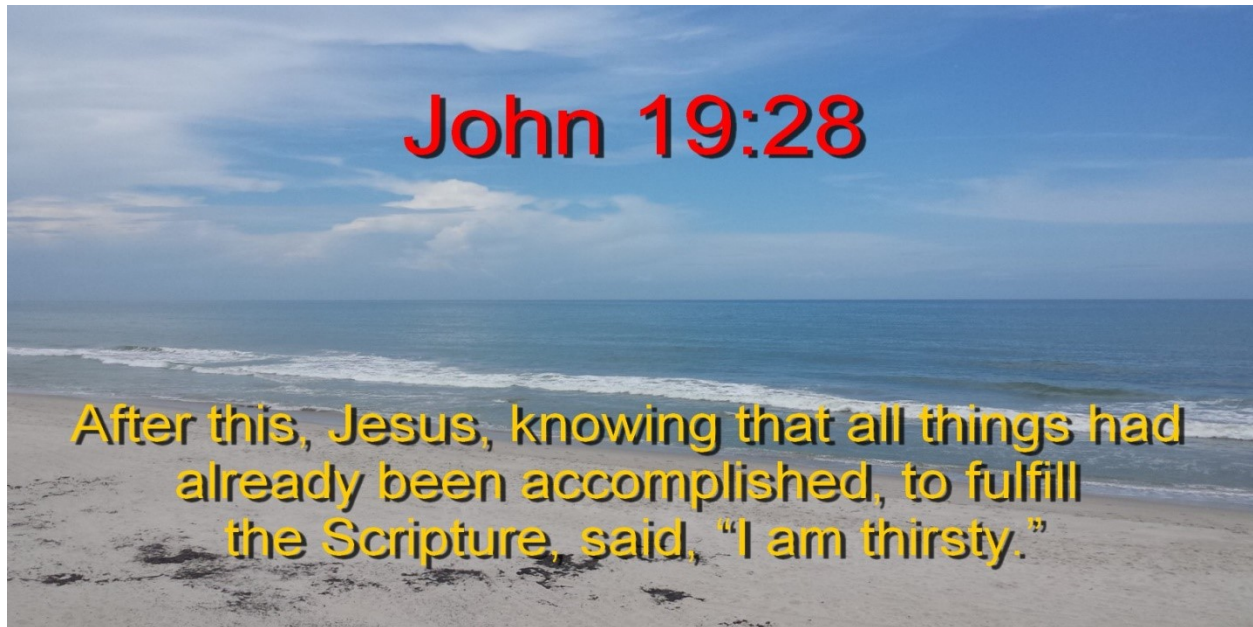
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by looking at the people Jesus puts into our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and see the people around you through the loving eyes of Jesus looking down at you and them?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Ninety Five

## All Things Today



What did Jesus know on the cross? Jesus knew that all things had already been accomplished.

Jesus remained alert during His time on the cross. He knew that the disciple whom He loved was there. He also knew that His mother was there. He also put them together in love.

Jesus also ministered to the thief on the cross. One of the two thieves heard Jesus say that he would be with Jesus that day in Paradise. Jesus brought a thief with Him to Paradise.

When Jesus knew that all things had been accomplished to fulfill the Scriptures, He then said, "I am thirsty." Jesus had a keen sense of timing and accomplishment. He knew about the prophecies and that they had all been fulfilled. Jesus knew that His time to lay down His soul was approaching rapidly.

## ***Thirsty***

1. **Intention.** Why did Jesus say from the cross, "I am thirsty"? Because He intended to fulfill the Scripture.
2. **Plans.** Throughout His life Jesus followed the plans of God His Father.
3. **Prophecies.** Many Old Testament prophecies were made about Jesus and His life, death, resurrection, and ascension.
4. **Knew.** Because Jesus as God inspired the Old Testament, He knew all the prophecies that must be fulfilled.
5. **Accomplished.** Jesus had already accomplished the work His Father had given Him to do and now the time had come to lay down His life.
6. **Suffered.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus truly suffered on the cross and felt thirst just like any other human.
7. **Forgiveness.** We rejoice today because unlike any other human, Jesus was also God in the flesh and gave His life so that we might have eternal life through the forgiveness of sins.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus was intent upon Scripture being fulfilled.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus was aware that all things in Scriptures were already fulfilled and so He said, “I thirst.”**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for fulfilling Scripture even when hanging on the cross.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus still did the will of His Father even while nailed to the cross. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by doing God’s will even when circumstances seem overwhelming?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Seven Hundred Ninety Six**

## **Sour Wine Today**



**John 19:29**

**A jar full of sour wine was standing there;  
so they put a sponge full of the sour wine  
upon a branch of hyssop and  
brought it up to His mouth.**

What did they offer Jesus on the cross? They poured some wine on a hyssop branch and brought it up to His mouth.

Jesus was in full control of His faculties hanging on the cross. He spoke to the men on the crosses next to Him. He explained salvation to them and one of them accepted His offer of eternal life.

Jesus also spoke to the disciple He loved and His mother. He put them together and she joined his household. Jesus was clearly thinking about other people as He suffered and died on that cross.

The people at the cross put some sour wine on a hyssop branch and brought it up to His mouth. He had been beaten and scourged. He could use fluids and they offered Him something to wet His mouth.

The women and the disciple thought of Jesus suffering. They understood He was suffering for them. He loved them to the end.

## ***Sponge***

1. **Thirsty.** What happened after Jesus said, "I am thirsty? People around the cross gave Jesus some sour wine.
2. **Jar.** A jar full of sour wine was standing near the cross.
3. **Sponge.** The people used a branch of hyssop to bring a sponge full of the sour wine up to the mouth of Jesus.
4. **Alert.** Jesus remained fully conscious and alert on the cross until He gave up His spirit.
5. **Fulfilled.** Jesus asked for the drink to fulfill Scripture.
6. **Scripture.** Living Godly in the family of God means that people around the cross fulfilled Scripture even as Jesus died.
7. **Forever.** We rejoice today because Jesus loved us then, loves us now and loves us forever.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus on the cross thinking about other people.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering the friends of Jesus standing near the cross and offering Him some sour wine.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus suffered a horribly painful beating, scourging, slapping and more before He was crucified.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for endurance and patience in suffering so much for so many. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by honoring the sacrifice of Jesus by using your life for His glory?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# 5

## **Learning about Godliness And Death Today**

Because of the day of Preparation, the Jews asked Pilate to break the bones of the crucified men so they could be removed before the Sabbath. The soldiers came and broke the legs of the other two men crucified with Jesus, but they found Jesus already dead. They did not break His legs, but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. The Scripture was fulfilled that not a bone of His body would be broken and they looked upon Him Whom they pierced.

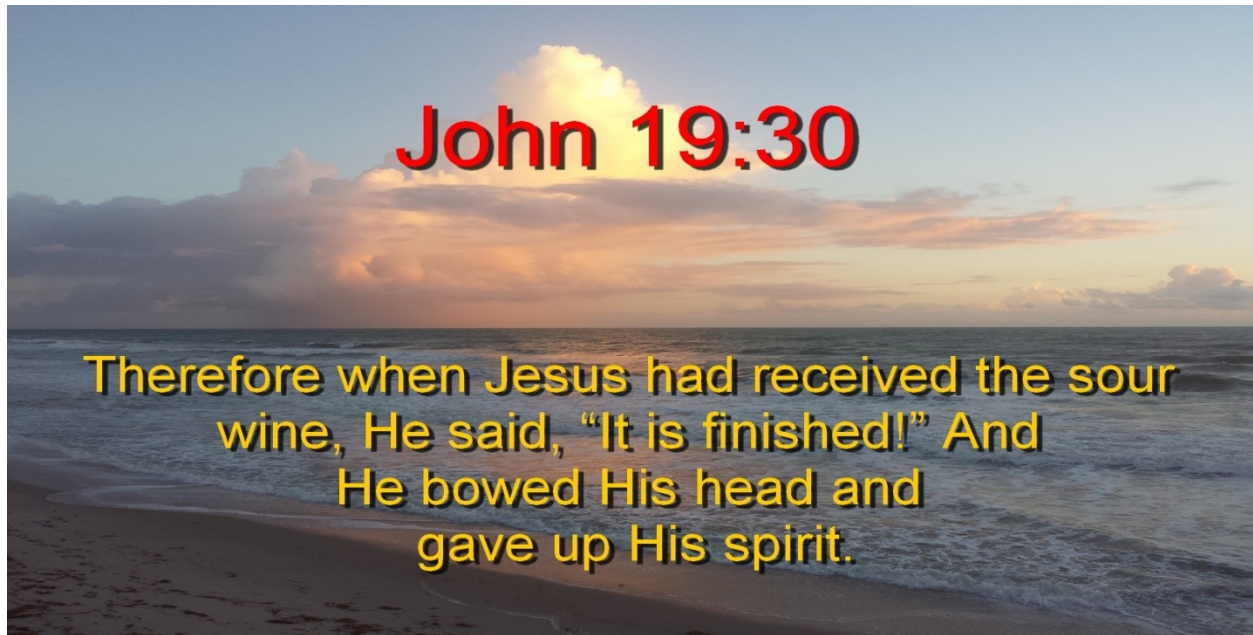
After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate for permission to take away the body of Jesus and Pilate agreed. Joseph of Arimathea came and took away the body. Nicodemus, who first came to Jesus by night, came also, bearing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about a hundred pounds. They wrapped the body of Jesus in linen wrappings with spices, according to the burial custom of the Jews. In the place where Jesus was crucified was a garden. They laid Jesus in a tomb there, because it was nearby and it was the Jewish day of preparation.

Some disciples found their courage and stepped forward to claim and bury the body of Jesus. By the grace of God, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus claimed the body, wrapped the body, and anointed it with spices. The women who stood by the cross were with Him to death and were coming back to visit the tomb on the first day of the week, only to find the tomb empty. Just the linen wrappings remained in the empty tomb.

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Seven Hundred Ninety Seven**

## **It Is Finished Today**



What did Jesus do after receiving the sour wine? Jesus bowed His head and said "It is finished."

Jesus received the sour wine offered to Him. He had already fulfilled the Scriptures related to His crucifixion. Next He would fulfill more Scriptures as He died and was entombed.

Jesus laid down His soul. He also gave up His spirit. As He died, He said "It is finished." Jesus said all of that with a single Greek word. His death was quiet and simple from the outside, but of unique spiritual significance. His death provided complete payment and redemption for our sins. He died in our place, and accomplished the will of His Father to bring us to be with God in heaven.

Jesus died the way He lived. He followed the plan of His Father and did so intentionally moment by moment. Jesus loved His Father and His

Father loved Jesus because He always did the things pleasing to His Father, including drinking the cup set before Him. Jesus also loved us, and gave up His life that we would live forever with Him.

## ***His Spirit***

1. **Completed.** Why did Jesus say from the cross, "It is finished!"? Because His work in the flesh had been completed.
2. **Fulfilled.** When Jesus received the sour wine, He fulfilled the last of the Scriptures related to His crucifixion and death.
3. **Prophesied.** Jesus prophesied that He would lay down His life and no one would take it from Him.
4. **His Decision.** As Jesus hung on the cross, He made the decision about when He would die.
5. **His Choice.** Jesus gave up His spirit, indicating that was the moment He chose to die.
6. **Right Moment.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus died for us at just the right moment.
7. **Proof.** We rejoice today because Jesus fulfilled every prophecy perfectly and timely, proving He truly was God in the flesh.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus proclaiming: “It is finished.”**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we worship Jesus for His bodily and spiritual sacrifice.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus because He accomplished the work of salvation by giving up His spirit.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by looking back at Jesus giving up His spirit as an act of love for us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by living for Jesus, because He bought us that day with His blood?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Seven Hundred Ninety Eight

## On the Cross Today



**John 19:31**

Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

What did the Jews ask of Pilate? They asked that the legs of the crucified men might be broken.

Pilate had crucified Jesus, an innocent man. Jesus had given up His spirit and expired. Jesus gave His life according to the plan of His Father.

The Jews were preparing for Saturday, their Sabbath. They had to prepare food and other items because the Sabbath was a day of rest. Therefore, they did not want to have people hanging on the cross on the Sabbath, because it was also a Feast day.

By breaking the legs of the crucified, the men would die faster because of several medical reasons. The Jews did not want the bodies to remain on the cross. Ironically, the Jews lobbied Pilate hard to put Jesus on the cross and now they wanted His body removed quickly.

## ***The Day of Preparation***

1. **Sabbath.** Why did the Jews want the bodies taken down from the cross? Because that Sabbath was a high Sabbath associated with the Passover and they did not want the bodies defiling the Passover.
2. **Blindness.** Consider the spiritual blindness of the Jews. They worried about bodies on a cross defiling the Passover, but they did not understand they were actually crucifying Jesus, the Passover Lamb.
3. **Jews.** The Jews wanted Pilate to break the legs of the crucified.
4. **Bodies.** Once the crucified had died, then their bodies could be removed from the cross.
5. **Legs.** Breaking the legs of the crucified hastened death.
6. **Sacrifice.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for all sins.
7. **Died.** We rejoice today because Jesus died before the Jews wanted to hasten the death of the crucified. Jesus gave up His life so that we would have eternal life in Him.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding the people who lobbied for Jesus to be crucified.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the people who crucified Jesus thought they could worship on the Sabbath without a second thought about Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus in His death and proclaiming His death until He comes again.**

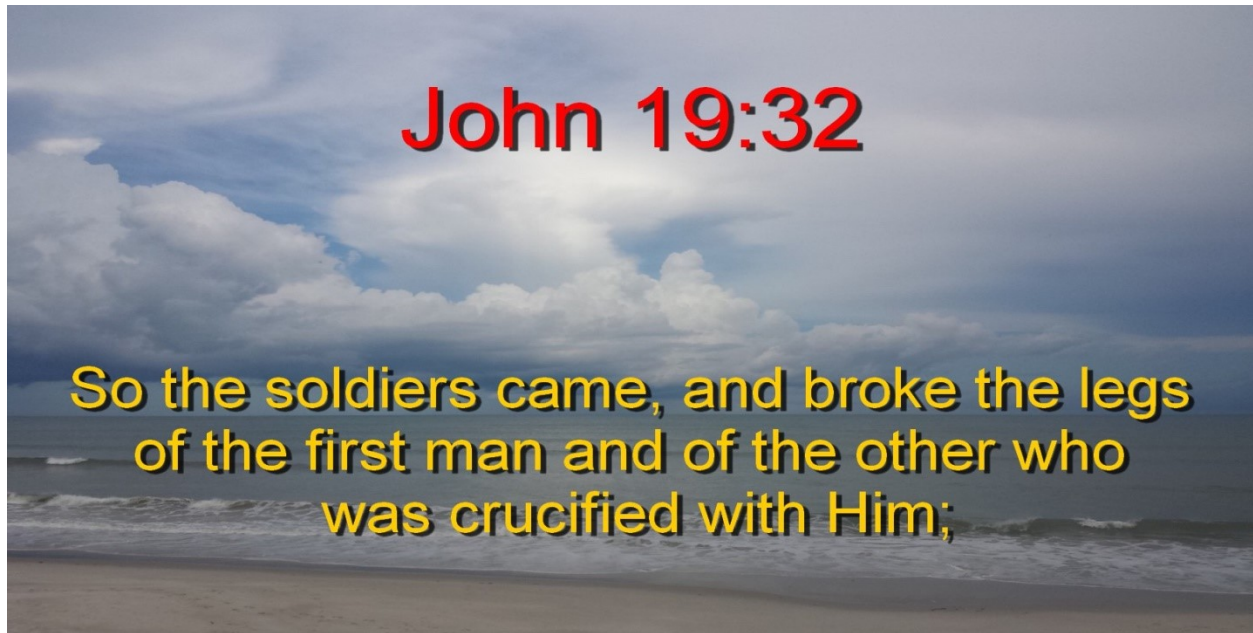
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by thinking about Jesus and the Jews who could not wait to crucify Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by never forgetting how Jesus purchased you with His blood?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Seven Hundred Ninety Nine**

## **Soldiers Came Today**



What did the soldiers do when they came to the crosses? The soldiers broke the legs of the two men crucified beside Jesus.

The Jews wanted the men removed from the crosses before the Sabbath began at sundown. Therefore, they wanted the Romans to break the legs of the crucified men to hasten their deaths.

The Jews and the Romans wanted to be sure the men died quickly and then be removed from their crosses. The Jews intended to celebrate the Passover Sabbath, but they had already killed the Passover Lamb, Jesus. They had no idea that the very Sabbath they observed and the Passover were both about Jesus. They did not recognize the Lord of Glory. They killed Jesus without knowing that all the Feasts were about Jesus and His goodness. He provided everything for His people and they rejected Him for many generations.

God has great patience with vessels prepared for destruction. He endures them as they store up anger to be poured out on the day of God's anger.

## ***Broke the Legs***

1. **Jews.** Why did the soldiers break the legs of the people crucified with Jesus? Because the Jews wanted the bodies removed from the crosses before the Sabbath.

2. **Soldiers.** The soldiers came to break the legs to hasten the death of the crucified.

3. **Pilate.** Pilate still sought to please the Jews and honor their requests.

4. **Crucified.** The soldiers actually broke the legs of the two people crucified with Jesus.

5. **Jesus' Spirit.** Jesus died at the moment He gave up His spirit.

6. **Jesus' Legs.** Living Godly in the family of God means let the legs of Jesus were not broken.

7. **Prophecies Fulfilled.** We rejoice today because we have a very detailed record of the events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus that show the fulfillment of prophecies.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by thinking about Jesus and how the legs of the other crucified men were broken.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus in that He had already given up His spirit before the soldiers arrived to break legs.**

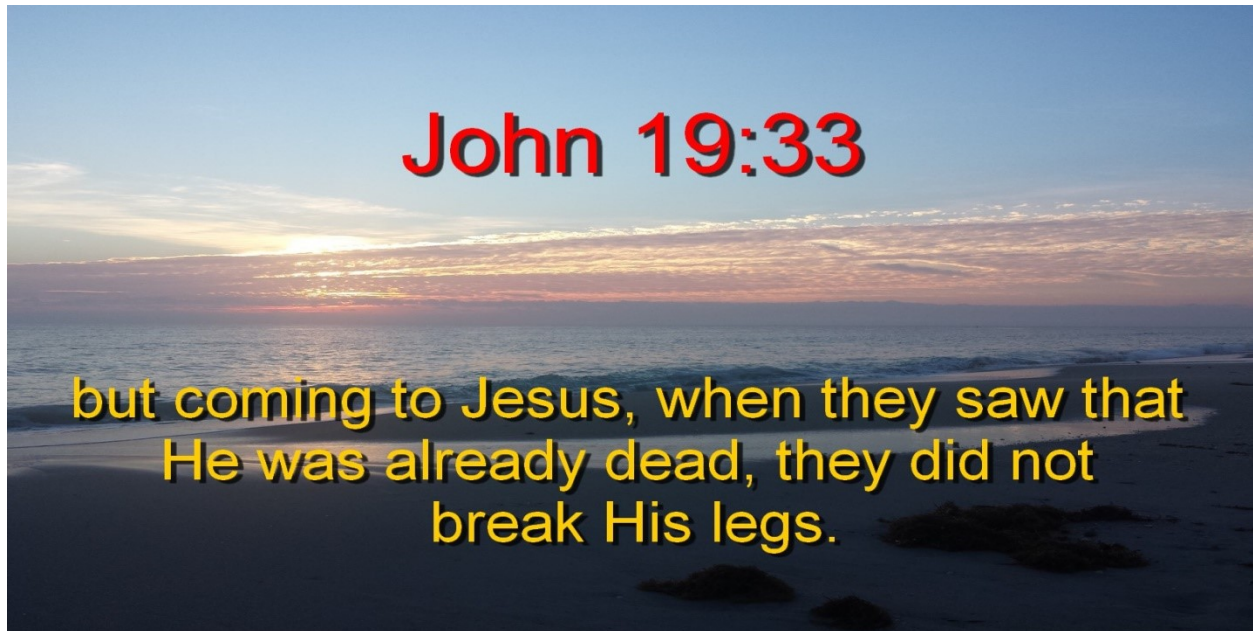
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the soldiers who came to the cross to break legs so people could honor the Sabbath. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering Jesus had already laid down His soul before the soldiers arrived?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred

## Already Dead Today



What did the soldiers see when they came to Jesus? They saw that Jesus was already dead.

Jesus died at just the right time. He gave up His spirit and died then. He chose the time and acted deliberately. He acted according to His Father's plan at every point.

Jesus had prophesied about His death by crucifixion. He had also said there can be no forgiveness of sins without the shedding of blood. Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for sin; His sacrifice was once and for all.

Because Jesus was already dead, the soldiers did not break His legs. The Jews would be able to remove His body at any time after He died. The soldiers were witnesses that Jesus truly expired that day.

## ***Not Break***

1. **Dead.** Did the soldiers break the legs of Jesus on the cross? No, because Jesus was already dead.
2. **Bodies.** The Jews asked Pilate to hasten the death of the men on the crosses so that their bodies could be removed before the Sabbath.
3. **Break.** The soldiers came to break the legs of the men on the crosses.
4. **Not Broken.** When the soldiers came to Jesus, they found that He had already died and so they did not break His legs.
5. **Prophecies.** The death of Jesus marked the fulfillment of many prophecies and also represents full payment for the sins of the world.
6. **Jesus.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus went to the grave with no broken bones.
7. **Whoever Believes.** We rejoice today because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, so that whoever believes on Him, would have eternal life and not perish.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the soldiers did not break the legs of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by appreciating how the Scriptures were fulfilled with the death of Jesus and the details of that death.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for giving up His spirit at just the right time.**

### **Application for Today**

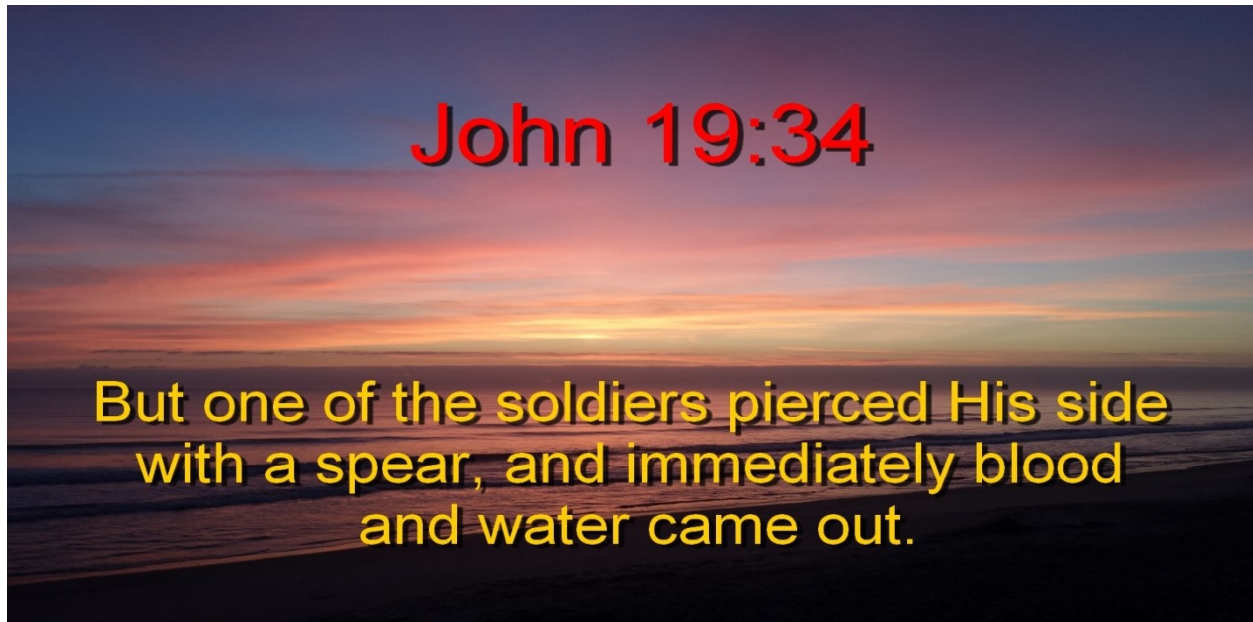
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the soldiers saw Jesus was already dead. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and remember that soldiers were unbiased witnesses that Jesus truly died on the cross that day?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred One

## Spear Today



What did one of the soldiers do with his spear? One of the soldiers pierced the side of Jesus with a spear.

The Jews requested that the soldiers break the legs of the crucified men so that they would die quickly and could be taken down before the Sabbath. The soldiers found two of the crucified men still alive and broke their legs. Jesus, however, was already dead. Even so, one of the soldiers took his spear and pierced the side of Jesus.

Blood and water came out of the side of Jesus. A sac of fluid surrounds the heart and would look like water coming out of the side of Jesus. The soldiers serve as independent witnesses that Jesus truly died on the cross.

The soldiers carried out their orders and confirmed that Jesus was dead. The wounds inflicted on Jesus would still be visible after he was resurrected into His glorified body. Those wounds testify to the abuse His body received before death. The perfect body God prepared for Him was

defiled by human hands intent upon causing Him pain. He suffered for us and took what we deserved because He loves us always.

## ***Blood and Water***

1. **Pierced.** Why did the soldier pierce the side of Jesus? The soldier wanted to be sure that Jesus was truly dead.
2. **Spear.** The soldier used the spear to pierce the side of Jesus.
3. **Wound.** This wound was large enough that a man could put his hand into the side of Jesus (John 20:27).
4. **Deep.** The spear wound was also deep enough and big enough to cause blood and water to come out right away.
5. **Heart.** The human heart rests in the pericardium, a double-walled sac, filled with fluid.
6. **Redemption.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus truly died on the cross, shedding His precious blood for our redemption.
7. **Bought.** We rejoice today because Jesus bought our spiritual freedom with His death because He loved us for all eternity.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the blood and the water.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus was pierced for our transgressions.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for taking all the wounds we deserved which testify to His love for us.**

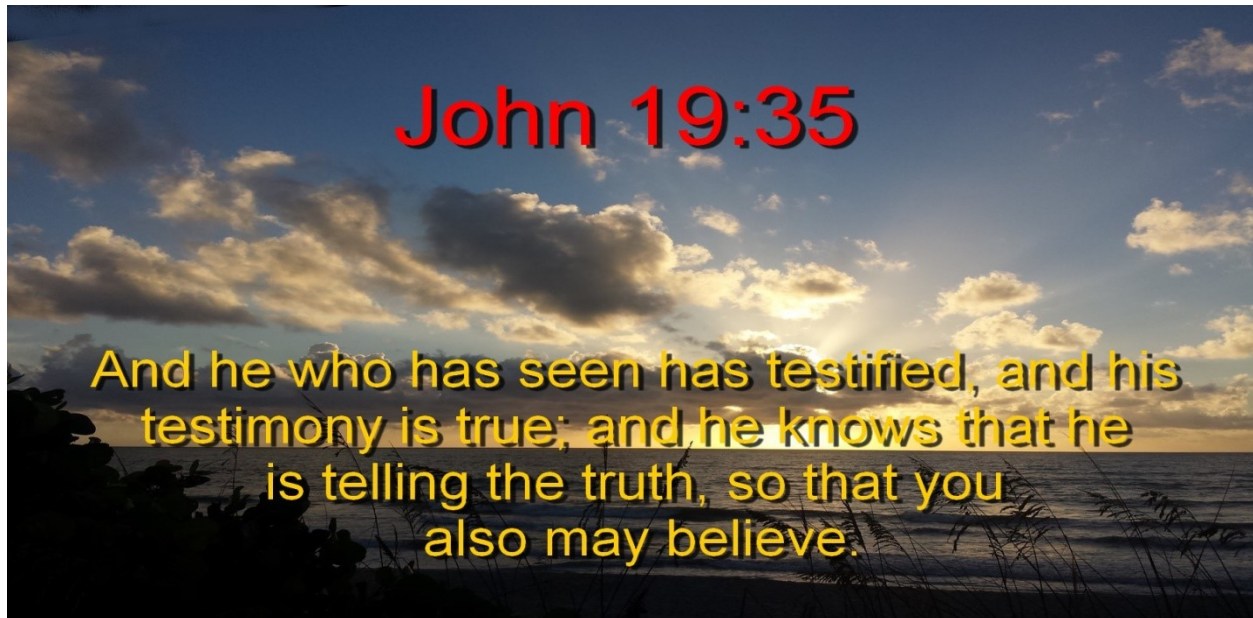
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for the wounds in His hands, feet and side. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by looking at Jesus and seeing His hands, feet and side today?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Two

## Testified Today



Why did John testify to all these things? He testified so that we may believe like he believed.

Jesus told Pilate that Jesus came into the world to testify to the truth. Pilate did not understand what Jesus meant and responded with “What is truth?”

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Jesus. John knew the truth because he knew Jesus. John also believed the truth, because he believed Jesus for salvation.

John told the truth so that people would not believe a lie. The devil tells lies and many people believe his lies. John testified to the truth and intended for everyone to believe the truth about Jesus. In the Gospel of John, we read about the truth and how Jesus took flesh and dwelt among people. He came to offer Himself as the perfect and complete sacrifice for sins. People must believe the truth to be saved. Without Jesus, no one can be saved.

## ***You Also May Believe***

1. **Eyewitness.** How do we know what really happened at the cross? Because God provided truthful eyewitness testimony about those events.
2. **Testified.** John said that an eyewitness testified about Jesus and the crucifixion.
3. **Vouched.** John also vouched for the testimony being true.
4. **Truth.** Christian faith rests upon the truth, not clever fables.
5. **Faith.** As believers, we put our faith in the truth that God revealed to us.
6. **God.** Living Godly in the family of God means that God provided an eyewitness to the truth so that we also may believe.
7. **Word.** We rejoice today because God provided the truth so that our faith would rest upon His word.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by believing the truth.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by believing the truth that John recorded from God so that we would believe.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another to believe the truth and to live the truth in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### **Application for Today**

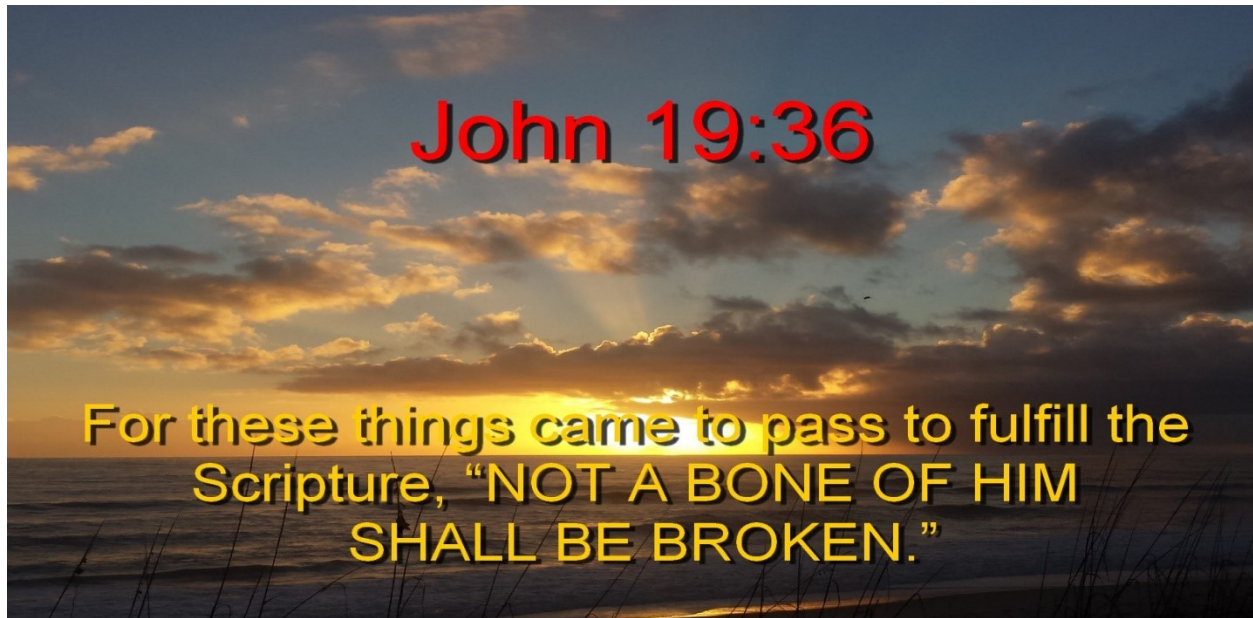
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for being the truth and sending us the truth through the Scriptures. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by believing the Scriptures and loving Jesus more?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Three

## Fulfill the Scripture Today



What did the Scriptures say about the bones of Jesus? The Scriptures said that not a bone of Jesus would be broken.

When the soldiers came to Jesus, they fulfilled the Scriptures. They came to break legs, but they found Jesus had already expired. The spear thrust into His side did not break any bones, but showed that Jesus was truly dead. No one could argue later He never died. The soldiers knew He was dead.

As the perfect sacrifice, Jesus offered Himself without broken bones. He was bruised and battered, and His skin torn from scourging, and His face bruised from slapping, but not a bone was broken. The Scriptures were fulfilled by others without conscious thought.

Every part of the Scriptures will always be true. God speaks the truth and Jesus is the truth. Only by knowing and believing the truth can people go to the Father by grace through faith in Jesus.



## ***Not a Bone***

1. **Bones.** Were any bones of Jesus broken? No, the Scripture said that not a bone of Jesus would be broken.

2. **Jesus.** Jesus purposely fulfilled the Scriptures with certain actions that He took.

3. **Others.** Other Scriptures were fulfilled by people who did not even know the Scriptures.

4. **Fulfilled.** In all cases the Scriptures were perfectly fulfilled concerning the Messiah.

5. **Recorded.** Like other authors, John recorded the fulfillment of the Scriptures.

6. **Scriptures.** Living Godly in the family of God means that God expects us to rely upon the Scriptures as true always.

7. **Proof.** We rejoice today because Jesus fulfilled every Scripture, proving that He truly was the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus Who perfectly fulfilled the Scriptures.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that with all the abuse Jesus suffered, not one bone of His body was broken.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by counting upon the Scriptures to always come true, just as God always speaks the truth to us.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus died with every bone intact. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by believing the Scriptures always provide the truth?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Four

## Scripture Today



What will people do with Jesus? They will look on Jesus whom they pierced.

Writing under the inspiration of God, John applied the prophecy of Zechariah to the people looking upon Jesus crucified. They looked on Him whom they pierced. The hands and feet of Jesus were pierced as part of the crucifixion.

As with many prophecies, they may have a near and far fulfillment. First, the people looked upon Jesus on the cross and they caused Him to be pierced. Second, in the future, near the end of the Tribulation, all surviving Jews will look upon Jesus and mourn over Him. In the first instance, the people looked at Jesus, but they were not mourning His death.

One day Jesus will come back and set His feet upon the Mount of Olives, where He ascended to heaven. The survivors of Israel will look upon Jesus and mourn. They will be converted, from the least of them to the

greatest of them. Jesus will come back and establish His Millennial Throne on earth.

## ***They Pierced***

1. **Prophecy.** How did Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah 12:10? The Jews who crucified Jesus looked upon Him.

2. **Zechariah.** The prophecy of Zechariah 12 concerns the time late in the Tribulation before Jesus returns to set His feet upon the Mount of Olives in Zechariah 14.

3. **Future.** In Zechariah 12:10 God revealed that the House of David will receive the spirit of Grace in the future Tribulation (seven years of great judgments upon the earth) immediately preceding the second coming of Jesus.

4. **Pierced.** When the Jews looked upon Jesus crucified, they fulfilled part of that prophecy: they looked upon Jesus Whom they had pierced.

5. **Mourn.** The prophecy of Zechariah 12:10 states that they will mourn over Him. That part of the prophecy remains in the future.

6. **Repent.** Living Godly in the family of God means that one day the Jews who pierced Jesus will look upon Him, mourn and repent.

7. **Salvation.** We rejoice today because Jesus poured His grace upon our lives and we mourn over the death of Jesus and, yet, we also rejoice in the salvation He purchased for us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the people who pierced Jesus looking upon Him crucified.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by looking forward to the day when Jesus again sets His feet upon the earth and Jews will look upon Jesus whom they crucified.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another to be ready to meet Jesus in the clouds when the saints will receive resurrected bodies.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by looking upon Jesus whom we have pierced and bow in His presence. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving Jesus more for the piercing He took for us?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Five

## Secret One Today



**John 19:38**

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body.

What did Joseph of Arimathea ask of Pilate? Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus.

Joseph of Arimathea was a disciple of Jesus. Like many people today, he was a secret disciple. He feared the Jews and his faith. By asking for the body of Jesus, he crossed a line that would likely result in people knowing he was a disciple of Jesus.

Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate granted him permission. Joseph of Arimathea came and took down the body of Jesus. By publicly taking down the body of Jesus, people would be interested in the man who took the body of Jesus.

Joseph of Arimathea also intended to bury the body of Jesus. He would be another witness that Jesus was truly dead. Many people knew that Jesus had died and they knew where and when He died. They also knew who took away the body of Jesus.

## *Joseph of Arimathea*

1. **Joseph.** Why did Joseph of Arimathea go to see Pilate? Because he wanted to ask Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus.
2. **Fear.** Joseph of Arimathea was a disciple of Jesus. He was a secret disciple because he feared the Jews.
3. **Courage.** Joseph of Arimathea had enough courage to go to Pilate and ask for the body of Jesus.
4. **Right.** At times in our lives, we find enough courage to do the right thing.
5. **Permission.** Pilate granted permission to Joseph of Arimathea to take the body away.
6. **Known.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we may be a secret disciple most of the time, but the time may come when we overcome our fears and let everyone know that we are, indeed, disciples of Jesus.
7. **Disciple.** We rejoice today because Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus and let everyone know that he was a disciple of Jesus.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the secret disciple of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by finding strength and courage to stand forward for Jesus and let people know you are His disciple.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by openly testifying of Jesus and declaring our loyalty to Him.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by taking action publicly to declare our faith in Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by taking public action to let others know you are a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Six

## Hundred Pounds Today



**John 19:39**

Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight.

Who came to the tomb of Jesus right after the crucifixion? Nicodemus came to the tomb.

Nicodemus first came to Jesus by night. He was a teacher of Israel and a ruler of the Jews. Jesus explained being born from above to Nicodemus and he had no idea what Jesus was talking about. Jesus told Nicodemus unless he was born from above, he could not see the kingdom of God.

Joseph of Arimathea took the body down from the cross, after receiving permission from Pilate. Apparently Nicodemus accompanied Joseph of Arimathea to the tomb prepared for Jesus.

Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes to anoint the body of Jesus. The mixture weighed about a hundred pounds. A rich man had come to anoint the body of Jesus and prepare it for entombment.

Nicodemus showed courage in anointing the body of Jesus. His position as a ruler and teacher would be threatened if they knew he anointed the body of Jesus.

## ***The Mixture of Nicodemus***

1. **Nicodemus.** Why did Nicodemus bring a mixture? Because he wanted to anoint the body of Jesus for burial.

2. **Ruler and Teacher.** Nicodemus, a ruler and teacher of the Jews, first came to Jesus by night.

3. **Born Again.** Nicodemus said many nice things about Jesus, but Jesus told him he must be born again to see the kingdom of God.

4. **Eternal Life.** Jesus explained to Nicodemus that eternal life meant you were born again first.

5. **Costly.** Nicodemus wanted to take care of the body of Jesus and the mixture that he brought of aloes and myrrh, weighing about a hundred pounds, was very costly.

6. **Right.** Living Godly in the family of God means that you give up everything to do the right thing for Jesus.

7. **Examples.** We rejoice today because many people in the Bible, like Nicodemus, set great examples for us to follow today.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by stepping forward to publish our faith in Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by appreciating the people who attended to the body of Jesus after death.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by living for Jesus openly and not hiding our faith in Jesus.**

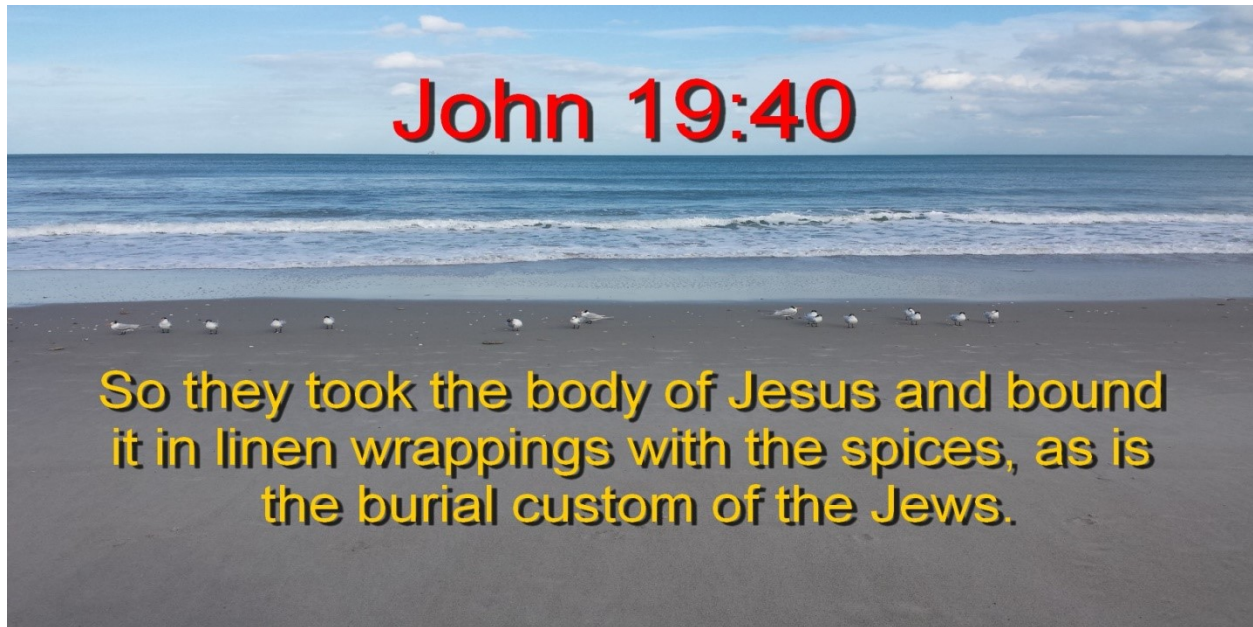
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the people who had the courage to take the body and anoint it. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by demonstrating your love for Jesus to people who do not know Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Seven

## Body of Jesus Today



What did they do with the body of Jesus? Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus bound the body in linen wrappings with the spices.

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus both joined together to prepare the body of Jesus for entombment. He was not buried under ground, but placed in a new tomb hewn in rock.

The body of Jesus received loving care after being taken down from the cross. They followed the burial custom of the Jews. Jesus had laid down His body and sacrificed it for the sins of the world. He gave it to purchase our freedom in Him.

Like Lazarus before Him, the body of Jesus was bound with linen wrappings. Lazarus came forth from the tomb still bound in those wrappings. The wrappings of Jesus did not stop Him for being resurrected, leaving the wrappings behind in the tomb.

## ***The Spices***

1. **Custom.** Why did Nicodemus bring all those spices? He brought them to prepare the body of Jesus for burial, according to the custom of the Jews.

2. **Burial.** Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus together took the body of Jesus to bury it.

3. **Wrappings.** They bound the body in linen wrappings with the spices.

4. **Spices.** You may recall about a week earlier Jesus had been anointed with spices for burial.

5. **Courage.** Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus showed great courage by taking the body.

6. **Equipped.** Living Godly in the family of God means that God equips us with all the courage we will need to do His will when the time comes.

7. **Honored.** We rejoice today because Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus loved Jesus and honored His body after He died.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that multiple witnesses took care of the body of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the death of Jesus gave courage to some people to step forth in their faith and make it public.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by honoring Jesus with our lives and openly declaring we love Jesus by the things we do for Him.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by serving Jesus by honoring Him in love for Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and honor Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Eight

## New Tomb Today



Where was the garden with the tomb? The garden was near the place where Jesus had been crucified.

In the garden was a new tomb. It had been hewn out of the rock. No one had been laid in the tomb before. The tomb had been prepared for Jesus; Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea carried His body there. They also anointed the body of Jesus according to the custom of the Jews.

The body of Jesus was entombed in a very nice place, as tombs go. Rich men took care of His body and placed it in a nice tomb. They did so because they loved Jesus. Joseph of Arimathea laid Jesus in that tomb.

The body of Jesus had died. He gave up His spirit and laid down His soul for us. Jesus gave Himself for us, because He followed the Father's loving plan for our salvation at His expense.

## *No One*

1. **New.** Where did Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take the body of Jesus? They took it to a new tomb.
2. **Tomb.** No one had ever been laid in the new tomb.
3. **Garden.** The new tomb was located in the garden near the place where He was crucified.
4. **Burial.** Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus wanted to bury Jesus with spices in a brand-new tomb.
5. **Rich Man.** The Bible says that Jesus was with a rich man in His death. The spices and a new tomb were costly, provided by a rich man.
6. **True.** Living Godly in the family of God means that every prophecy concerning Jesus came true, even about His death and burial.
7. **Prophesied.** We rejoice today because no tomb could ever hold the body of Jesus for a moment longer than prophesied.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus was with a rich man in His death.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures, including those Scriptures pertaining to His body.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering the body of Jesus as we break bread together.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by breaking bread together and remember the body of Jesus given for us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and thank Jesus for giving us eternal life because He sacrificed His body to redeem us?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Nine

## Preparation Today



**John 19:42**

**Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.**

Why did they choose that tomb for Jesus? They chose that tomb because it was nearby.

The Sabbath was coming quickly. They took the body of Jesus down from the cross and needed to lay it somewhere nearby. They wanted to anoint the body and complete everything before the Sabbath began at sundown.

Since the tomb was nearby, they laid the body there. They could avoid working on the Sabbath by placing His body there. They also had time to anoint the body.

On the day of preparation, Jews prepared to observe the Sabbath. They could not travel far and they could not work. Food was prepared beforehand, but it took planning. During the day of Friday Jews often spent time preparing what they would need for the Sabbath. In the same way they prepared the body of Jesus so that they could rest on the Sabbath.

## *Nearby*

1. **Tomb.** Why did Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus lay the body in the tomb on the day of preparation? Because the tomb was nearby.

2. **Garden.** You may recall that there was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified.

3. **Distance.** Apparently distance was a concern on the day of preparation for the Passover.

4. **Law.** Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus both wanted to keep the Old Testament Law.

5. **Details.** The details of the crucifixion and entombment make a big difference here because they fulfill prophecy.

6. **Understand.** Living Godly in the family of God means that God wanted us to understand where Jesus was buried and why He was buried there.

7. **Proof.** We rejoice today because all the details in the New Testament match the details in the Old Testament, proving the veracity of the Bible.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding the Jewish customs that affected the care of the body of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we follow God's directions for our lives contained in the Bible and avoid the traditions of men which conflict with the Bible.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by leaving traditions behind and embracing the Bible and the guidance it provides for our lives.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by appreciating the choices people made in taking care of the body of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by glorifying Jesus for His power over death?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# 6

## **Learning about Godliness And Resurrection Today**

Without resurrection, we have no salvation and we await condemnation. Happily, our Lord Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, just as He predicted, and He was raised for our justification.

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. In the darkness she saw the stone rolled away. She ran to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved. She told them that they have taken away the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they laid Him. So Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb. They looked in the tomb and only saw the linen wrappings. The face-cloth which had been on the head of Jesus was rolled up and lying by itself. The other disciple saw and believed, but they did not yet understand the Scripture, that Jesus must rise again from the dead. They left for their homes.

While Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping, she stooped and looked into the tomb and saw two angels, sitting, dressed in white. They asked her why she was weeping. She said because they took away the body of Jesus and she did not know where they laid Him. Having answered, she turned around and saw Jesus, but did not recognize Him until He spoke to her. He asked her why she was weeping and who was she seeking. Mary thought He was the gardener and asked him to tell her where they laid Jesus, if he knew, so that she could take away His body. Then Jesus said "Mary." She turned and said "Rabboni" (Teacher). Jesus told her to stop clinging to Him, because He had not yet ascended to His Father. Jesus commissioned Mary to go tell Jesus' brethren: "I ascend to My Father and your Father, and



My God and Your God.” Mary Magdalene came and told them she had seen the Lord and related the things He said to her.

On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were in a room with the doors shut for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood in their midst. He bade them Peace. He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus bade them peace again. He then commissioned them: “As the Father sent Me, I also send you.” He then breathed on them told them to receive the Holy Spirit. If they forgive the sins of any, then their sins are forgiven. If they retain the sins of any, then their sins are retained.

Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared. He said he would not believe unless he saw the imprint of the nails in His hands, and put his finger in the place of the nails, and put his hand in the side of Jesus. After eight days, Jesus appeared to the disciples again after the doors were shut and He stood in their midst. He again bade them peace. He then looked at Thomas and invited him to fulfill all his conditions for belief. Thomas replied: “My Lord and my God!” Jesus answered: “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs not written in the Gospel of John. John wrote his Gospel so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. By believing you may have life in His name.

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Ten

## Early to the Tomb Today



Who came early to the tomb on the first day of the week? Mary Magdalene came early on the first day of the week to the tomb of Jesus.

After the Sabbath was over, and while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. She saw that the stone was already taken away from the tomb.

Mary Magdalene came to that tomb looking for the body of Jesus. At this point, no one expects that the tomb is empty and Jesus has been resurrected. The people coming to the tomb expect to take further care of the body of Jesus after His hasty entombment.

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb, she saw the stone already rolled away. Why was it rolled away? An open tomb signaled that something very unusual had happened. The tomb had been sealed and guarded by the Jews. They did not want anyone messing with the body of Jesus.

## *Mary Magdalene*

1. **Tomb.** Where did Mary Magdalene go on the first day of the week? She went to the tomb of Jesus.
2. **Dark.** She went to the tomb while it was still dark.
3. **Stone.** When she arrived, she saw the stone already taken away from the tomb.
4. **Follower.** We know from Luke 8:1 that seven demons went out of Mary Magdalene and she followed Jesus during His ministry.
5. **Forgiven.** Jesus said that people whom He had forgiven much love Him much.
6. **Looking.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we go looking for Jesus, even early in the morning, at times.
7. **Finding.** We rejoice today because Jesus promised to abide in us always and that as we seek Him, we find Him.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by thinking about the love of Mary Magdalene that brought her to the tomb of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the stone had been rolled away for the tomb when Mary Magdalene arrived while it was still dark.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another to remember that the tomb was empty and open when Mary Magdalene arrived.**

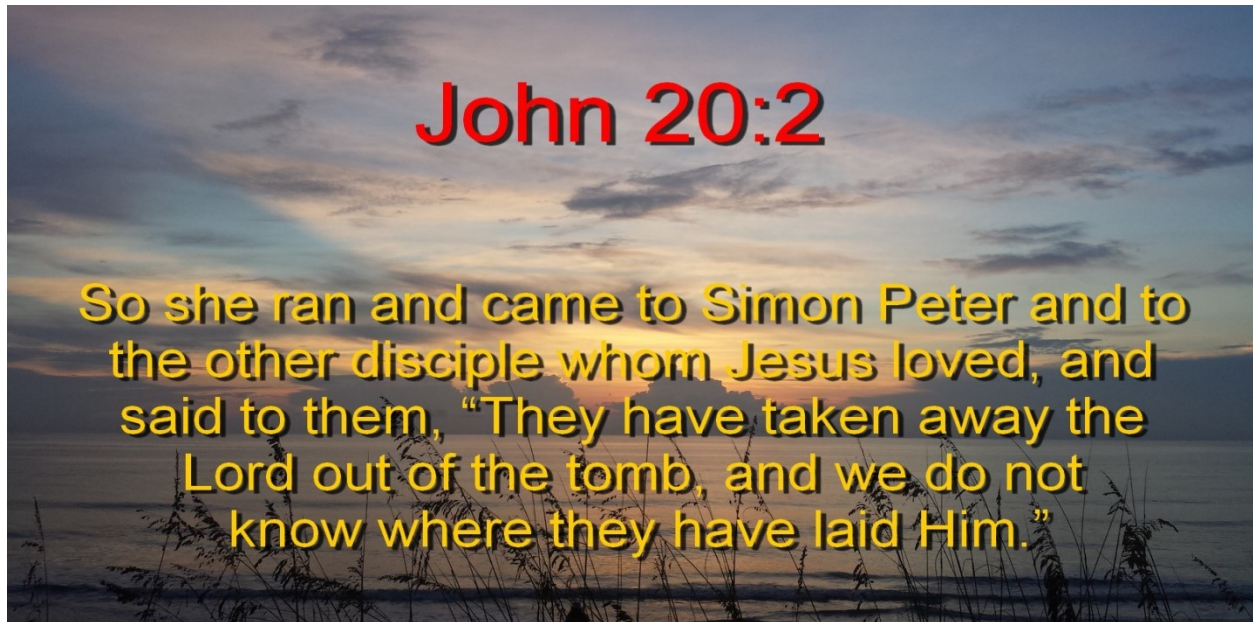
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising God for the open and empty tomb of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and reflect on the stone being rolled away before the day dawned?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Eleven

## Ran Today



Where did Mary Magdalene run? Mary Magdalene ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved.

Mary Magdalene came to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. She thought that someone moved the body of Jesus and she did not know where it was.

Mary Magdalene ran, not walked, to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. She wanted help and guidance in finding the missing body of Jesus.

Mary Magdalene told Simon Peter and the other disciple that someone has taken the Lord out of the tomb. Notice that she was referring to the missing body as "Lord." She associated the body with Jesus. She did not comprehend bodily resurrection yet, but things would change soon.

## ***Taken Away***

1. **Mary Magdalene.** Why did Mary Magdalene run away from the empty tomb? She ran to tell Peter and another disciple that the body of Jesus was taken away and she did not know where they had laid Him.

2. **Ran.** Mary Magdalene ran away from the tomb in her haste.

3. **No Idea.** Like others, she had no idea that Jesus had been resurrected.

4. **Prophesied.** Jesus had repeatedly prophesied His resurrection to His disciples and to crowds.

5. **Resurrection.** Mary knew that the Lord was no longer in the tomb, but she did not yet understand His resurrection.

6. **Body.** Living Godly in the family of God means that the Lord was no longer in the tomb because He had taken up His life again with a resurrected body.

7. **Raised.** We rejoice today because we know what happened to the body of Jesus: God raised Him bodily from the dead.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering Mary Magdalene running to find Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that she thought someone had moved the Lord out of the tomb.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus that the tomb was empty because His body had been resurrected.**

### **Application for Today**

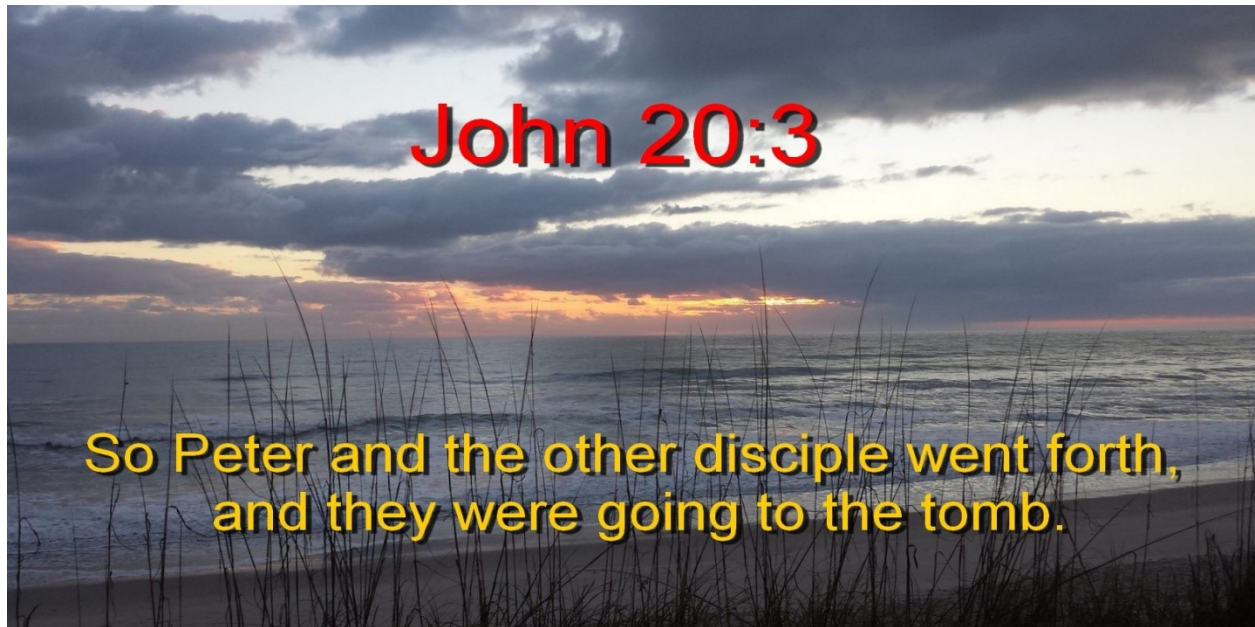
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding the newness of the concept of resurrection to Mary Magdalene and others. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and proclaim the resurrection of Jesus to people who fear death?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Twelve

## Peter and the Other Disciple Today



When Peter heard about the empty tomb, what did he do? Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved went out to the tomb.

Peter did not go alone. The other disciple went out with Peter. Peter considered the news from Mary Magdalene to be urgent news. The tomb of Jesus was empty. She thought the body had been moved.

Mary Magdalene talked about a missing body. She concluded it had been moved somewhere else, and she did not know where. She knew the best thing to do was to go and tell the disciples.

Having found Peter, she told him that someone had taken away the body of Jesus. Mary Magdalene did not believe that Jesus had been resurrected, just as He proclaimed on numerous occasions.

Mary Magdalene, Peter and the other disciple all were expecting to find the dead body of Jesus somewhere. They wanted to find out who had taken

the body and where it had been laid. They were not thinking about resurrection.

## ***Going to the Tomb***

1. **Peter**. Peter had a reputation for quick action, sometimes impulsive. He rebuked Jesus and walked on water. In this verse, when Peter received the report about the empty tomb, Peter wanted to see the tomb immediately.

2. **The Other Disciple**. Peter was not alone in going to the tomb. Another unnamed disciple went with Peter to investigate the empty tomb.

3. **Went Forth**. The two disciples went out looking for Jesus. The exact location where they were staying remains uncertain. We do know that ten disciples were together later in the day in a room with the doors closed for fear of the Jews. Peter had the courage to go to the tomb to see for himself.

4. **They**. Two witnesses, Peter and the other disciple, were going to the tomb and the testimony of two witnesses will provide better evidence of the matter.

5. **Going**. The two disciples were going in person to the tomb to investigate the matter. They heard testimony about the empty tomb, but wanted to go in person to see for themselves. They were going right away, without delay.

6. **Tomb**. Living Godly in the family of God means that people knew where Jesus was laid. Peter and the other disciple, plus Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, and others knew where Jesus was laid. All of them were witnesses to the death and entombment of Jesus.

7. **Investigation**. We rejoice today because the witnesses heard about the empty tomb and went to investigate. They were not looking for a

resurrected Jesus, but for His body in the tomb. They were perfect eyewitnesses of the empty tomb.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by believing the Scriptures about people searching for the body of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that we have perfect witnesses testifying that the tomb was empty.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by believing that the tomb was empty that Sunday morning because Jesus was resurrected already.**

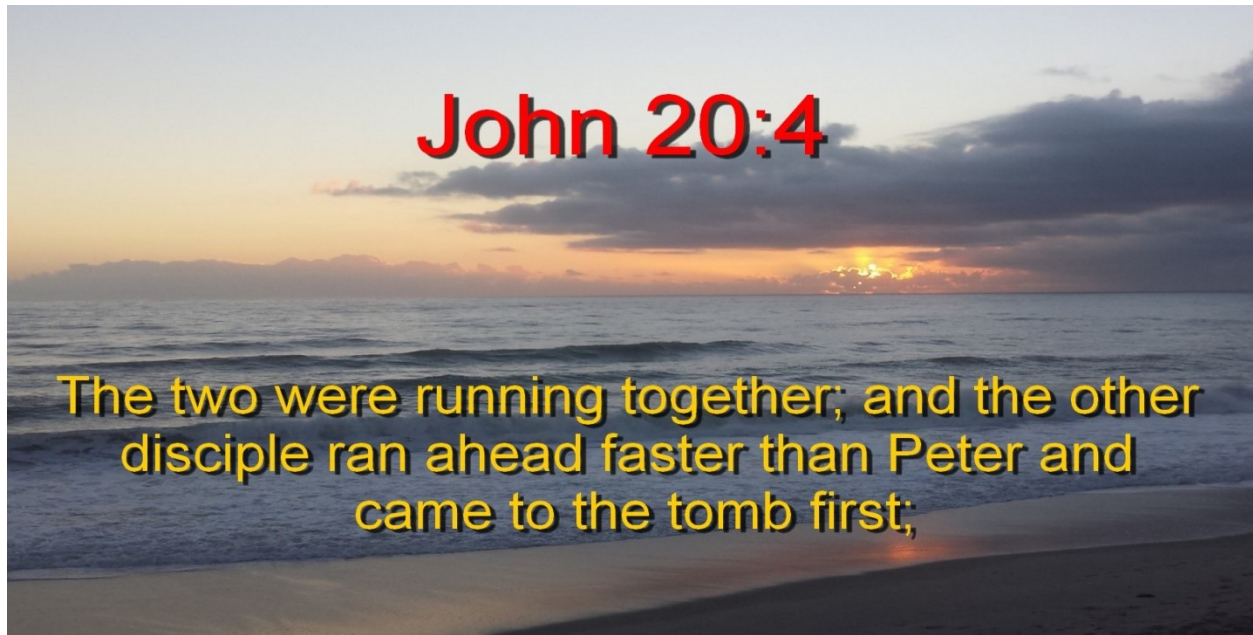
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that several people saw the empty tomb where Jesus was laid. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praising Jesus His tomb was empty?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Thirteen

## Running Together Today



Where were Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved running? They were running to the tomb of Jesus.

When Mary Magdalene told Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved that the tomb of Jesus was empty, Simon Peter and the other disciple ran together to the tomb.

Like Mary Magdalene, they were running. Big news and big concern motivated them to run. They ran to find out what was going on at the tomb of Jesus. They wanted to know right away, without any delay.

As they ran, the other disciple ran faster than Peter and came to the tomb first. Notice the precise detail here. The other disciple arrived first. God inspired the words in the Bible. Details matter and show the concern that God has for detailed proof of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

These witnesses were not expecting to find a resurrected Savior, but a body in the tomb. They were not looking for a spirit or a glorified body, but the body of Jesus in the tomb. They would find the body, but it had been resurrected and glorified.

## ***Faster***

1. **Urgent.** Why were Peter and the other disciple running to the tomb? Because they had an urgent desire to see what happened at the tomb.
2. **Faster.** The other disciple was faster than Peter.
3. **Response.** The report that someone had taken the body of Jesus away prompted quick responses.
4. **Peter.** Peter had opposed Jesus earlier when Jesus said He would lay down His life in Jerusalem.
5. **Denied.** Peter had also denied Jesus three times.
6. **Run.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we run to Jesus after the worst times in our life.
7. **Welcome.** We rejoice today because Jesus rose from the dead and welcomes all who come to Him by faith.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the details of Peter losing the race to the tomb of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering the urgency of finding the body of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by understanding that the early witnesses were not expecting to find an empty tomb because the body of Jesus had been resurrected.**

### **Application for Today**

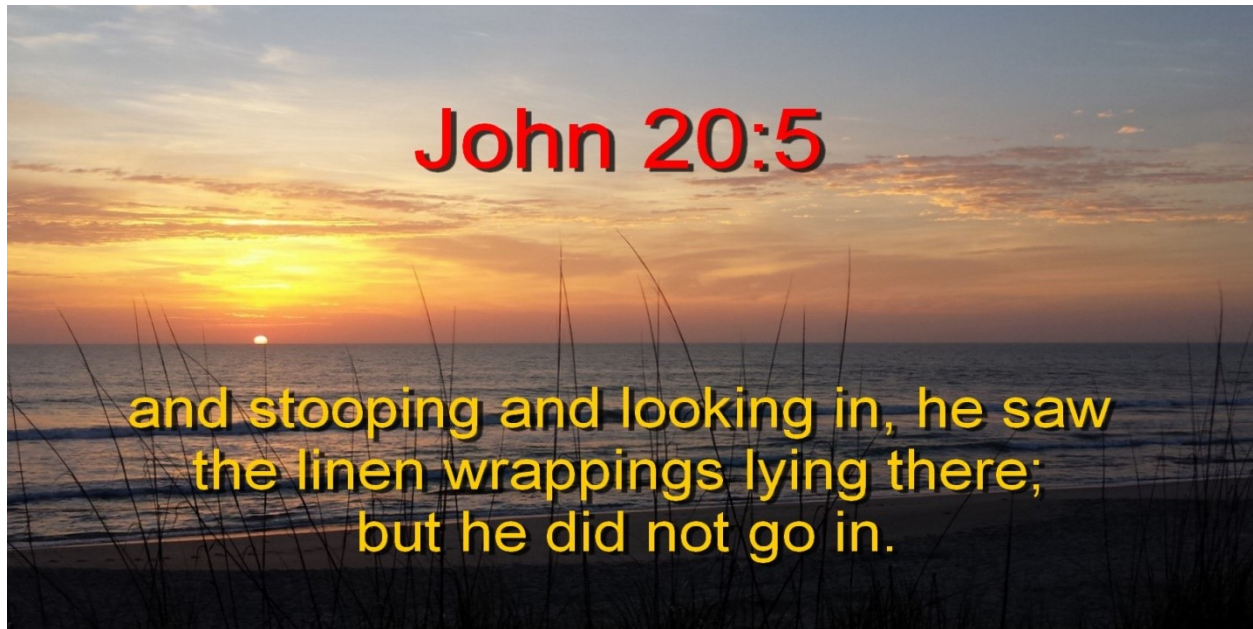
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by enjoying the details of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus God chose to preserve for all generations in His word, the Bible. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by worshiping Jesus because the tomb was really empty and witnesses did not find the body of Jesus lying in the tomb?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Fourteen

## Stooping and Looking Today



What did the other disciple do when he arrived at the tomb? The other disciple saw the linen wrappings lying there.

Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty and thought someone had taken the Lord away. She did not know where they had laid the body of Jesus. She then ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple. They in turn ran to the tomb. The other disciple outran Peter.

When the other disciple arrived, he stooped and looked into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings there, which Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus had used to wrap the body of Jesus on Friday. By Sunday morning, the wrappings were still there, but the body of Jesus was gone.

The other disciple did not go into the tomb. The details here show that he stayed outside the tomb and did not disturb anything in the tomb. Details matter here.



## ***The Linen Wrappings***

1. **Stooped.** Why was the other disciple stooping and looking into the tomb? Because he came to find the body of Jesus. Yet, he did not go in the tomb.

2. **Looked.** At times in our lives we run to find Jesus, stooping and looking, in all the wrong places.

3. **Saw.** The other disciple saw the linen wrappings which Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea used on Jesus.

4. **Wrappings.** Those wrappings must have smelled really good with all the spices they used to bury Jesus.

5. **No Decay.** We know that the body of Jesus did not undergo decay.

6. **Presence.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we always have Jesus within us, but at times we still feel like we need to find Him, because we long to feel His presence.

7. **In Us.** We rejoice today because Jesus left an empty tomb to live in our lives and never leave us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the other disciple saw the linen wrappings inside the tomb.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by appreciating the fine details of the witnesses to the empty tomb, including who entered the empty tomb first.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising God for preserving the details of the witnesses and the precise facts of the empty tomb.**

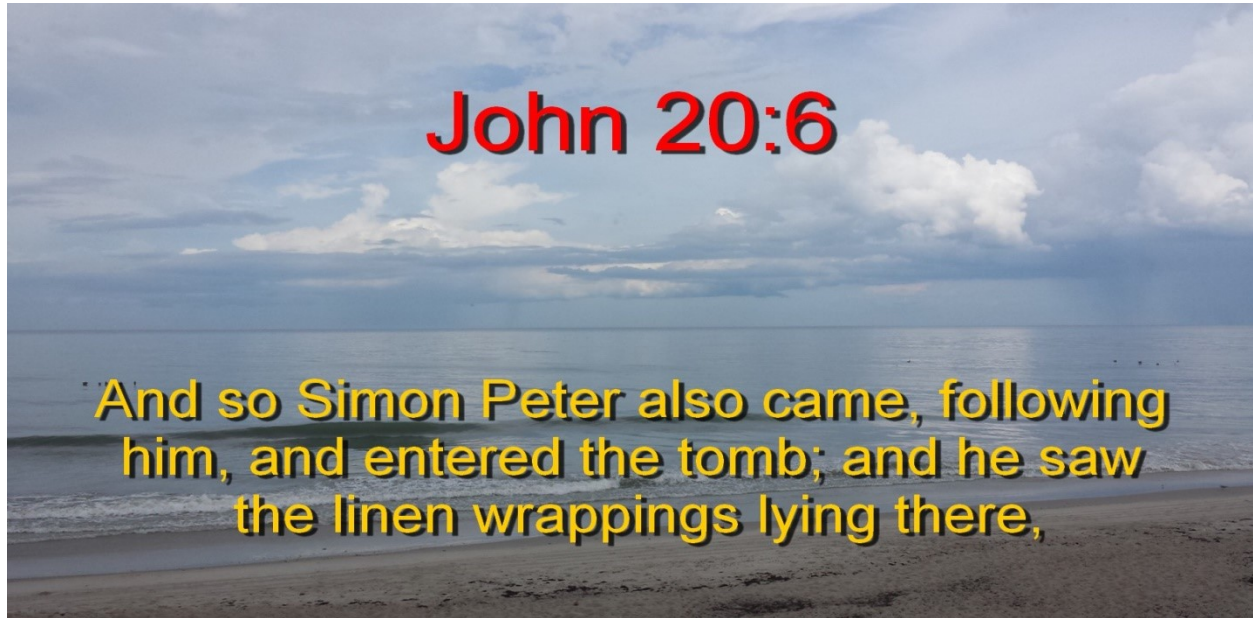
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by keeping in mind the details of the people coming to the empty tomb that show that the body of Jesus was not in the tomb. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that the tomb was empty and eyewitnesses gave testimony about the linen wrappings still lying in the tomb?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Fifteen

## Simon Peter Came



What did Simon Peter do when he arrived at the tomb? He entered the tomb.

Mary Magdalene told Simon Peter and the other disciple that the tomb was empty. Simon Peter and the other disciples ran to the tomb. The other disciple arrived first, but did not enter the tomb. He did look into the tomb and saw the linen wrappings there.

When Simon Peter arrived, he went into the tomb and saw the linen wrappings there. Those wrappings suggest the body was gone and was no longer bound by the wrappings applied by Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea on Friday. They took care of the body of Jesus according to the custom of the Jews.

Those linen wrappings lying there distinguish the resurrection of Jesus from Lazarus coming forth from the tomb still bound in the wrappings. Jesus

was resurrected and left the wrappings behind. They bear clear testimony to the fact the body inside those wrappings had departed the tomb.

## ***Entered the Tomb***

1. **Peter.** What did Simon Peter do when he reached the tomb? He entered the tomb and looked around.

2. **Disciple.** The other disciple outran Peter, but did not go in the tomb upon arrival.

3. **Tomb.** Peter followed along and reached the tomb.

4. **Wrappings.** Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen wrappings lying there.

5. **Empty.** Empty linen wrappings signaled that the body of Jesus, once carefully wrapped, was no longer inside the wrappings or in the tomb.

6. **Significant.** Living Godly in the family of God means we do not always appreciate the spiritual significance of things we see right before our eyes.

7. **Death.** We rejoice today because those carefully applied linen wrappings could no more hold the body of Jesus than death itself.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the linen wrappings were in the tomb, but the body of Jesus was gone.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by delighting in the details of the resurrection, including Peter entering the tomb and seeing the linen wrappings still there.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus, our resurrected Savior, who left the wrappings behind for everyone to remember.**

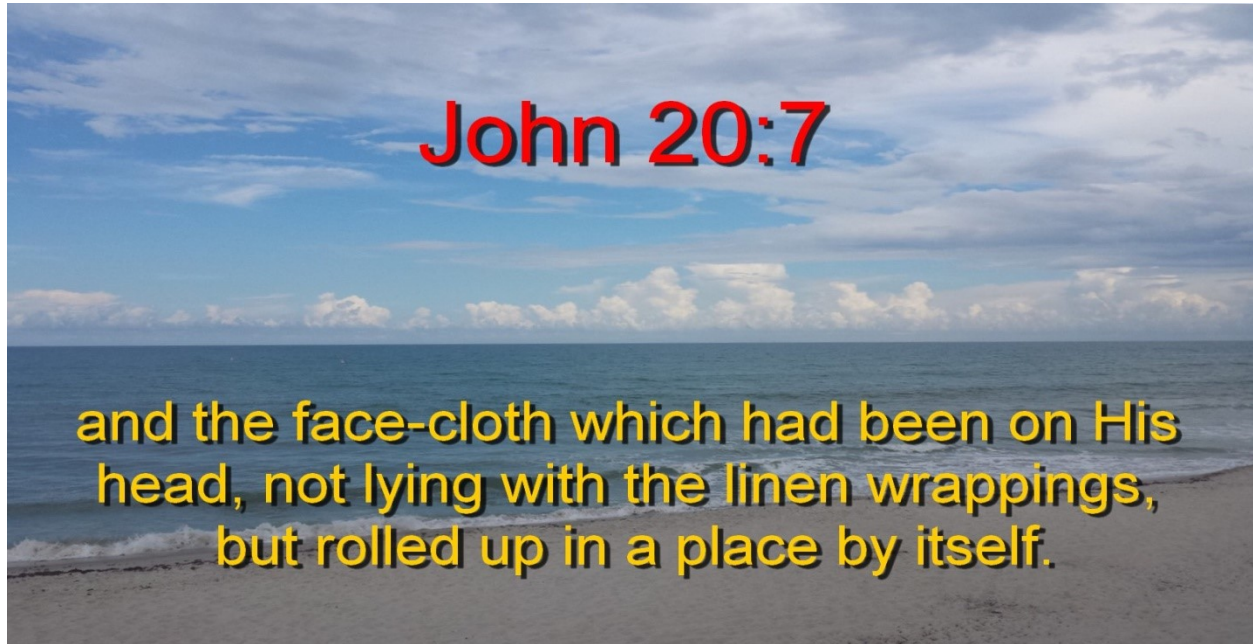
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the linen wrappings still in the empty tomb. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by appreciating the detailed accounts provided in the Bible of the resurrection of Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Sixteen

## Face-Cloth Today



Where was the face-cloth? The face-cloth was lying in a place by itself.

The face-cloth was not with the other linen wrappings. It was in a place by itself. This detail indicates that it was removed separately and placed separately.

The details of Scripture help us with our faith. We do not believe in cleverly devised fables, but in truth. That truth comes by revelation from God and also from eyewitness testimony about the details.

Multiple witnesses testified to the empty tomb. Scripture provides details about who went into the tomb first and what was seen. God preserved the details and we should rely upon His testimony beyond all others.

God wants us to have confidence in the facts of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He really died, He really was buried, and He really did rise from the dead in a resurrected body.

## ***Rolled Up***

1. **Separate.** Where was the face cloth in the empty tomb? It was lying in a separate place, away from the linen wrappings.

2. **Location.** The separate location of the face cloth implies that it was taken off separately from the linen wrappings.

3. **Linen.** The linen wrappings had been perfumed and carefully applied to the body of Jesus.

4. **Wrappings.** Those linen wrappings were lying in the tomb.

5. **Face Cloth.** The face cloth was rolled up in a place by itself.

6. **Details.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus intended for us to know the details of the empty tomb.

7. **Proof.** We rejoice today because Jesus left an empty tomb with proof that His body was no longer bound by linen wrappings and His face-cloth had been rolled up separately, indicating deliberate action.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the details of Scripture make a difference.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by appreciating that the face-cloth was not with the other wrappings.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging people to understand that the details of Scripture were inspired by God to increase our faith.**

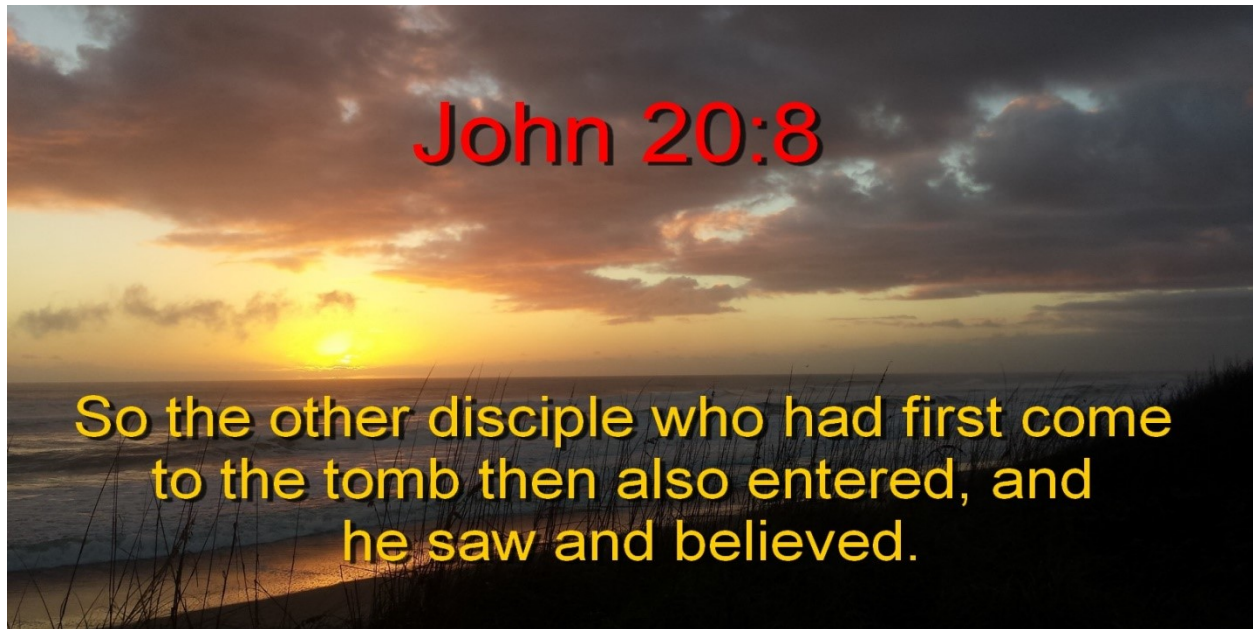
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for providing careful details of His resurrection. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing over the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Seventeen

## He Saw Today



Who entered the tomb after Simon Peter? The other disciple entered the tomb after Simon Peter.

When the other disciple outran Simon Peter to the tomb of Jesus, he stooped and looked into the tomb. He did not go into the tomb, but waited for Simon Peter.

After Simon Peter went into the tomb, then he also entered the tomb. The Gospel of John focuses upon faith and how people come to faith in Christ for salvation. In this case, the other disciple already had faith in Jesus as Savior, but now the other disciple had faith that the body of Jesus was not in the tomb.

Jesus commanded people to believe in Him for salvation. He also did works of powers to increase the faith of people. He wanted them to believe in Him for more than salvation. He also wanted them to believe in resurrection. Without resurrection, we all have no salvation. The empty tomb indicates

resurrection, particularly with the details before and after that Sunday morning.

## ***Believed***

1. **Saw**. What did the other disciple see that caused him to believe? He saw the empty tomb, the linen wrappings, and the face cloth by itself, rolled up.

2. **Believed**. The other disciple believed, but in the Gospel of John believing does not always mean that you fully comprehend.

3. **Understood**. Until this moment, the disciples did not understand the resurrection of Jesus.

4. **Messiah**. They were mourning the loss of the Messiah.

5. **Unexpected**. No one went to the tomb that morning expecting to find an empty tomb and a resurrected Christ.

6. **Proof**. Living Godly in the family of God means that the empty tomb proves the truth of resurrection and eternal life in Jesus Christ alone.

7. **Empty Tomb**. We rejoice today because we believe, although we did not see the empty tomb, but read about it in the Bible.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that God preserved even the order of people who entered the tomb.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that God wants to build our faith in Jesus and His resurrection.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging the faith of people in the resurrection of Jesus and the Scriptures recording the details.**

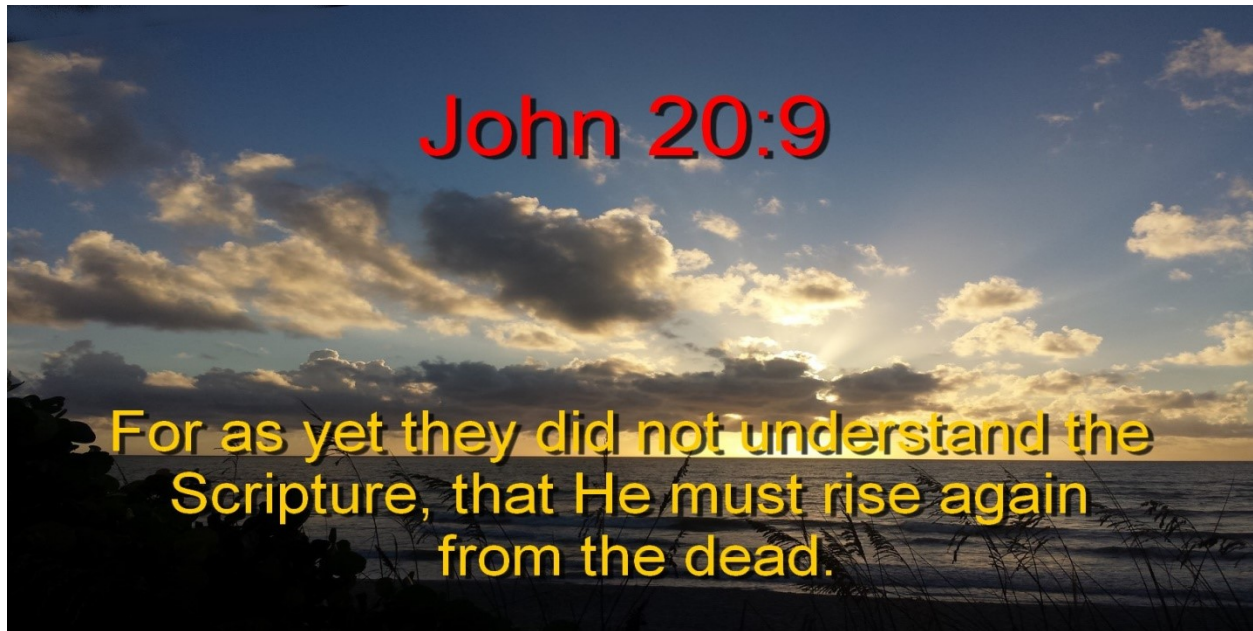
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by believing in the resurrection of Jesus because of the empty tomb and the eyewitness testimony. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praising Jesus for all the testimony He provided to His resurrection?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Eighteen

## As Yet Today



Did Simon Peter and the other disciple understand that Jesus must rise again from the dead when they went to the tomb? No, they did not yet understand the resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus had told His disciples that He would be crucified, buried and then resurrected. He told them that He was going back to heaven, but that they would see Him before He left, and after He had died on the cross.

The eyewitnesses were not looking for a resurrected Jesus. They were seeking the body of Jesus. They did not understand the Scripture indicating that Jesus would be resurrected from the dead.

Jesus did rise again after spending three days in the tomb. The tomb was empty, except for the linen wrappings and the face-cloth. The body of Jesus was not there. He did not undergo decay in that tomb.

## ***Rise Again***

1. **Resurrection.** Did the disciples understand the Scripture regarding the resurrection of Christ? At the time that Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb, they did not yet understand the Scripture that He must rise again.
2. **Scripture.** Notice that they did not understand the Scripture.
3. **Described.** The disciples did not understand that the resurrection of Christ was already described in the Old Testament Scriptures.
4. **Disciples.** Jesus also told the disciples that He would die and rise again the third day.
5. **Rebuked.** Peter even rebuked Jesus for saying that He would die and rise again.
6. **Understand.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we now understand the Scripture indicating that Jesus would die and rise again on the third day.
7. **Slowly.** We rejoice today because Jesus is always patient with His children that are slow to understand the Scriptures.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the eyewitnesses did not understand the Scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus had told the disciples and others that He would rise from the dead.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by looking back at the resurrection of Jesus with the clarity of Scripture revealing the details preserved by God.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by proclaiming that we serve the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by letting people know you believe in the resurrection of Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Nineteen

## Went Away Today



Where did the disciples go after they found the tomb empty? They went to their own homes.

Jesus had said that if the shepherd were struck down, the sheep would be scattered. Jesus also interceded for the disciples at His arrest so that they would go free. He alone was arrested that night.

The disciples had their own homes. At times Jesus and the disciples went to places some disciples called home. Capernaum became the home for the Galilean ministry to Jesus.

The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and now the tomb was empty. They were not thinking that He had been resurrected, because they did not yet understand the Scripture concerning resurrection.

Jesus had prophesied that He would be crucified. He also said that if they tore down His temple, it would be resurrected in three days. The Jews

did not understand the Scripture regarding resurrection. Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies concerning His resurrection.

## ***Homes***

1. **Tomb.** Having seen the empty tomb, what did Peter and the other disciple do? They went away again to their homes.

2. **Risen.** We know that the disciples did not understand from the Scripture that Jesus must rise again from the dead.

3. **Returned.** Please notice that the disciples returned to their homes.

4. **Traveled.** During their time with Jesus traveling through Israel, the disciples left everything to follow Jesus.

5. **Left.** Some left fishing businesses, another left tax collecting, and apparently they all left their families.

6. **Heaven.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we all have a home in heaven with Jesus, but Jesus had nowhere to lay His head during His public ministry.

7. **Home.** We rejoice today because Jesus went home too at His ascension and we will join Him soon.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the disciples went home when they found the tomb empty.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the disciples did not understand the Scripture that Jesus would be resurrected nor the prophecies that Jesus made to them concerning His resurrection.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering the prophecies and Scripture concerning the resurrection of Jesus.**

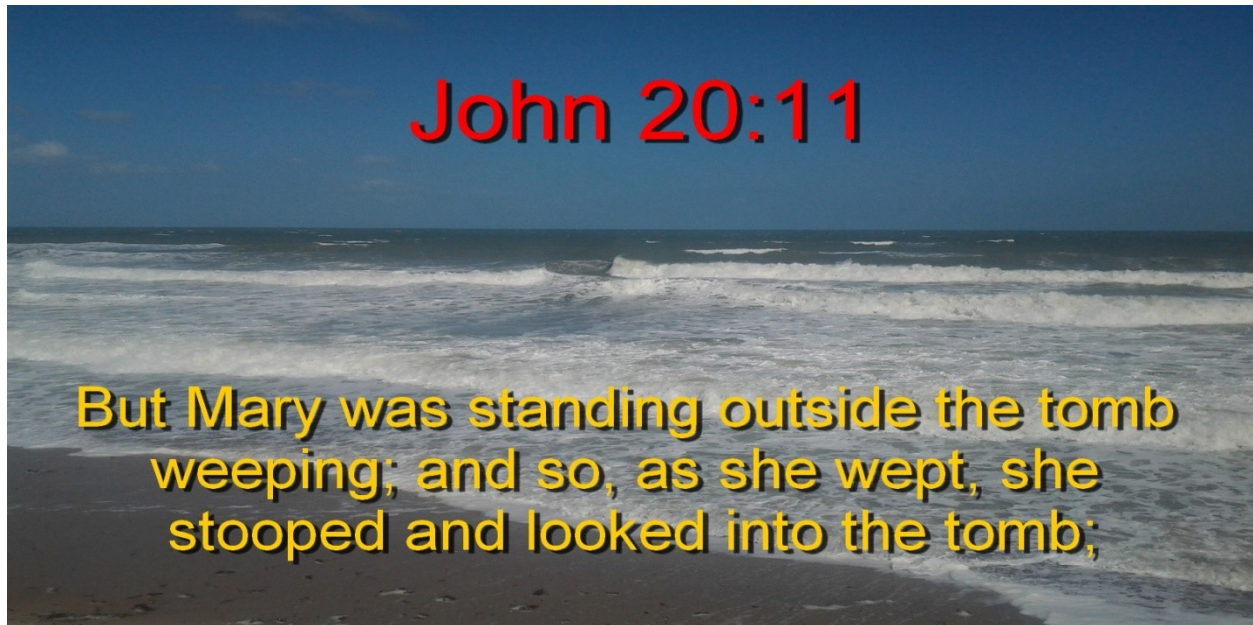
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by thanking Jesus that His disciples did not stay home forever. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by leaving home to go where Jesus sends you?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Twenty

## Weeping Today



Where was Mary weeping? Mary was weeping outside the tomb.

Mary stooped and looked into the tomb. She had been weeping outside the tomb, but then she stooped and looked into the tomb. You may recall that the other disciple and Simon Peter all stooped and looked into the tomb. The tomb was not a walk-in size tomb, nor a walk-out size tomb.

The Scripture preserves for us the details of the order of events. Simon Peter went into the tomb first, although the other disciple had outrun him to the tomb. Mary Magdalene apparently did not go into tomb, but ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple that someone had moved the body of Jesus and she did not know where.

While the disciples all went home, Mary stood and wept at the tomb. She apparently was not so interested in leaving and going home. She was emotionally moved and still pondering where the body of Jesus was. She

wept standing near the tomb, and then stooped and looked into the tomb. The disciples had left and she looked into the tomb.

## ***Stooped and Looked***

1. **Weeping.** Why was Mary standing outside the tomb? She was weeping and trying to understand where the body of Jesus was.

2. **Why?** At times in our lives we weep because we do not understand the Scriptures.

3. **Looking For.** Jesus prophesied that He would be raised on the third day. Mary stooped and looked for a body that was not in the tomb.

4. **Body.** The women who came to the tomb were looking for the body of Jesus.

5. **Disciples.** Peter and the other disciple also came, looked in the tomb, and went home.

6. **Trust.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we must trust the Scriptures and believe what they say is always true.

7. **Joy.** We rejoice today because Mary's weeping was turned to joy when she met the risen Christ.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering Mary weeping at the tomb.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding the different reactions people had to the empty tomb—some left and some wept there.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that the empty tomb presented clear evidence that the body of Jesus was no longer there and both men and women looked into the empty tomb.**

### **Application for Today**

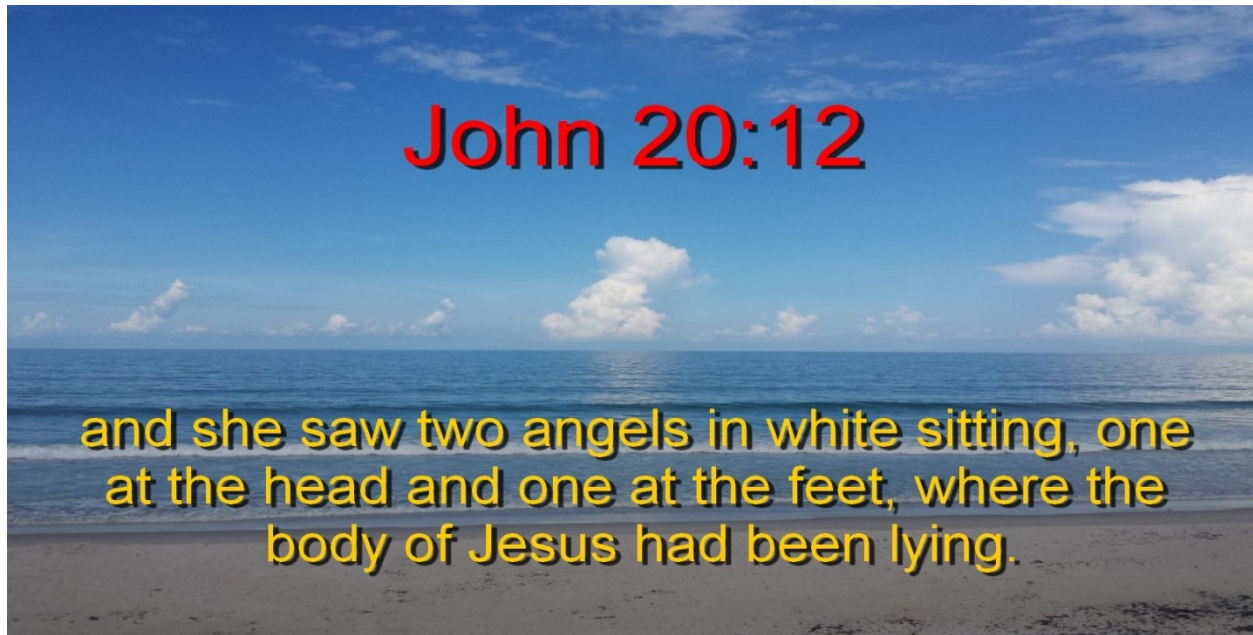
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that some people go home when they cannot find Jesus or His body. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus had promised the disciples that their sorrow would be turned into joy?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Twenty One

## Two Angels



What were the two angels doing at the tomb of Jesus? The two angels were sitting inside the tomb.

When Mary stooped and looked inside the tomb, she saw two angels. John recorded very precisely the positions of the angels. One was sitting at the head and the other at the feet. They were sitting where Jesus had been lying.

The two angels were clothed with white. They apparently were waiting for Mary to see them. Angels are ministering spirits, sent forth by God for His children.

Neither Simon Peter nor the other disciple saw the angels. They appeared after the two disciples had left. Their presence communicated that Jesus was not there, and angels sat in the tomb, exactly where Jesus was laid.



The two angels came with a message for Mary. They came because God had sent them there to meet Mary.

## ***Sitting***

1. **Angels.** What did Mary see as she looked into the tomb? She saw two angels in white.

2. **Wrappings.** Peter and the other disciple did not see two angels, but saw the linen wrappings and the face cloth in the empty tomb.

3. **Details.** Please notice the details: one angel sitting at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.

4. **Inside.** As Mary wept outside the tomb, she looked inside the tomb and saw the angels.

5. **Reactions.** Different people have different reactions to the empty tomb.

6. **Empty.** Living Godly in the family of God means that angels occupied the empty tomb.

7. **Ministering.** We rejoice today because angels are all ministering spirits, sent out to help believers.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the two angels sitting in the tomb of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by praising God for the careful details about the angels and where they were sitting.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by believing in angels, eternal life, and Jesus as Savior, the Son of God.**

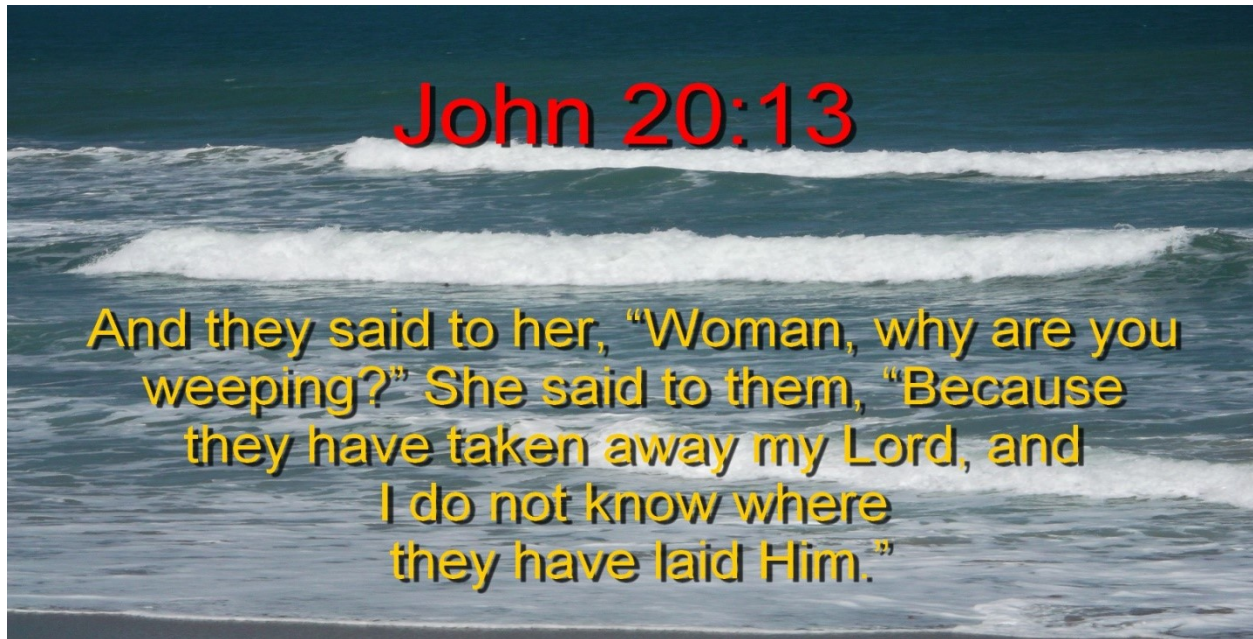
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for the details He included of His resurrection. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thinking about the two angels sitting in the tomb?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Twenty Two

## Weeping Today



What did the two angels say to Mary? They asked her why she was weeping.

Many people weep when a loved one dies. In this case Mary was weeping because Jesus had been crucified. She went looking for His body in the tomb where He was laid and she did not find His body there.

Mary told the angels she was weeping because people had taken away the body of Jesus and she did not know where they laid His body. She was weeping with grief. Crucifixion was bad, but then His body was gone too. Mary wept.

Notice that the two angels asked a very probing question. If they were asking why she was weeping, then they must have reason for thinking that she may not be weeping for long. Her sorrow was about to be turned to joy.

## ***Taken Away***

1. **Taken Away.** Why was Mary weeping at the tomb? Because she thought some people had taken away the body of Jesus.

2. **Body.** Mary wept because she thought people had taken the body of Jesus somewhere else and she did not know where they laid Him. Notice the Him: Mary thought the dead body was Jesus.

3. **Conclusion.** Like Mary, at times in our lives we see all the evidence before us and jump to exactly the wrong conclusion. Jesus had been resurrected, but she did not believe it yet.

4. **Dead.** Mary had no belief that the prophecies of Jesus had come true and He had been raised bodily from the dead.

5. **Wept.** She saw the angels and still wept. She saw the empty tomb and still wept.

6. **Unbelief.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we weep at times because of unbelief.

7. **Resurrected.** We rejoice today because Jesus increases our faith with His resurrected presence in our lives.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the tears of Mary at the tomb.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by thinking carefully about the questions people ask us, and why they are asking the questions.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that some people have entertained angels without being aware that they were.**

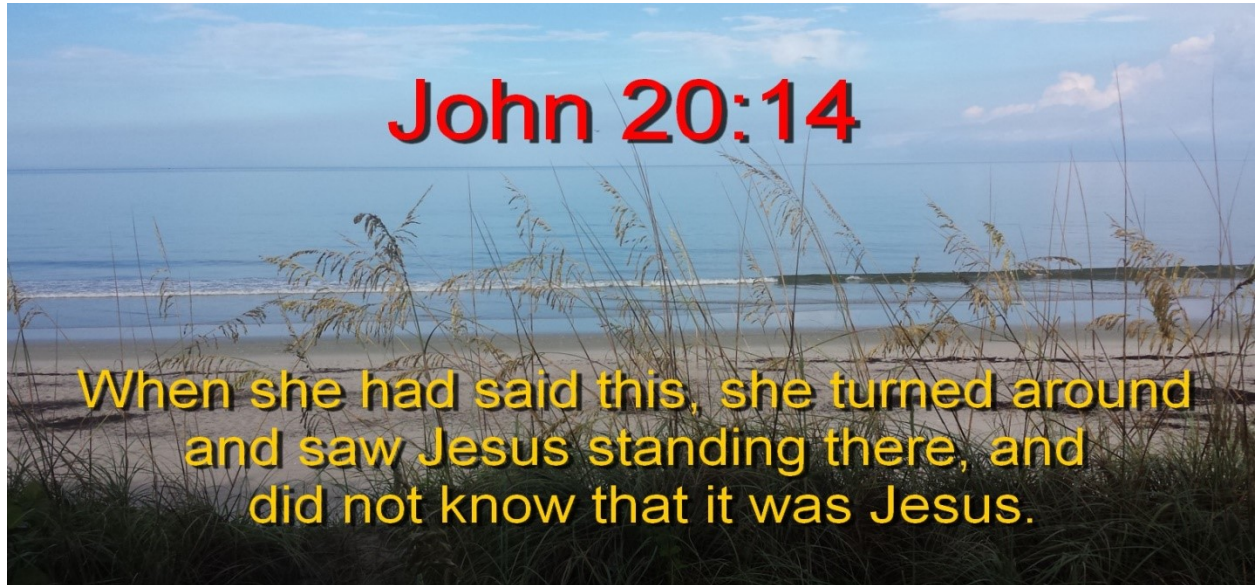
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the two angels asking Mary why she was weeping. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and ponder the questions God puts to you?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Twenty Three

## Turned Around Today



When Mary turned around, who did she see? Mary saw Jesus when she turned around.

After Mary saw the two angels sitting in the tomb, they asked her why she was weeping. She replied that the body of Jesus had been moved and she did not know where. The angels had a reason for asking their question.

When Mary turned around, Jesus was standing there. Mary's weeping was soon to turn to joy. Jesus was alive and His body had been resurrected.

The only problem was that Mary did not recognize Jesus when she turned around. She obviously was looking for a dead body, not a living Person. The question of the angels had been answered because Jesus was there. Mary had no more need to weep over the loss of Jesus.

## ***Jesus Standing***

1. **Mary.** At the tomb what did Mary see? She saw Jesus standing there.
2. **Saw.** While still weeping, Mary turned around and saw Jesus.
3. **Jesus.** Mary did not know that it was Jesus.
4. **First.** Apparently Mary Magdalene, who had seven demons cast out of her, was the first person to see Jesus resurrected.
5. **Immediately.** In this case, seeing was not believing immediately.
6. **Unrecognized.** Living Godly in the family of God means that people saw Jesus without recognizing Him immediately.
7. **Time.** We rejoice today because Jesus takes time to cheer up believers who weep.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus appeared to Mary at the tomb.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that if Jesus was not raised, then we are still in our sins.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God remembering that Jesus lives and was resurrected on the third day.**



**Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by seeing Jesus standing by the tomb. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and rejoice that your Savior lives?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Twenty Four

## Jesus Said Today



**John 20:15**

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

What did Jesus say to Mary? Jesus asked Mary why she was weeping.

The two angels asked Mary the same question. Why was she weeping? They knew that Jesus was resurrected and that He was present.

Jesus asked Mary why she was weeping. He also asked her: Whom are you seeking? Mary supposed He was the gardener. She still had no idea that Jesus was talking with her. She was grief stricken because the tomb was empty. She was not expecting a resurrected Jesus.

Mary said to Jesus that if He had taken the body away, please tell her. Mary really wanted to see the body of Jesus. She would gladly have taken away the body of Jesus, if she only knew where His body had been laid.

Mary loved Jesus, but she did not yet believe in His resurrection. Things were just about to change forever for Mary.

## ***Take Him Away***

1. **Jesus.** What were the first words Jesus said to Mary? Jesus asked her: "Why are you weeping?"
2. **Comfort.** Jesus cares about our feelings and seeks to comfort us.
3. **Grief.** Mary's grief clouded her vision on a spiritual level. She was still looking for a body when the resurrected Christ was talking with her.
4. **Mary.** Mary thought she was talking to the gardener and did not recognize the voice of Jesus.
5. **Tears.** At times in our lives, our tears and our incorrect beliefs hinder us from recognizing the voice of Jesus.
6. **Cares.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus cares about every tear we shed.
7. **Patiently.** We rejoice today because Jesus patiently talks with believers who weep before Him.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Mary did not recognize Jesus at first.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by believing the Scriptures about Jesus and His resurrection so that we see Him more clearly.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by having faith that Jesus will always do all the things that He said He would do, including being raised from the dead.**

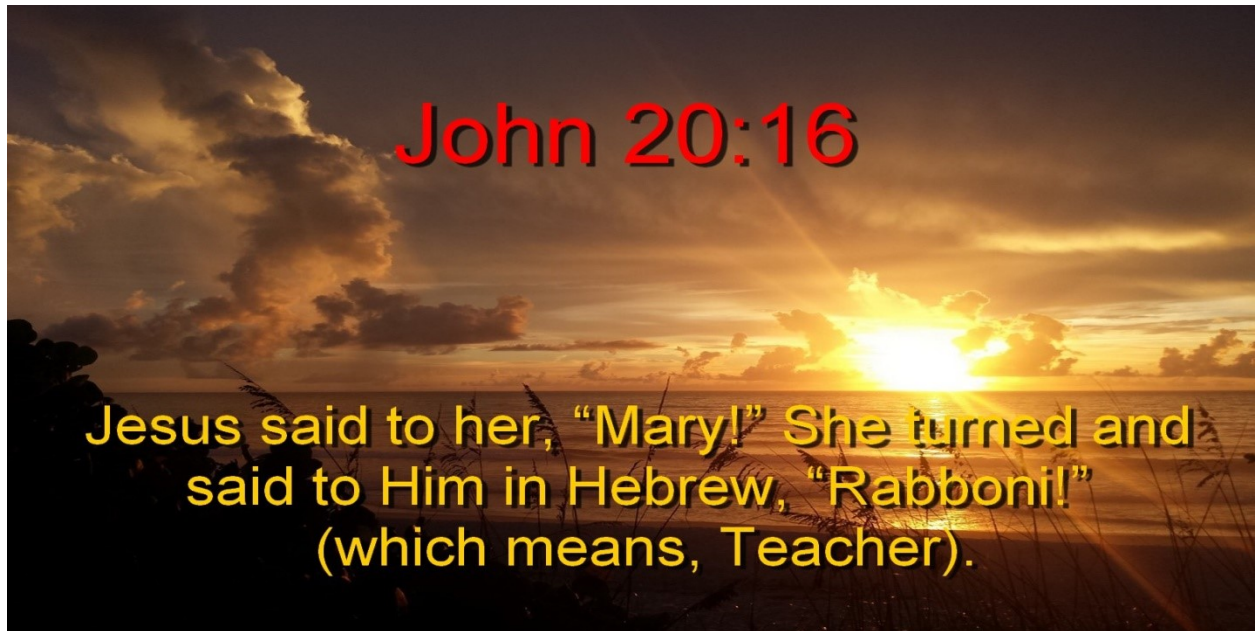
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting that Jesus will always keep His promises. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering He promised to resurrect His children?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Twenty Five

## Mary Today



Why did Jesus call the name of Mary? He called her name so that she would turn around and recognize Him.

Mary thought that Jesus was the gardener. She even treated Him like the gardener. She thought that maybe the gardener had taken the body away and would tell her where he laid the body of Jesus. Mary could not have been more mistaken.

Jesus chose to enlighten Mary by calling her name. Suddenly she realized that the “gardener” had called her by name. She turned around and addressed Jesus in Hebrew. She called Him “Rabboni,” which means Teacher.

Mary had not been looking for a risen Savior, but the Risen Savior opened her eyes to see Him standing right before her. She was weeping

moments before, and those tears were about to change to real joy. Jesus was alive and resurrected, standing right there, calling her name.

## ***Rabboni***

1. **Rabboni.** Why did Mary say "Rabboni"? Because Jesus had called her by name.

2. **Weeping.** As Mary Magdalene stood at the tomb of Jesus weeping, two angels asked her why she was weeping.

3. **Looking.** She replied that she was looking for the body of Jesus and did not know where it had been laid.

4. **Saw.** When she said that, she turned and saw Jesus, but did not recognize Him. She thought He was the gardener.

5. **Jesus.** Jesus then asked her questions about why she was weeping and what she was seeking. She replied again, but did not recognize Jesus. Jesus then called her by name.

6. **Calls.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls all of His sheep by name.

7. **Name.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves to comfort us and calls each of us by name.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus met Mary outside the tomb.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by delighting in the resurrection of Jesus and His appearances after resurrection.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and His personal care for His disciples.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus and His personal conversations after resurrection. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus as attested by multiple witnesses?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Twenty Six

## Stop Today



**John 20:17**

Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

What did Jesus tell Mary? Jesus said stop clinging to me.

Jesus called Mary by name outside of His tomb. At first she did not recognize Him, but then she did when He called her name. She then began clinging to Jesus. She was so happy touching Him; her tears had been turned to joy.

Jesus told Mary He had not yet ascended to His Father. She could not go on clinging to Him indefinitely. Please notice that His resurrected body was something a human being could cling to. Jesus was not just a spirit. He had flesh and blood that would never decay. His resurrected body was raised incorruptible and glorious.

Not only did Jesus have further work to do before ascending, He also had an urgent mission for Mary. He wanted His brethren to know that He would be ascending to His Father and their Father, to His God and their God.

Therefore, Mary needed to stop clinging to Jesus so that they could both continue their work.

## ***Clinging***

1. **Clinging.** Why did Jesus tell Mary to stop clinging to Him? Because He had not yet ascended. Jesus meant that Mary must let go of Him and go tell the brethren. He also implied that He was not leaving (Ascension) yet and He would still be around on earth appearing to people.

2. **Message.** Jesus also gave Mary a message for His brethren. He wanted them to know that He was going to ascend.

3. **Ascend.** When the time came, Jesus ascended before their eyes.

4. **Father.** Jesus said He was to ascend to His Father.

5. **God.** Jesus also said He would ascend "to My God," meaning that in His humanity, His Father was also His God.

6. **Deity.** Living Godly in the family of God means that all the fullness of deity dwelt in the body of Jesus; even so, He called His Father, My God.

7. **Jesus.** We rejoice today because Jesus ascended to His Father and His God, Who is our Father and our God.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus told Mary to stop clinging to Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus commissioned Mary to tell His brethren that He has not yet ascended, indicating that He would still be around in His resurrected body for a time.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshipping Jesus for His resurrected glory and love for Mary and the brethren.**

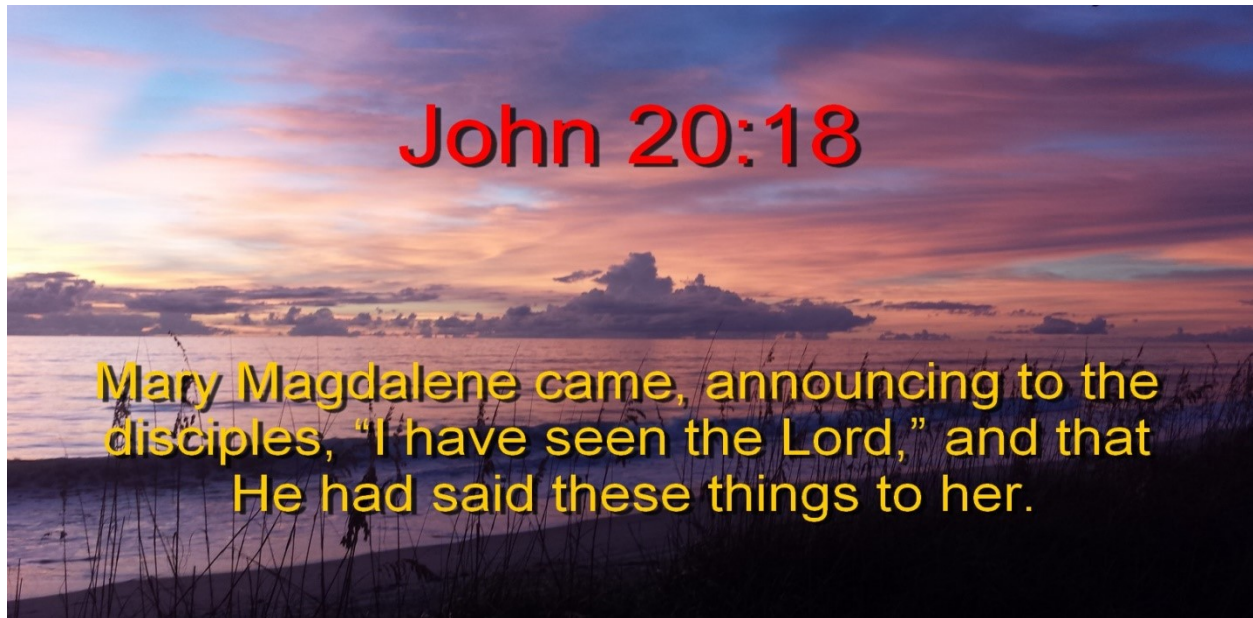
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus appeared in His resurrected body with flesh and blood before His ascension. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thinking about Jesus commissioning Mary to tell His brethren about His continued presence with them with His glorified body?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Twenty Seven

## Announcing Today



What did Mary do after Jesus commissioned her to tell the brethren? Mary went to the brethren and told them about Jesus.

Jesus told Mary to stop clinging to Him because He had not yet ascended. Jesus had His resurrected body, with flesh and blood. He also wanted the brethren to know immediately what Mary had seen. She could testify about how Jesus revealed Himself to her and that she was clinging to Him. He really was Jesus and raised from the dead.

Jesus sent Mary to tell the disciples that she had seen Him and that He was going to ascend to His Father and their Father and His God and their God. Jesus disclosed important Trinitarian theology here. Even after His resurrection, He could call the Father His God. They maintained the relationship Jesus described as One. He was in the Father and the Father was in Him.

Mary Magdalene was a great messenger for Jesus. She loved Jesus, in part, because she had been freed from seven demons. She served Jesus and

carried His message to the disciples. Her Savior lived and she had clung to Him until He sent her on her mission.

## ***Seen***

1. **Saw.** What did Mary Magdalene say to the disciples? She said, "I have seen the Lord."

2. **Talked.** Mary met Jesus at the tomb and talked with Him.

3. **Message.** Jesus commanded Mary to take a message to the disciples.

4. **Witness.** Mary was one of the first witnesses of the resurrected Christ.

5. **Resurrection.** She communicated the message Jesus entrusted to her about Him and His resurrection.

6. **Entrusted.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we too have been entrusted with a message from Jesus.

7. **Commissioned.** We rejoice today because Jesus lives and He commissioned us to spread the good news of Jesus to all the world.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Mary Magdalene faithfully followed her commission to tell the brethren about the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding the difference between the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Jesus continued His ministry after crucifixion and spent time with His brethren before His ascension in His glorified body with flesh and bones.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we worship Jesus for the love He showed to Mary Magdalene and the brethren.**

### **Application for Today**

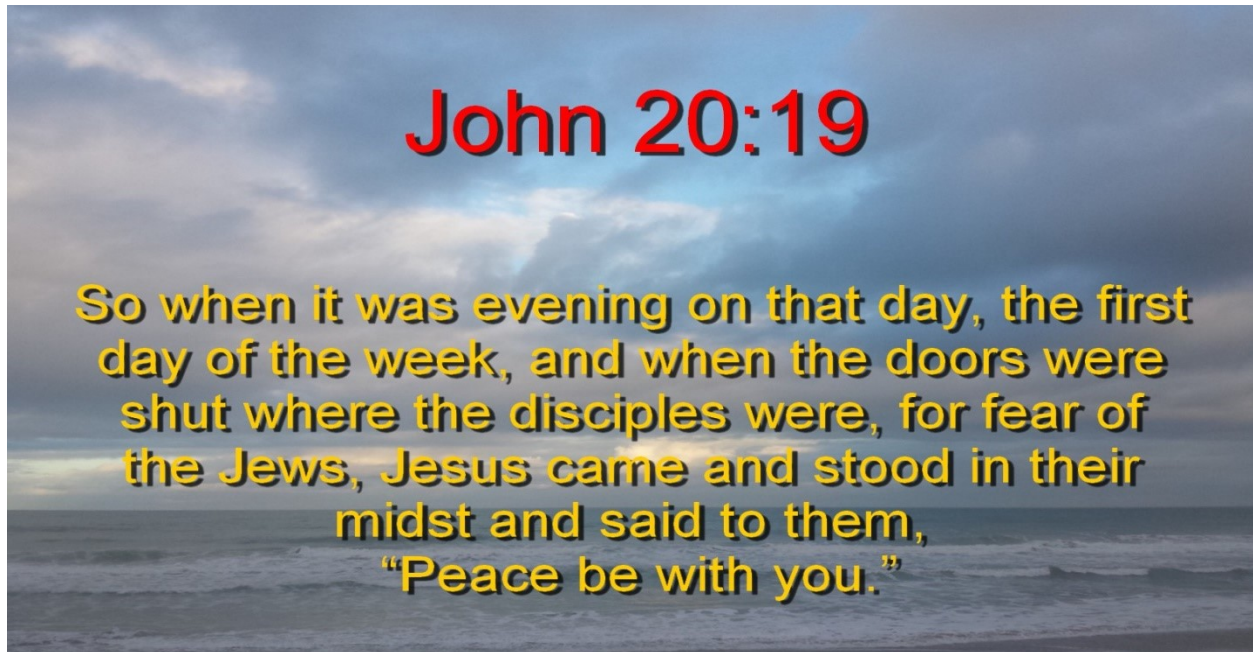
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by following the unique commissions He gives to each one of us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by following Jesus along the path He travels with you?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Twenty Eight

## Fear Today



When did Jesus appear to the disciples? He appeared to them on the first day of the week.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to the brethren on Sunday evening. The doors had been shut for fear of the Jews. The disciples had reason to fear because the Jews had just crucified Jesus for His claims to be the Son of God.

Jesus interceded for the disciples at His arrest so that they would go free. By Sunday, some of the disciples had gathered together and Simon Peter and the other disciple had found the tomb empty, except for the linen wrappings and the face-cloth.

Jesus appeared to the disciples. Although the doors were locked, Jesus stood in their midst and said "Peace be with you." This typical Jewish greeting must have been great news to the disciples, but somewhat startling as well.



## *Peace*

1. **Disciples.** What was the first thing that Jesus said to the disciples? Peace be with you, a common Hebrew expression.
2. **Scared.** In this case, the disciples were scared stiff of the Jews and so shut the doors.
3. **Doors.** With the doors shut, Jesus had no problem standing in their midst. Walls and doors posed no obstacle to the glorified body of Jesus.
4. **Shut.** The disciples had gathered together and shut themselves in a room and tried to hide from the Jews.
5. **Reason.** In their minds they had reason to fear the Jews, because they had just put Jesus to death.
6. **Comfort.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus loves to comfort the fearful with His presence and words.
7. **Promise.** We rejoice today because Jesus has promised all of us peace which overcomes fear through His resurrected presence in our lives.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus appearing to the disciples on Sunday evening after His resurrection.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by hearing Jesus saying “Peace be with you.”**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus came to the disciples and stood in their midst even though the doors were closed.**

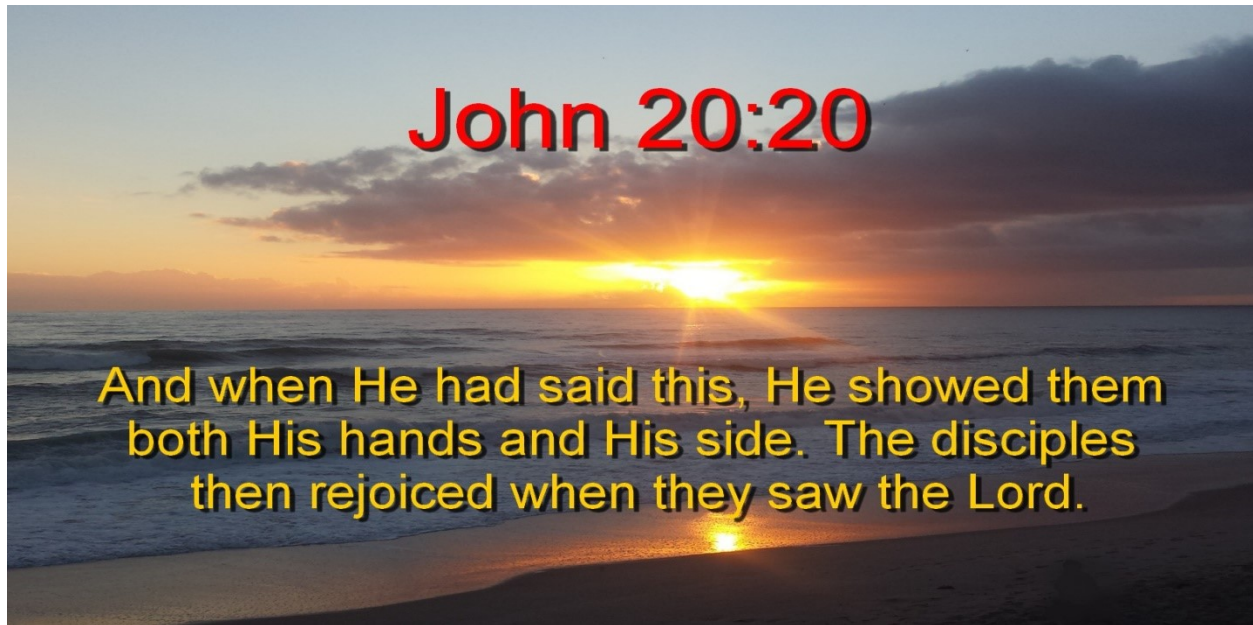
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by hearing the words of Jesus “Peace be with you.” Will you live Godly in the family of God today by taking comfort from the Risen Lord Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Eight Hundred Twenty Nine**

## **Hands and Side Today**



What did Jesus show the disciples when He appeared in their midst on Sunday evening? He showed them His hands and His side.

Jesus appeared in a locked room. He greeted His disciples with “Peace be with you.” Then He showed them His hands and His side. He offered absolute proof that He was still Jesus, and still had the wounds from His crucifixion and the soldiers.

Jesus was resurrected, but not yet ascended. Before He went back to His Father, He made several appearances before He ascended. He had His resurrected, immortal and glorious body. It could move into a locked room. His disciples could see His body and hear His voice. Mary Magdalene had been clinging to that body. It had flesh and bones.

Jesus came with a message of hope. He was alive and going back to heaven, but He wanted His disciples to know that He was alive and risen from the dead. They need not weep any longer. He brought joy with Him.

## ***Rejoiced***

1. **Jesus.** What did Jesus do to make His disciples rejoice? He showed them His hands and His side.

2. **Appeared.** After His resurrection, Jesus appeared in the room where the disciples had shut the doors for fear of the Jews.

3. **Peace.** Jesus stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

4. **Joy.** Jesus prophesied that their sorrow would be turned into joy.

5. **Demonstration.** Jesus brought words of peace and a visual demonstration of His resurrection to the disciples living in fear.

6. **Resurrection.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus loved His disciples and wanted them to understand His resurrection.

7. **Rejoice.** We rejoice today because Jesus caused His disciples to rejoice when they saw the Lord.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus and His appearance to the disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by seeing the hands and side of Jesus as proof of His resurrection.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by looking forward to our resurrection because Jesus was the first fruit of the resurrection.**

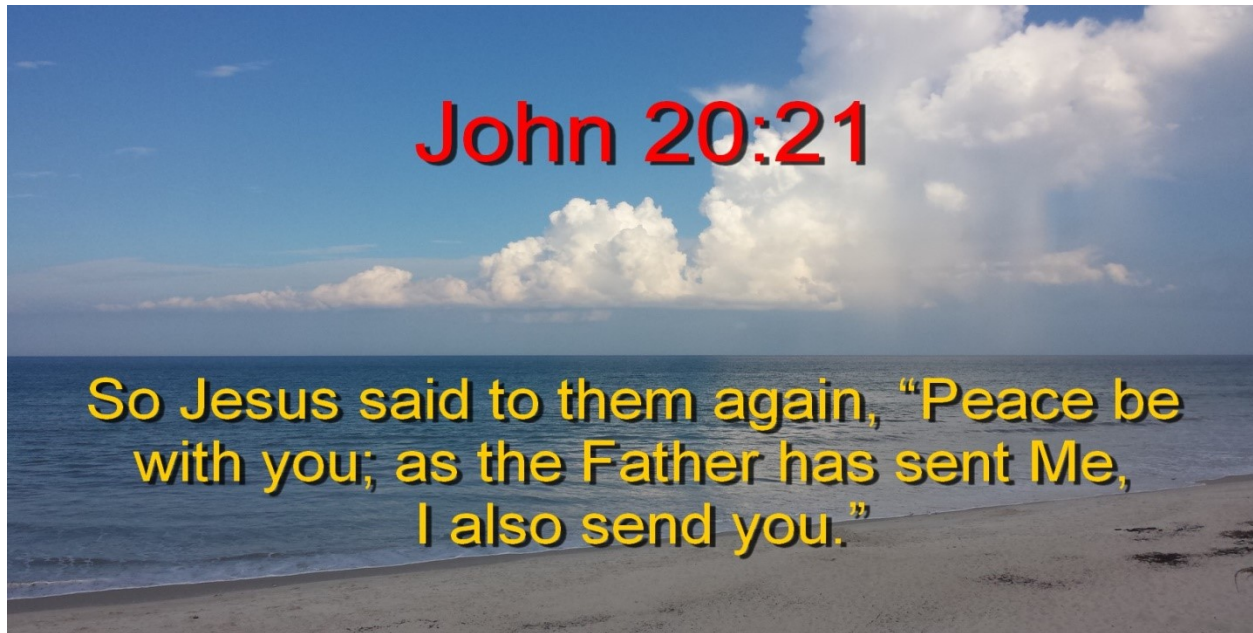
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for bringing joy to His disciples on Sunday evening. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing in the resurrection and appearance of Jesus with His disciples?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Eight Hundred Thirty**

## **The Father Has Sent Me Today**



What did Jesus do with the disciples in the room with locked doors? Jesus sent them out.

Jesus appeared to the disciples on Sunday evening. The doors were locked and He appeared. He bid them peace and then invited them to see His hands and His side.

The disciples feared the Jews and locked the doors to the room. They sought safety from the Jews outside. They had crucified Jesus and yet He lived. Anywhere outside that room posed a danger to them. Even so, Jesus said that He was sending them.

Jesus came into the world to do the will of His Father. Jesus spoke the words of His Father and did the will of His Father. Jesus said He had accomplished all the work His Father had given Him to do. Now Jesus was sending the disciples outside to carry on His ministry. They were to share His

love and make disciples. But first, they were going to have to leave that safe room and go outside. They were going to have start in Jerusalem.

## ***Send You***

1. **Sending.** Why did Jesus say that He was sending the disciples? Because Jesus was sending them just like His Father sent Him.

2. **Afraid.** The disciples had gathered in a room where the doors were locked, because they were afraid of the Jews.

3. **Outside.** The one place the disciples did not want to go was outside of that room.

4. **Jesus.** Jesus appeared in their midst and announced to them that He was sending them out of that room.

5. **Proclaim.** Like Jesus, the disciples had His message of salvation to proclaim to the world.

6. **Gospel.** Living Godly in the family of God means that all the disciples today have been sent out to share the gospel.

7. **World.** We rejoice today because Jesus obeyed the Father and went forth into the world.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus sent out His disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that God the Father sent Jesus and so Jesus sent the disciples just like His Father sent Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that Jesus sent out the disciples to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people who eventually shared that same Gospel with us.**

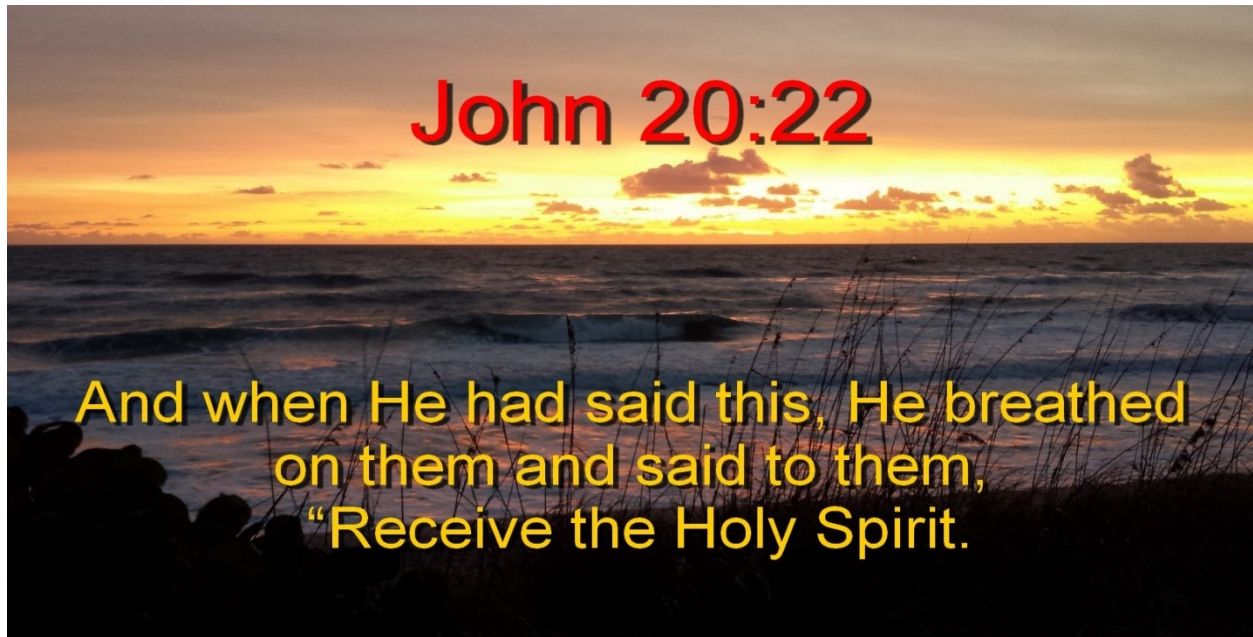
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus still sends saints out today. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by going out just like the Father sent Jesus out into the world?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Eight Hundred Thirty One**

## **Breathed upon Them Today**



What happened after Jesus breathed on the disciples? He said: "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Jesus had just appeared to the disciples in a room with the doors locked. He bid them "Peace to you." He then showed them His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus told them that He was sending them just as the Father sent Him.

Having said He was sending them, He then breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." As we try to understand what just happened, we need to remember several points. First, Jesus had promised when He left, He would send the Holy Spirit to them. Jesus had not left yet, so that promise remained future. Second, Jesus told the disciples later to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended and filled the disciples. They spoke in tongues and people were amazed. So, we know that the disciples were not filled or baptized with the

Holy Spirit when Jesus breathed upon them and said “Receive the Holy Spirit.” Jesus was preparing them for their mission and to receive the Holy Spirit later.

## ***Receive the Holy Spirit***

1. **Holy Spirit.** Why did Jesus breathe upon the disciples? Because He intended for them to receive the Holy Spirit.

2. **Future.** In John 14:16, Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit abides with them, but in the future He would abide in them.

3. **Baptized.** In Acts 1:5, Jesus told the disciples that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

4. **Jerusalem.** In Acts 1:8, Jesus commanded the disciples to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them.

5. **Prepared.** Therefore we know that Jesus did not baptize them with the Holy Spirit in our verse today, but He did prepare them to receive the Holy Spirit.

6. **Receive.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus promised the disciples that they would receive the Holy Spirit.

7. **Abides In.** We rejoice today because the Holy Spirit abides in every believer and Jesus baptizes each new believer with the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation (1 Corinthians 12:13).

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus told His disciples to receive the Holy Spirit.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that Jesus fulfilled His promise and sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to indwell all believers.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by thanking Jesus that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and rejoice in the Holy Spirit's presence in your life?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Thirty Two

## Forgive the Sins Today



**John 20:23**

**If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."**

What happens if the disciples forgive the sins of any? Their sins have been forgiven.

We know that only God can forgive sins. In this context, however, Jesus had just commissioned them to go into the world just as God the Father sent Jesus into the world. Their mission was to forgive sins. To fulfill that mission, they had to overcome their fear of the Jews and leave their locked room.

The purpose for leaving the room was to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world. People could only receive eternal life by hearing and believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Wherever the disciples brought the Gospel of Jesus Christ, people would be saved. If they did not share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with some people, then their sins would be retained.

Jesus explained the pressing need for the disciples to leave the relative safety of their locked room and go into all the world. Jesus was preparing

them to receive the Holy Spirit, who would empower them to complete their ministry as a continuation of the ministry of Jesus.

## ***Retain the Sins***

1. **Obeying.** How could the disciples forgive or retain sins? By obeying the command of Jesus to go forth just as the Father sent Jesus forth into the world.

2. **God Forgives.** Make no mistake: only God can forgive sins.

3. **Believe.** Jesus proclaimed the good news of salvation by believing in Him.

4. **Salvation.** Jesus commissioned the disciples to carry on His work of proclaiming good news to the world for salvation.

5. **Gospel.** Where the disciples spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, people could be saved. Where the gospel was not spread, the sins of people were retained.

6. **Spread.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we all have a duty to spread the gospel so that people may hear the good news and be saved.

7. **Jesus.** We rejoice today because Jesus is the best news that anyone will ever hear.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we rejoice in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to bring faith in Jesus which results in eternal life.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for His power to forgive sin and His great love to use that power all over the world.**

### **Application for Today**

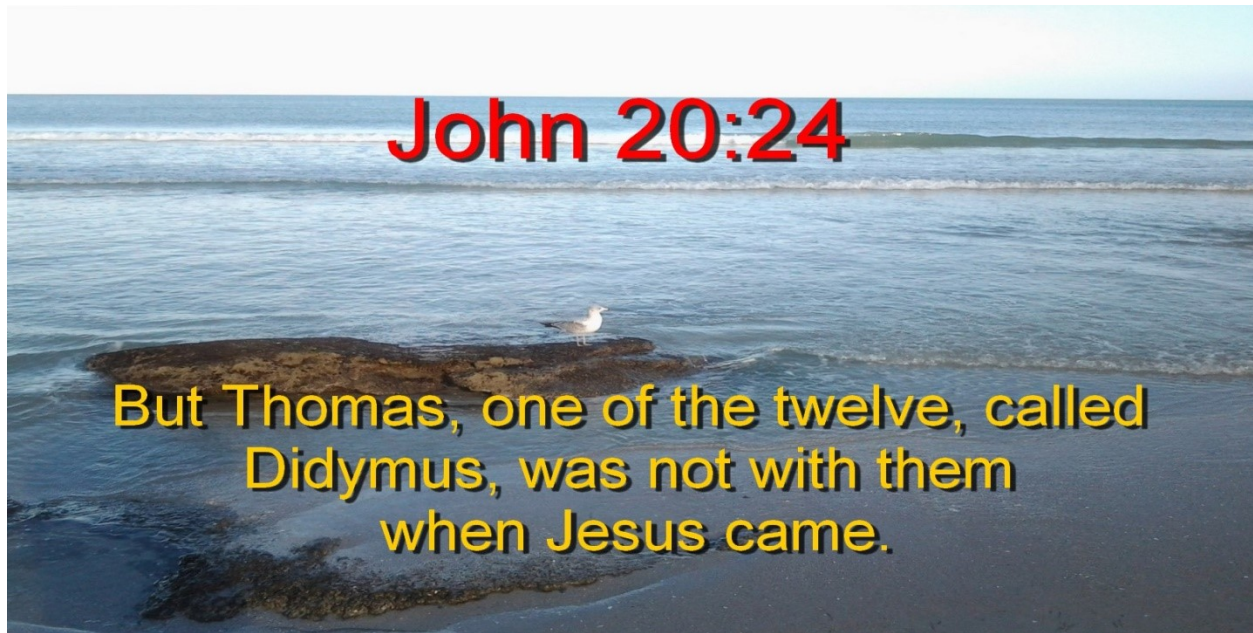
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by watching Jesus forgive sins through the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Thirty Three

## Not with Them Today



Who was not with the disciples when Jesus came? Thomas, called Didymus, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

The eleven disciples were gathered in a room on Sunday evening on the day Jesus was resurrected. They had closed and locked the doors because of their fear of the Jews. The Jews had just killed Jesus and they feared for their lives.

While the disciples were gathered together in that locked room, Jesus stood in their midst. He bid them Peace and they rejoiced when they recognized Him. He commanded them to receive the Holy Spirit and then commissioned them to go into the world and forgive sins. Jesus commissioned them to go just like the Father sent Jesus into the world.

With all that going on, Thomas, called Didymus, was not there. God has a purpose in all things. Thomas, better known as Doubting Thomas, was not there, but he would become famous shortly

## *Thomas, Called Didymus*

1. **Doubts.** What difference did it make that Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared in the room? Thomas did not see Jesus face to face and so had some doubts.

2. **Thomas.** Thomas certainly knew the other eleven disciples very well because of the time he spent with them.

3. **Absent.** Jesus had a special plan for Thomas and so he was not present in that room when Jesus first appeared.

4. **Missed.** At times in our lives, we may feel we missed out on something special because we were not with the larger group of disciples.

5. **One-to-One.** Jesus always deals with us on a one-to-one basis and He knows our name.

6. **Family.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we are never absent from Jesus.

7. **Special.** We rejoice today because Thomas received special attention from Jesus a few days later.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus had a purpose for all things.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus had a plan for Thomas because he was not there when Jesus first appeared to the eleven disciples.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for the different plans He has for different lives, each with its own special purposes and ministries.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for individual plans He has for our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by living in peace with the plans that Jesus has for your unique life?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Thirty Four

## We Have Seen the Lord Today

### John 20:25

So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

What did Thomas say when the other disciples told him that they had seen the Lord? Thomas said he would not believe except upon certain conditions.

Thomas laid down several conditions. He said he would not believe unless (1) he sees in His hands the imprint of the nails; and (2) he puts his finger into the place of the nails; and (3) he puts his hand into the side of Jesus. According to Thomas, all of those conditions must be met before he would believe.

Thomas stands as an example of the mindset of the disciples before they saw Jesus resurrected. They were not expecting a resurrection and Thomas did not believe others who testified that they had seen Jesus.

Many witnesses testified that the tomb was empty, but Thomas did not believe Jesus had been resurrected. He rejected the testimony of the other disciples and demanded his own form of proof.

## ***Not Believe***

1. **Thomas.** When Thomas heard that the other disciples had seen Jesus, what did he say? He said he would not believe unless certain things happened.

2. **Conditions.** Thomas had three conditions for belief: (1) see the imprint of the nails in His hands; and (2) put my finger in the place of the nails; and (3) put my hand into His side.

3. **Body.** Apparently Thomas had seen the body of Jesus crucified.

4. **Doubted.** Thomas doubted the resurrection and also doubted the testimony of all the other witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus.

5. **Command.** At times in our lives, we set conditions on our faith too, but God commands us to believe Him without seeing Him.

6. **Faith.** Living Godly in the family of God means that without faith, it is impossible to please God.

7. **Jesus Heard.** We rejoice today because Jesus heard every word that Thomas spoke and Thomas would believe without fulfilling all of those conditions.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding people like Thomas seek their own proof.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by believing the Scriptures about Thomas and all the disciples coming to believe that Jesus was resurrected.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that no one was expecting to see Jesus resurrected and some of them were quite stubborn about believing His word.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering Thomas and his conditions for faith in the resurrection of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and rejoice in your faith, even though you did not see the hands or side of Jesus in person?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Thirty Five

## Eight Days Today



**John 20:26**

After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

What happened after eight days? While the doors were shut, Jesus stood in the midst of the disciples and Thomas was there.

Jesus showed up again after the doors were locked and bid them Peace again. Just like the first time, He appeared eight days previously, so also Jesus appeared in their midst. This time, however, Thomas was there and his doubts were about to come face to face with Jesus.

Jesus gave them all the greeting: "Peace be with you." The other disciples had been through this before with Jesus. They already knew He had been resurrected and they had seen Him up close and personal. Now it was Thomas' turn to see Jesus. We will see how his conditions for faith played out when Jesus stood right before him. By the way, Jesus always knows what you have been saying behind His back.



## ***Doors Shut***

1. **Thomas.** What happened eight days after Jesus first appeared to the disciples after His resurrection? Jesus appeared to Thomas and the other disciples.
2. **Conditions.** Thomas had laid down three conditions before he would believe that Jesus was alive and resurrected.
3. **Appeared.** Just like the first appearance to the disciples, they were in a room with the doors shut.
4. **Peace.** Jesus stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."
5. **Choice.** Jesus always chose the moments He would appear to His disciples after His resurrection.
6. **Lack.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus knows how to deal with a lack of faith.
7. **Faith.** We rejoice today because Jesus stands in the midst of believers living in faith today.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus always hears everything we say.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus showed up and brought a greeting of peace for everyone, including Thomas.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the way Jesus deals with doubts.**

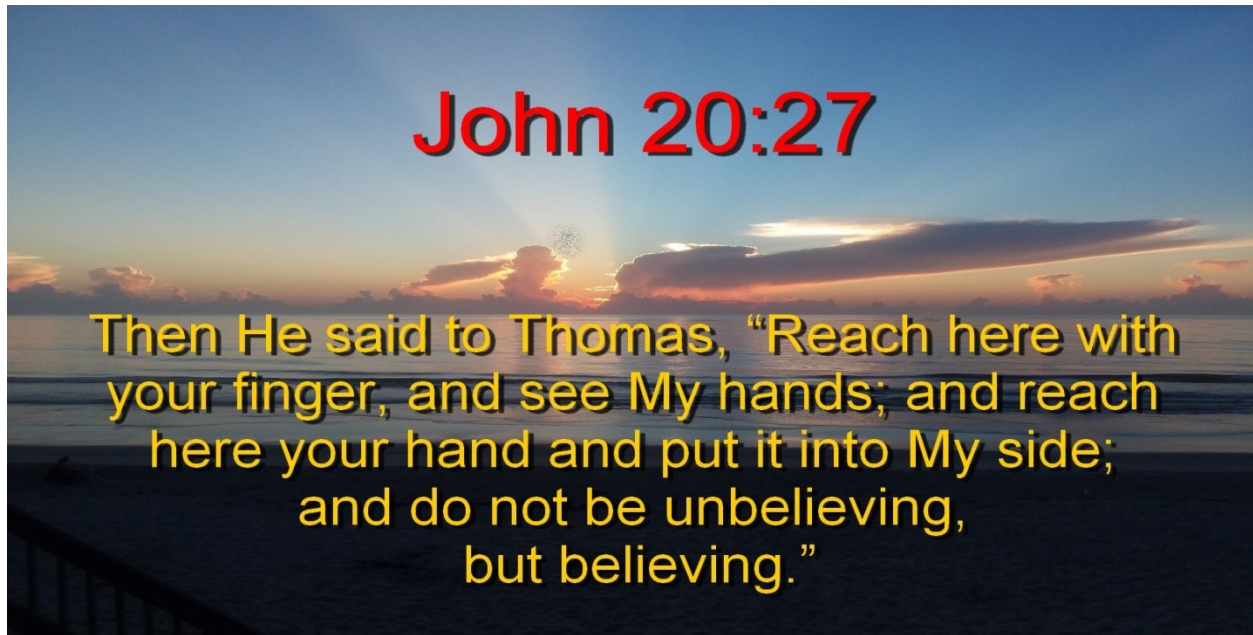
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to help us with our doubts. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by taking your doubts to Jesus and talking with Him?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Thirty Six

## Reach Here Today



What did Jesus invite Thomas to do? Jesus commanded Thomas to reach with his finger and reach with his hand.

Jesus knew exactly the conditions that Thomas laid down in order to believe that Jesus had been resurrected. Jesus commanded Thomas to reach out with his finger and see His hand. Thomas said that he wanted to put his finger in the nail prints in the hands of Jesus. Jesus also commanded Thomas to reach out his hand into the side of Jesus.

Jesus wanted Thomas to doubt no more. Thomas said he would not believe unless his conditions were met. Jesus appeared and commanded Thomas to fulfill his conditions. Talking big when Jesus is not around is one thing. When Jesus appears with those hands and feet, and his wounded side, that is a totally different thing.

Jesus focused upon believing. He wanted Thomas to believe. If that required physical contact, so be it. Jesus wanted all of His disciples to be confident that He was resurrected and alive.

## ***Believing***

1. **Overcame.** How did Jesus overcome the doubts of Thomas? By commanding Thomas to reach here.

2. **Doubts.** Thomas doubted that Jesus was resurrected, even after the other disciples testified that they had seen Jesus.

3. **Thomas.** Thomas had said that before he would believe, he had to see the imprint of the nails in His hands; and put his finger in the place of the nails; and put his hand into His side.

4. **Jesus.** Jesus heard every word that Thomas said and commanded him: (a) to reach here with your finger and see My hands; and (b) to reach here with your hand and put it into My side.

5. **Commanded.** Jesus commanded Thomas to do those things so that Thomas would believe.

6. **Faith.** Living Godly in the family of God means Jesus knows how to build faith and seeks to remove our doubts about Him.

7. **Resurrection.** We rejoice today because Jesus commands us to believe in Him and His resurrection and we delight in those commands.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to build our faith.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus wants to remove all our doubts.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus commanding Thomas to satisfy his conditions so that he would believe in the resurrection of Jesus.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus seeks to remove our doubts. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by not doubting the resurrection of Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Thirty Seven

## Thomas Answered Today



What did Thomas do when Jesus offered proof face to face? Thomas said "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus has this powerful effect upon people when they see Him in His resurrected body standing right before them. The other disciples had already experienced Jesus appearing in their midst eight days previously.

Jesus commanded Thomas to reach his finger and his hand and eliminate his doubts by touching Jesus. Thomas simply looked at Jesus and said: "My Lord and my God." Thomas instantly did not need his conditions any longer. Seeing Jesus completely removed his doubts.

Thomas had heard testimony from trusted, truthful sources about Jesus appearing to them on the Sunday evening of the resurrection of Jesus. Thomas disregarded that testimony. Seeing Jesus like they saw Jesus completely dispelled all the doubts of Thomas in an instant. Seeing was believing for Thomas. Thomas had no more doubts that God was standing

before him and he was standing in the presence of God. The Lord Jesus would be forever his God and his Lord.

## ***My Lord and My God***

1. **Resurrection.** Why did Thomas say "My Lord and my God?" Because he was convinced that Jesus had been resurrected from the dead.

2. **Doubts.** Thomas previously had doubts about the resurrection of Jesus.

3. **Thomas.** Jesus appeared to Thomas and the other disciples and showed Thomas His hands and His side.

4. **Jesus.** Jesus commanded Thomas to believe as he stood right before Jesus.

5. **Convinced.** Thomas was totally convinced by what he saw so that he did not put his finger into the nail prints and did not put his hand into the side of Jesus.

6. **Proof.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus appeared to Thomas and the other disciples, providing indisputable proof of His resurrection.

7. **We.** We rejoice today because we too can say to Jesus, "My Lord and My God."



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus is our Lord and our God.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus destroys our doubts that He is our Lord and our God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for the way He removed the doubts of Thomas by His personal appearance with flesh and bones.**

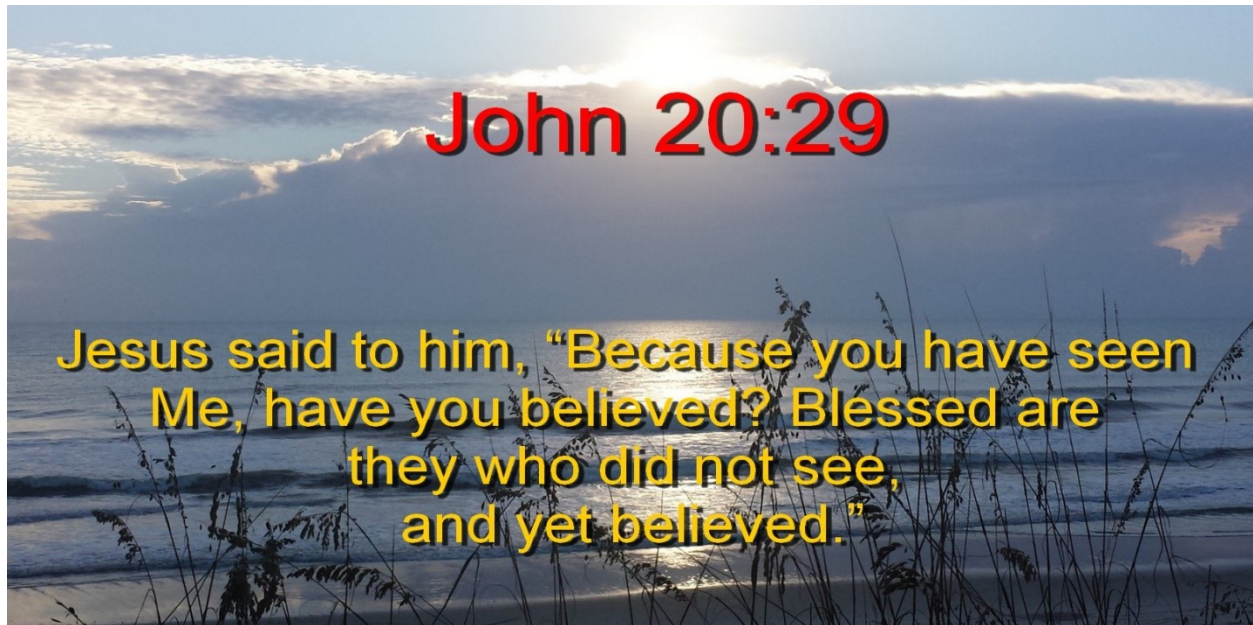
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to help us overcome any doubts we may have from time to time. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by confessing Jesus as your Lord and your God?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Thirty Eight

## Seen Me Today



How did Jesus respond to Thomas' declaration of faith? Jesus asked him if he believed because he saw Jesus.

Jesus understands our doubts. He wants everyone to believe and leave all of our doubts behind. He wants the faith of every saint to grow.

Jesus looked forward and saw many generations of saints who would have saving faith in Him and never see Him as Thomas saw Him. Jesus said we are blessed who have not seen Jesus, and yet believed.

Jesus loves all the people the Father gives to Him. He never loses even one. He always receives every person given to Him by His Father. The Father reveals Jesus to us so that we believe in Him for salvation. If you do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus, then you are still in your sins. The resurrection of Jesus is an essential element of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus looked forward to saints reading these words today. He called us blessed because we believe, without the conditions of Thomas. Yet we learn

from the Scriptures all about the resurrection of Jesus and the many details of His life, death, resurrection, and ascension. He sent us to tell others about Him and His great love for people.

## ***Did not See***

1. **Group.** What group of people did Jesus call blessed? The group that believed without seeing Him.

2. **Believe.** Jesus told Thomas that he believed because he had seen Jesus.

3. **Blessed.** Jesus then said that the people who had not seen Him, but believed, were blessed.

4. **Faith.** Without faith it is impossible to please God but Jesus always thought to create faith and build faith.

5. **Truth.** Jesus did not preach a blind faith, but a faith built upon believing the truth about Him.

6. **Unseen.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we do not have to see Jesus, to believe in Jesus.

7. **Testimony.** We rejoice today because we our faith rests in Jesus, Who provided eyewitness testimony of His life, death, resurrection and ascension for all who have not seen Him yet, but believe.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus called all saints blessed.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by believing in the resurrected Jesus without seeing Him in Person and remembering that His blessing rests upon us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by celebrating the resurrection of Jesus on Sunday mornings (and every other day)—He saw Thomas on Monday.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the blessing of Jesus rests upon us because we have believed without seeing Him face to face, but we will one day soon. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing in the blessing of Jesus resting upon you?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Thirty Nine

## Many Other Signs Today



**John 20:30**

**Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;**

Did John write down all the signs Jesus did? No, Jesus did many more signs than John wrote down.

Jesus performed many signs in the presence of His disciples. They saw Jesus heal the sick, make the lame to walk, make the blind see, raise the dead, cast out demons, and do many more signs, like cleaning out the temple, turning water into wine, and walking on water.

Jesus performed signs so that people would believe in Him for salvation. His Father sent Him to earth to do the work and say the words of God His Father. If people knew God the Father, then they would know Jesus.

We know that God carefully picked out the signs we read about in the Gospel of John. They were chosen by God and assembled together to communicate with inspired words the message of God.

Jesus loved His disciples and He called them friends. He chose Judas Iscariot and knew all along Judas Iscariot would betray Him. Jesus followed the plans of His Father at every turn. God created a perfect record for us.

## ***Not Written***

1. **Unrecorded.** Did John record all the signs Jesus performed? No, Jesus performed many signs not written in the Gospel of John.

2. **Signs.** Notice that Jesus performed many signs in the presence of the disciples.

3. **Eyewitnesses.** Jesus intended that His disciples would have eyewitness testimony to give to the nations.

4. **Trained.** Jesus trained His disciples to notice His signs so that people would know that God sent Him.

5. **Writers.** God also used the New Testament writers to provide all that we need to know about spiritual life and Godliness.

6. **Readers.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we love to read God's word because we hear Jesus speaking through it.

7. **Believe.** We rejoice today because Jesus performed many signs so that people would believe in Him.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the signs Jesus performed.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus did many more signs than John recorded in his gospel.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for the faithful obedience to His Father that purchased our salvation.**

### **Application for Today**

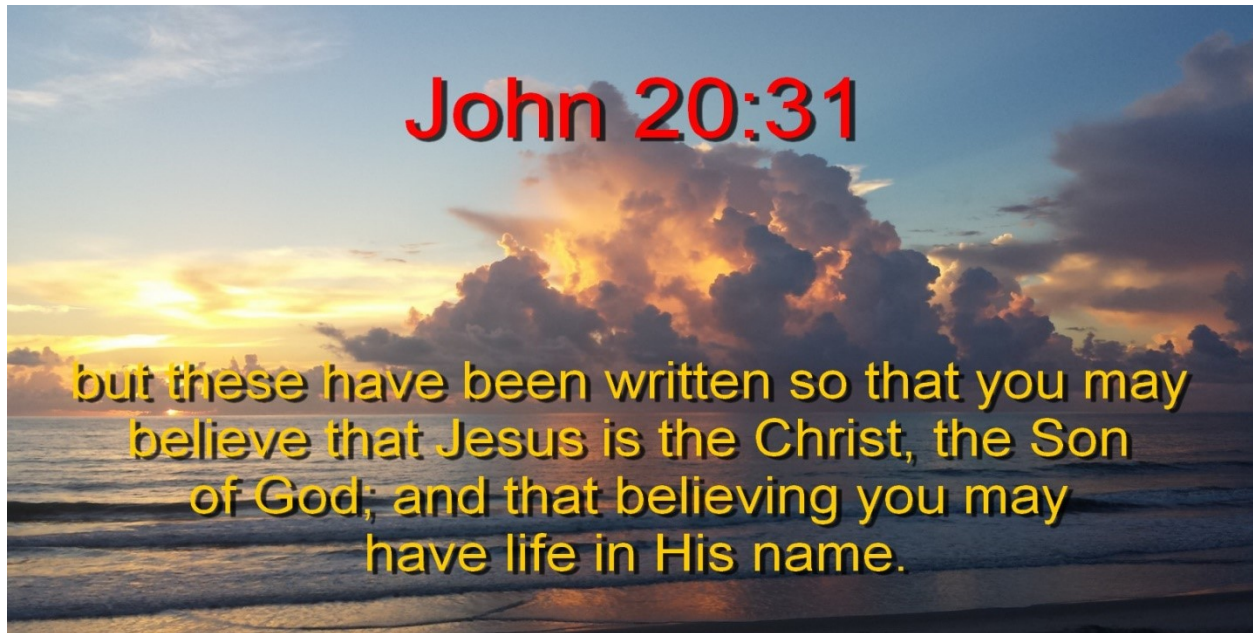
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the signs Jesus performed so that people would believe in Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by learning more about Jesus by reading the Scriptures?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Forty

## You May Believe Today



Why did John write his gospel? He wrote so that we may believe in Jesus for salvation.

John said he wrote the Gospel of John so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Because we believe, we have life in the Name of Jesus.

Throughout the Bible, the name of God carries great meaning. The name of God means that we trust Jesus Christ for salvation. God sanctified Him and sent Him into the world so that we might have life in Him.

Every word John wrote God breathed out. John wrote in his own style using his own vocabulary. Yet, God superintended the whole process so that the Gospel of John without error reveals Jesus in all His deity, and His great love for the world. He died for our sins and God wrote down the truth through the hands of John.

## ***Have Life***

1. **Why?** Why did John write about the signs that Jesus performed? So that we may have life in His name.
2. **John.** John did not write down all the signs Jesus performed.
3. **Recorded.** John recorded signs so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One, the Son of God.
4. **Believe.** John then explained that by believing, we may have life in His name.
5. **Only.** Jesus emphatically stated that He is the only way to the Father; no one comes to the Father but through Him.
6. **Christ.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we have eternal life because we believe that Jesus really is the Christ, the Son of God.
7. **Eternal Life.** We rejoice today because Jesus performed many signs so that we would believe in Him and have eternal life.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering John wrote so that we might have life in the name of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that only Jesus had the word of eternal life and He gave life to everyone who received Him by grace through faith.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as the children of God because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ recorded for us in the Scriptures.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in Jesus and the perfect testimony of John concerning Jesus our Lord, our Savior and our God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by reading about Jesus in the Scriptures created so that we would believe in Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# 7

## **Learning about Godliness And Obedience Today**

Jesus taught His disciples about obedience. He tied obedience to love and said if anyone loves Him, then keep His commandments.

Jesus manifested Himself to the disciples for the third time at the Sea of Tiberias. Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael and the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples went fishing. They fished all night and caught nothing. Simon Peter and the sons of Zebedee were once professional fishermen who fished the Sea of Tiberias.

When day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not recognize Him. He asked them if they caught anything and they said no. He then commanded them to cast the net on the other side of the boat. They did and they caught a full net of fish. In fact, they caught so many they could not haul it in. The disciple whom Jesus loved told Simon Peter that it was the Lord on the beach. Simon Peter then threw himself into the water. The disciples had learned their first lesson that morning about obedience to Jesus and enjoying His blessing.

When the disciples reached the land, they found Jesus had already laid a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus commanded them to bring some of the fish they caught. Simon Peter drew the net to land, full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. The net did not tear with so many large fish. The disciples had learned their second lesson about obedience that morning.

Jesus commanded them to eat breakfast with Him. They all knew it was Jesus. He came and took some bread and gave it to them and also the

fish. The disciples had learned their third lesson about obedience that morning.

After breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter a series of questions. First, Jesus asked Simon Peter if he loved (agape love) Jesus more than these. This question focused upon spiritual love and made Peter decide if he loved Jesus more than everything else around him. Simon Peter said Jesus knew he loved (brotherly love) him. Notice that Simon Peter did not exactly answer the question about whether he loved Jesus more than all other things. Jesus commanded Simon Peter to tend His lambs.

Second, Jesus asked Simon Peter if he loved (agape love) Jesus. Simon Peter replied that Jesus knew he loved (brotherly love) Jesus. Jesus then commanded Simon Peter to shepherd His sheep.

Third, Jesus asked Simon Peter if he loved (brotherly love) Jesus. Simon Peter said that Jesus knew all things and knew that he loved (brotherly love) Jesus. Jesus then commanded Simon Peter to tend His sheep.

This interaction with Simon Peter reinforced the link between loving Jesus and obeying the commands of Jesus. Simon Peter had denied Jesus and cursed, but now Simon Peter remains useful to Jesus to tend and shepherd the lambs and the sheep. Jesus was entrusting His beloved people to Simon Peter's care. Jesus required care for the sheep based upon love for Jesus. Without the primary love for Jesus, Simon Peter would be useless for tending and shepherding the sheep and the lambs. Jesus had taught Simon Peter three more lessons about love and obedience.

Jesus also prophesied that Simon Peter would grow old, but he would be girded by another and then led away to a place he did not want to go. Jesus signified what kind of death Simon Peter would die. Jesus then issued another command to Simon Peter: "Follow Me."

Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them. Peter asked Jesus about that disciple. Jesus said that if He wanted that disciple to remain until He comes, what is that to Peter. Jesus again issued the command "Follow Me." Word went out that Jesus had said the other disciple would not die, but Jesus did not say that.

All of those lessons about love were tied to obedience. We prosper in the Lord's service as we serve other people out of loving obedience to Jesus. Without love for Jesus we cannot be effective in tending, shepherding, fishing, or any other activity for Jesus. Furthermore, Jesus may provide insight into our future with Him, but we should not be concerned about the plans Jesus may have for others. Jesus always commands us to follow Him, and not be distracted.

John closed the gospel with by assuring the readers that his testimony is true. People knew his testimony was truth. Furthermore, Jesus did many other things which were not written in the Gospel of John. Indeed, the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Forty One

## Manifested Himself Today



Did Jesus manifest Himself after the second meeting with the disciples? Yes, He manifested Himself at the Sea of Tiberias.

Jesus manifested Himself. He made Himself visible. People often have a hard time understanding that things exist that we cannot see. Jesus frequently talked about spiritual beings and spiritual truths that human eyes cannot see.

No person has seen God at any time. Jesus has revealed God the Father. God the Father revealed Jesus to people. So, when Jesus made Himself visible on the Sunday and then eight days later, He was making Himself visible to His disciples. He was always spiritually present with them, but not visibly present with them.

John described the Sea of Galilee by its Roman name, the Sea of Tiberius. The details recorded in Scripture help us understand the date of the writing, the audience of the writing, and the place of the writing. John wrote



during the period of Roman occupation of Israel. Matthew, Mark and John all referred to the Sea of Tiberius.

## ***This Way***

1. **Alive.** Why did John record the post-resurrection ministry of Jesus? To provide convincing proofs that Jesus was alive after His suffering.

2. **Manifested.** After Jesus manifested Himself to Thomas and the other disciples separately, He again manifested Himself at the Sea of Tiberias.

3. **Sea.** The Sea of Tiberias is another name for the Sea of Galilee.

4. **Capernaum.** Jesus settled in Capernaum for a time and some of His disciples fished in the Sea of Tiberias.

5. **Visible.** Jesus manifested Himself, meaning that He intentionally made Himself visible to certain people over a period of forty days.

6. **Intentional.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus wanted His disciples to know that He had risen from the dead.

7. **Eyewitnesses.** We rejoice today because Jesus lives and proved His resurrection to many eyewitnesses after His death on the cross.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus manifested Himself.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus promised to turn the sorrow of the disciples into joy and He did so by appearing to them after His resurrection.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus and His multiple appearances to different people at different times and in different places.**

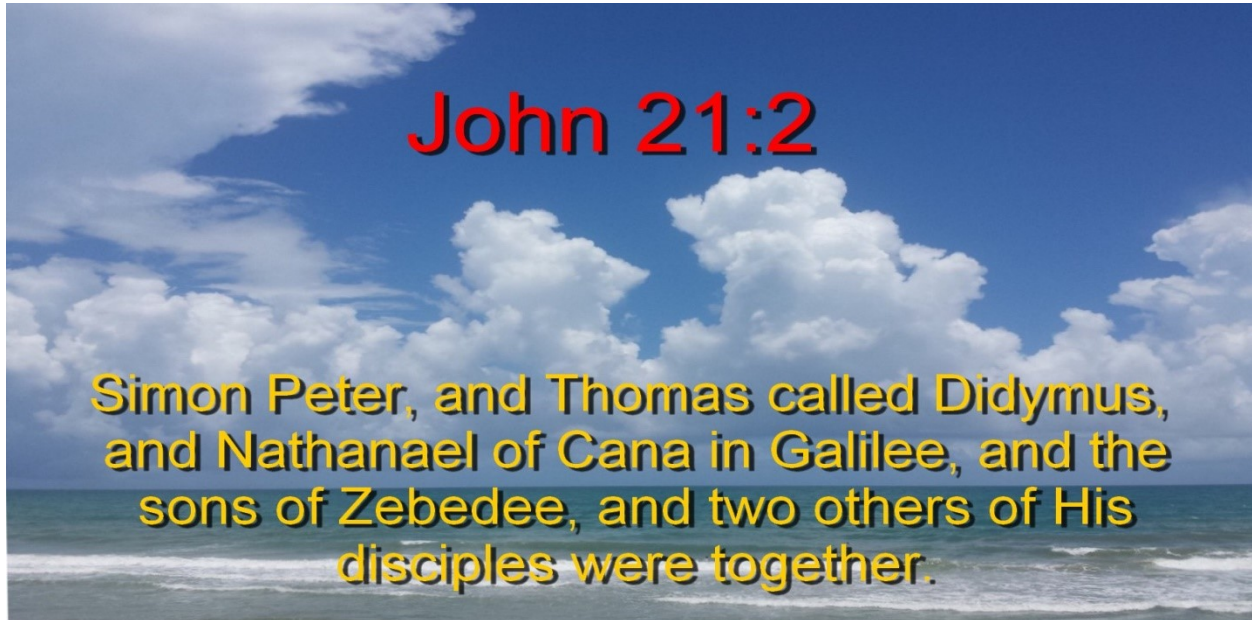
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by thanking God for including the details of the post-resurrection ministry of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by worshiping Jesus as the Risen Savior who manifested Himself to His disciples on multiple occasions in multiple places?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Forty Two

## His Disciples Today



What disciples were together at the Sea of Tiberius? Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana of Galilee, John and James (the sons of Zebedee) and two others were together.

When you consider that list of names, you have to remember that Simon Peter denied Jesus three times in one night and cursed about knowing Jesus. Thomas said he would not believe the other disciples when they said they saw the resurrected Jesus. The sons of Zebedee made the other disciples very angry by seeking to sit upon the right and left hands of Jesus when He comes in His kingdom. They all had done things to irritate the other disciples and yet they were all together.

Jesus demonstrated great patience and love for the disciples. None of them was perfect. They all needed a Savior because they were all sinful. Some of these disciples were fishermen. Peter and Andrew were fishermen when Jesus met them. Jesus called James and John from their father mending the nets in the boat. These men had fishing roots in the Sea of Tiberias.

## ***Together***

1. **Appeared.** Jesus had appeared twice to His disciples and showed them that He had been resurrected.
2. **Believe.** Jesus intended that His disciples believe that He is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing they may have life in His name.
3. **Disciples.** Peter had been sifted like wheat and denied Jesus three times. Thomas doubted that Jesus arose until Jesus appeared to him directly. Even so these disciples stayed together.
4. **Business.** You may recall that James and John, the sons of Zebedee, had a fishing business with their father.
5. **Fishermen.** Likewise, Peter and Andrew were also fishermen.
6. **Together.** Living Godly in the family of God means that disciples often stick together, through both good and bad times.
7. **Friends.** We rejoice today with friends in Christ who enjoy spending time together.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by sticking together, especially during difficult times.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving other saints that are not just like you.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by spending time with other saints as we wait on Jesus to lead us further.**

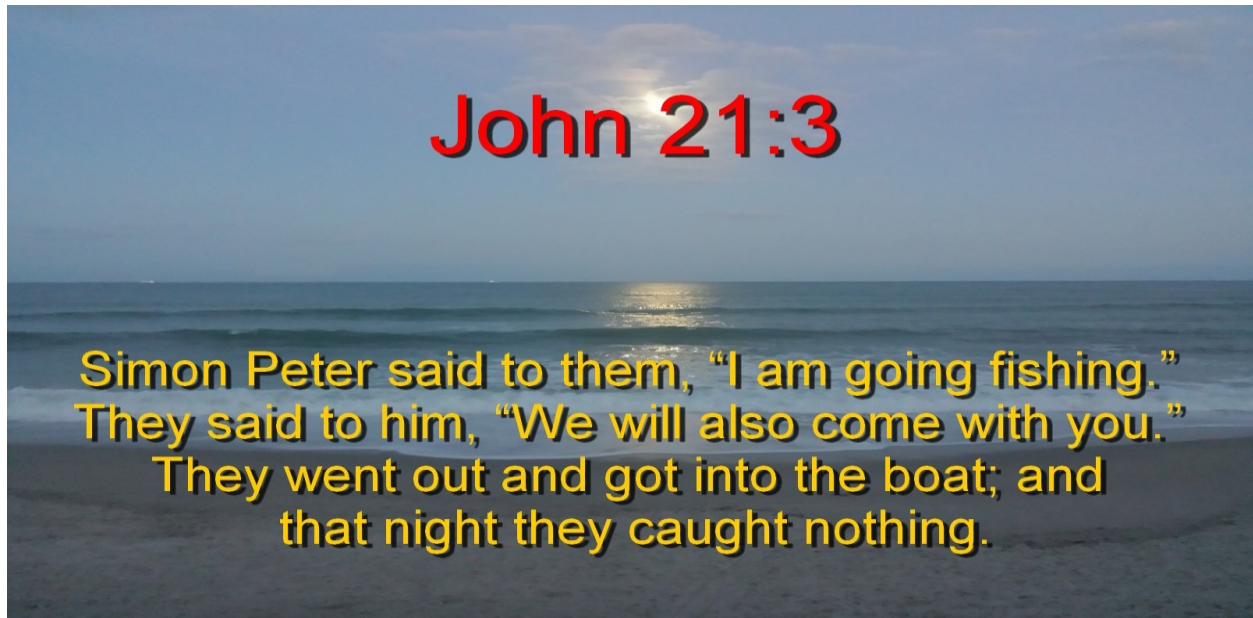
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by gathering together and looking forward to the return of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by hanging out with saints as you wait for Jesus to lead you further?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Forty Three

## Fishing Today



What did Simon Peter do while they waited for Jesus? Simon Peter went fishing.

Simon Peter was a fisherman when Jesus met him. Jesus told Simon Peter that he would become a fisher of men. Simon Peter had many great experiences with Jesus and some colossal failures. Even so, the other disciples were hanging out with him. When Simon Peter said he was going fishing, they said we will go with you. You may recall that fishing out of a boat with nets often took several people to haul in the net if it had many fish in it.

The disciples got into the boat and fished that night. They caught nothing. Fishermen know that sometimes you catch some fish and sometimes you do not. Catching nothing always means that you worked hard for nothing. You did not make any money and you spent time and energy trying. You also did not increase your food supply.

## ***Caught Nothing***

1. **Fishing.** Simon Peter was a fisherman who became a fisher of men. James and John were also fishermen and they all had experience fishing in the Sea of Galilee.

2. **Boat.** My math tells me that seven people got in the boat, so it was a sizeable boat.

3. **All Night.** Those experienced fishermen fished all night and caught nothing.

4. **Sea.** Please recall that John 21:1 told us that Jesus was going to manifest Himself at the Sea of Galilee.

5. **Waited.** While the disciples waited on Jesus, they went back to fishing, which they knew.

6. **Appeared.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus appeared to the disciples after a whole night of fishing without a catch.

7. **Time.** We rejoice today because Jesus timed His appearance perfectly. Jesus always shows up at just the right time.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by joining other disciples as they stay busy.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by doing things together, even if they do not pay off as we hoped.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by being stronger together.**

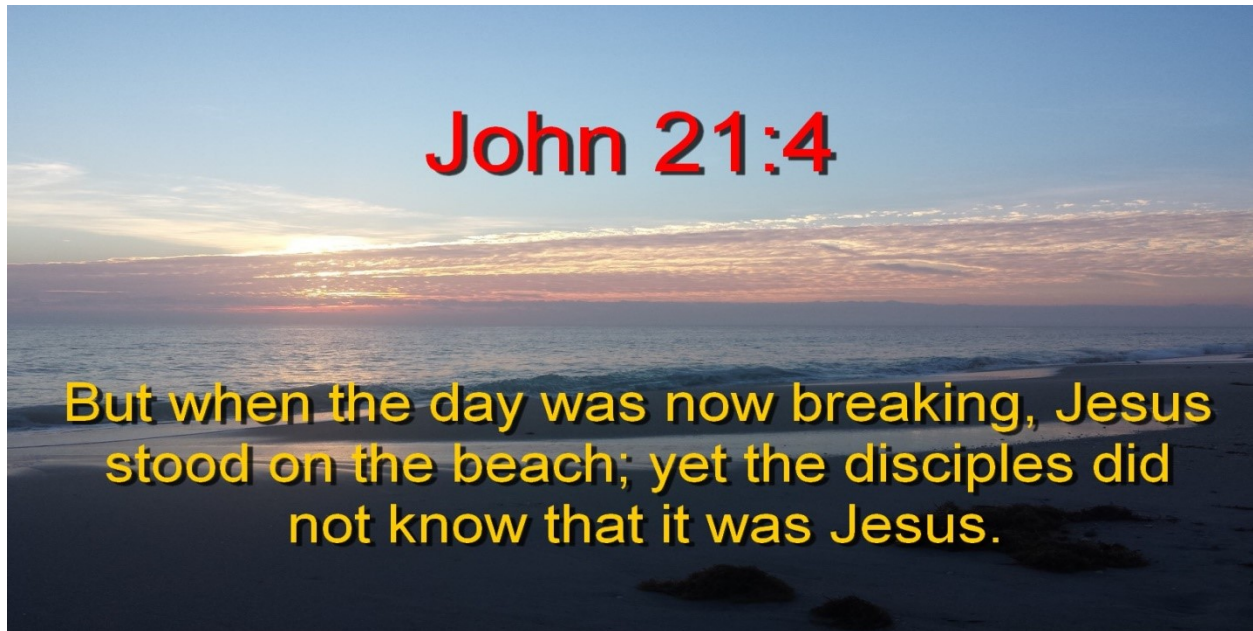
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by spending time fishing together and catching nothing. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by spending time with other disciples to just have time together?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# **Day Eight Hundred Forty Four**

## **On the Beach Today**



Where was Jesus when the day was breaking? Jesus stood on the beach.

The disciples had been out fishing. Some of them were professional fishermen and they knew how to make a living on the Sea of Tiberius. Even so, they did not catch anything after fishing all night.

Jesus stood on the beach. You may recall that Jesus manifested Himself to the disciples at different times. In this case, Jesus manifested Himself at the beach.

Jesus showed up when the disciples were tired from fishing all night. They were also without any fish, so they were not going to earn any money for their labor and they had not caught any food.

The disciples did not know it was Jesus on the beach. Nothing about His appearance caused them to say: “Look! Jesus is on the beach.” Jesus looked like a normal guy on the beach.

## ***Jesus Stood***

1. **Beach.** Where was Jesus after Simon Peter and the others fished all night? Jesus was standing on the beach.
2. **Disciples.** Simon Peter and the others did not recognize Jesus.
3. **Mary.** Mary at the tomb did not recognize Jesus initially.
4. **Purpose.** Jesus always had a purpose for everything He did.
5. **Ordinary.** Jesus standing on the beach was a very ordinary thing to do.
6. **Unrecognized.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we may not always recognize the presence of Jesus.
7. **Always Near.** We rejoice today because Jesus is always near us and in us. He will never leave us or forsake us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus does not leave people hanging.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by considering the different places that Jesus appeared after His crucifixion.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by appreciating that Jesus can appear even after you have worked all night and caught nothing.**

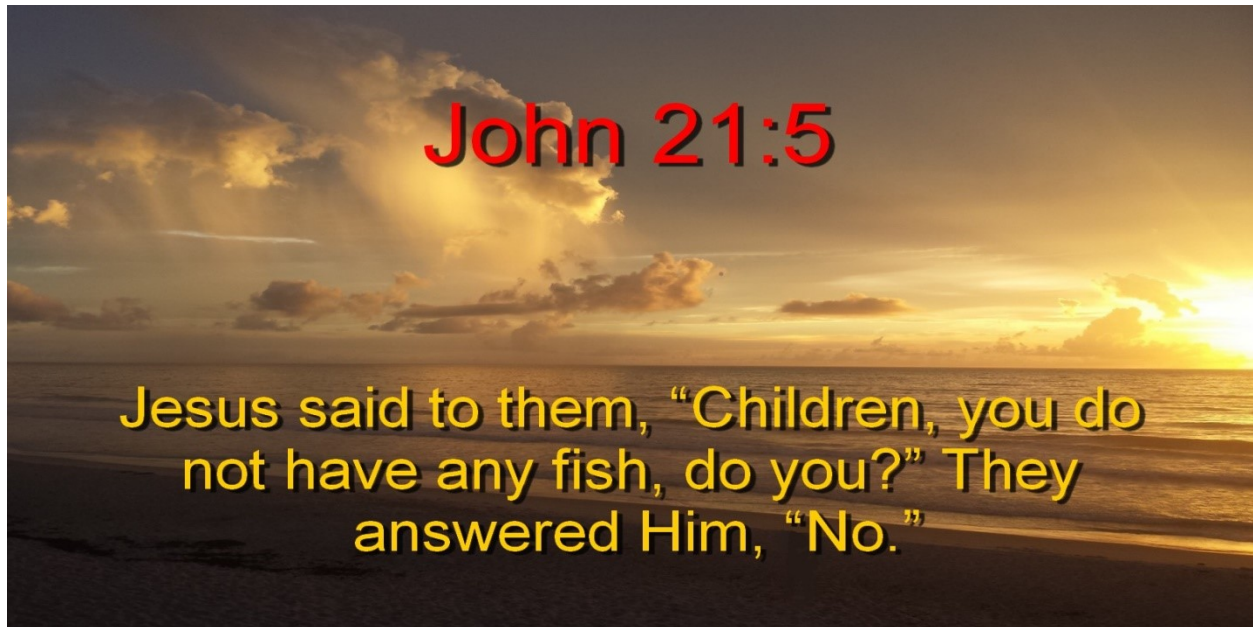
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by looking for Jesus at times when we do not expect Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and see if Jesus is near you today?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Forty Five

## Children Today



What did Jesus ask the disciples regarding their fishing expedition? Jesus asked them if they caught any fish.

Jesus was standing on the beach. The disciples in the boat did not recognize Jesus. Jesus then called to them: "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" Jesus asked the question expecting a negative answer. Jesus already knew that they had caught nothing.

The disciples answered "No." They had caught nothing after working all night. They knew how to fish and they had made a living by fishing that very Sea of Tiberius.

Jesus chose to show up at the beach when they caught nothing. Just like Pallet Man did not recognize Jesus, so also the disciples did not recognize Jesus. Jesus always brings all His power with Him wherever He goes. When Jesus started talking with people, good things happen to those who believe

in Him and His power. The disciples had seen Jesus do many works of powers. They were about to experience that power once again.

## ***Any Fish***

1. **Disciples.** What did Jesus say to His disciples after they fished all night and caught nothing? Jesus said "Children" first.

2. **Children.** Jesus thought of His disciples as His children.

3. **Caught Nothing.** Jesus also knew that they had caught nothing after fishing all night.

4. **Unrecognized.** Although the disciples were looking at Jesus, they did not recognize Him.

5. **Appeared.** When Jesus appeared to Thomas, the marks of His crucifixion were still obvious.

6. **Jesus Knows.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus knows His children and what they have been doing.

7. **Always.** We rejoice today because Jesus wants us to know that we will always be His children and nothing can ever change that.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by telling the truth, even when we caught nothing after fishing all night.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the disciples did not always recognize Jesus immediately.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus can show up when we need Him the most and when we have encountered relatively small failures.**

### **Application for Today**

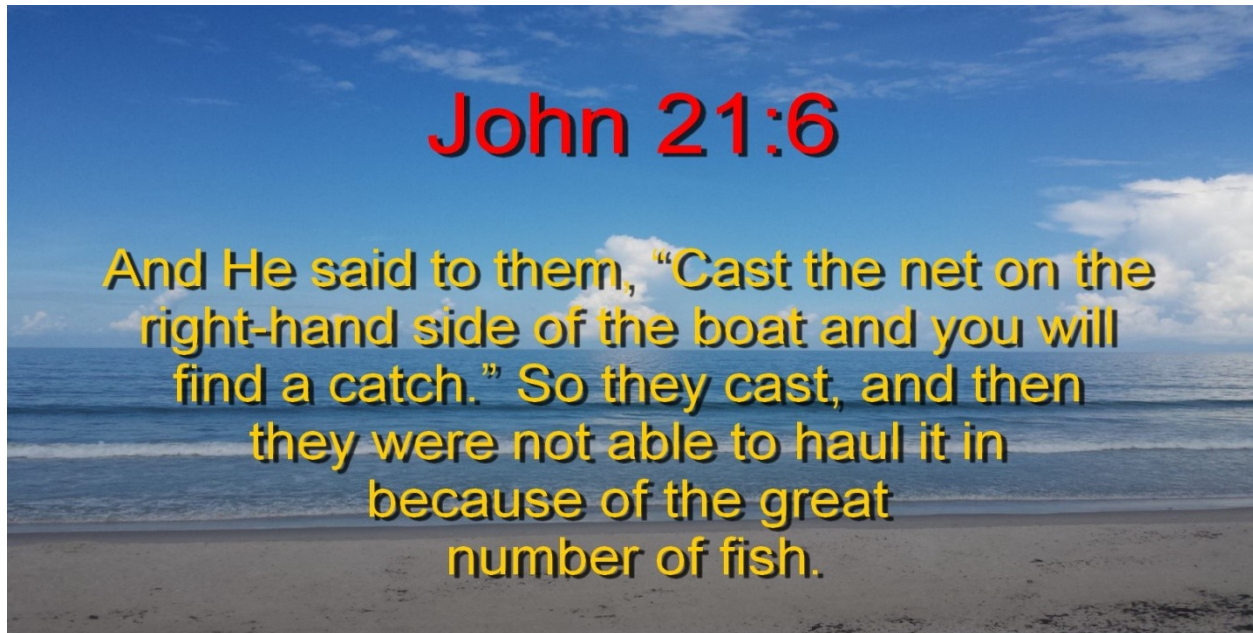
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting Jesus to ask us questions for which He knows our answer before we say it. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting Jesus to help you with everyday things?

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# Day Eight Hundred Forty Six

## Cast the Net Today



What did Jesus say about casting the net? Jesus said the disciples should cast the net on the other side of the boat.

The disciples had been fishing all night and caught nothing. Jesus was standing on the beach, but they did not recognize Him. He called to them and asked if they caught anything. They said no and Jesus told them how to catch fish.

When they followed His directions and cast the net on the other side of the boat, they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. Jesus knows all things and He always knows where the fish are.

Jesus had already appeared to the disciples on the Sunday following the crucifixion and eight days later. The disciples came to believe in Him as the resurrected Savior. When Jesus gave them fishing help, they believed

Him and caught many fish. They even had trouble pulling in the net. When Jesus directs your fishing, you catch more fish, a lot more fish.

## ***Great Number***

1. **Fishing.** Some disciples of Jesus had been fishing all night and caught nothing.

2. **Jesus.** When the day was breaking Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not recognize Him.

3. **Knew.** Jesus knew that they had not caught anything.

4. **Promised.** Jesus directed them to cast the net on the right side of the boat and promised they would catch fish there.

5. **Obedience.** The disciples obediently cast to the right and caught so many fish they could not haul in the net.

6. **Blessing.** Living Godly in the family of God means that obedience to Jesus brings great blessing in our lives.

7. **Helps.** We rejoice today because Jesus helps us with everything He wants us to do every day.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by listening to Jesus and following His fishing directions.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we fish where Jesus tells us to fish.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we fish together following the commands of Jesus together.**

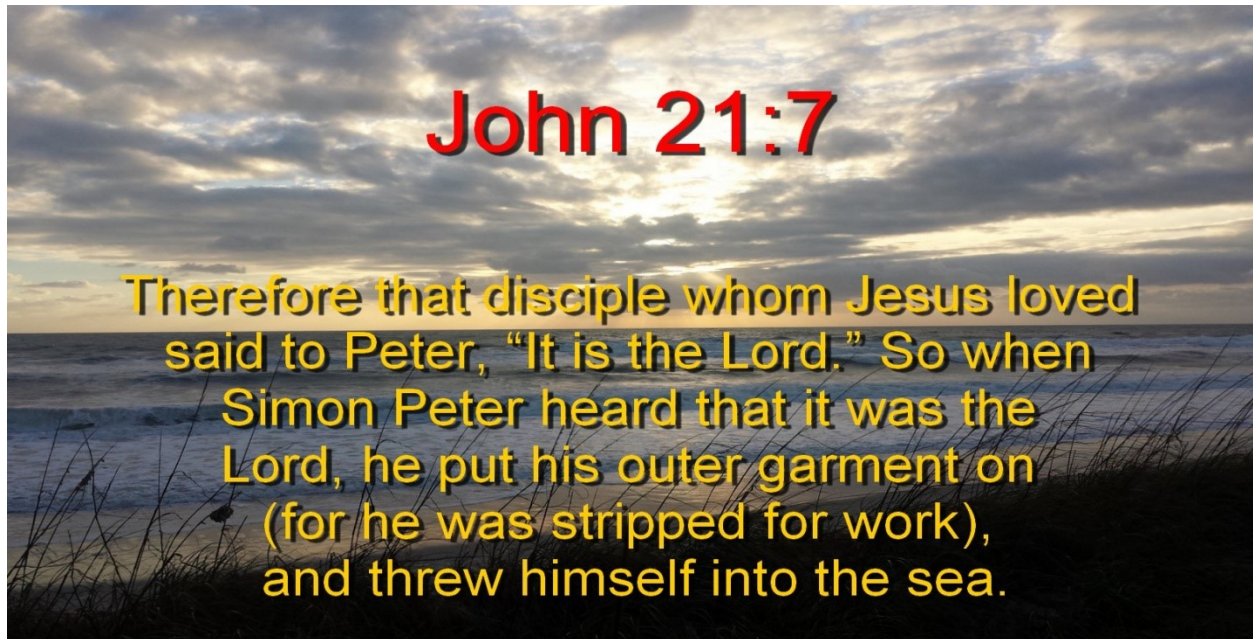
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by fishing where Jesus tells us to fish. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by listening to Jesus tell you where you will find fish?

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# Day Eight Hundred Forty Seven

## The Lord Today



What did Peter do when he heard it was the Lord Jesus? Peter cast himself into the sea.

Jesus knew that the disciples had been fishing all night and caught nothing. He told them to cast the net on the other side of the boat. They did and caught so many fish they could not haul it in because of the great number of fish.

The disciple whom Jesus loved recognized Jesus and told Peter it was the Lord. Peter then put on his outer garment and threw himself into the sea. Peter believed it really was Jesus manifesting Himself again to the disciples. Now they met by the Sea of Tiberius. They were in the boat and Jesus was on the beach.

Peter had a very strong reaction to seeing Jesus. He did not want to be on the boat, but in the water. Peter often acted quickly. He had been stripped

for work, but did not want to be seen like that before the Lord Jesus. Notice that the disciples referred to Jesus as Lord.

## ***Into the Sea***

1. **Why?** Why did Peter throw himself into the sea? Because he knew Jesus the Lord was on the beach.

2. **All Night.** Peter and some other disciples went fishing all night and caught nothing.

3. **Daybreak.** Jesus stood on the beach at daybreak and told them to cast their net on the other side of the boat and they obeyed. They caught many fish, but they did not yet know it was Jesus.

4. **Lord.** The disciple whom Jesus loved then identified Jesus as the Lord. When Peter heard that it was Jesus the Lord, he put on his outer garment and threw himself into the sea.

5. **Peter.** Apparently, Peter wanted to get to shore to see Jesus quickly, while the men in the boat pulled the large catch to shore.

6. **Recognize.** Living Godly in the family of God means that people recognize Jesus by the powerful works He does in their lives.

7. **Love.** We rejoice today because Jesus always wants us to draw near to Him because He loves us always. He lives in our hearts today.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by honoring Jesus by the way we dress before Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by respecting Jesus as Lord at all times.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus because He will always be Lord and He loves to make His presence known.**

### **Application for Today**

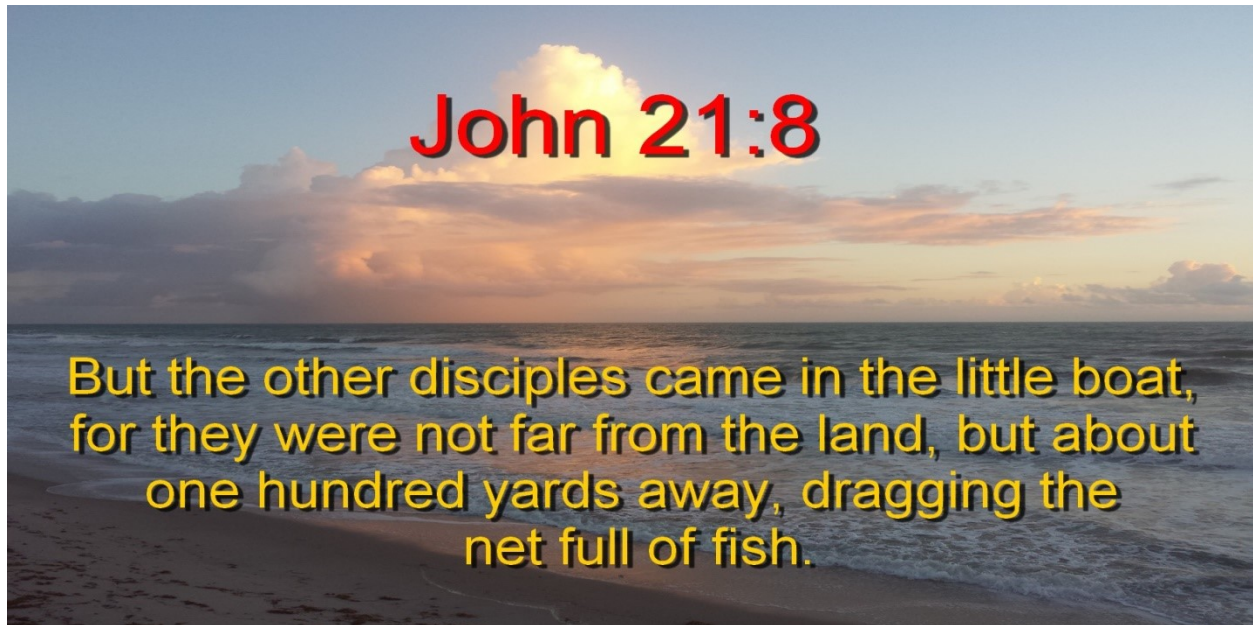
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by honoring Jesus as Lord at all times. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by bowing before Jesus our Lord?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Forty Eight

## Little Boat Today



While Peter was in the water, what did the other disciples do? The other disciples in the little boat dragged the net full of fish to land.

Peter jumped into the water when he learned the Lord Jesus was on the beach. The net was still full of fish because they followed the command of Jesus and threw it out on the other side of the boat. They caught so many fish they had to drag the net to the beach.

The boat was about a hundred yards from the beach. By their professional fishing standards, that was not far from the beach. They could drag the net for a hundred yards. Peter could also get to shore from there or get back into the boat.

The disciples had a great catch only because they did what Jesus said when He said to do it. They now had to land their catch and hope the net would survive such a great catch.



## ***Dragging the Net***

1. **Peter.** How far did Peter swim to get to land? About 100 yards.
2. **Jumped.** When Peter saw Jesus, he jumped out of the boat and into the water.
3. **Others.** The rest of the men in the boat dragged the net full of fish to the beach.
4. **Dragged.** Apparently, Peter could make better time to the beach than the boat dragging the net full of fish.
5. **Blessing.** Sometimes when Jesus provides a blessing, it makes us work harder.
6. **Abundance.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus often provides an abundance for His obedient disciples.
7. **Greater.** We rejoice today because Jesus, at times, provides extra blessings that require extra effort from us, but yield greater rewards later.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by dragging our catch to the beach and trusting that the net will not break.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to provide perfect leadership that leads us to dragging the net filled with His bounty to the beach.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for filling our nets and landing our catch.**

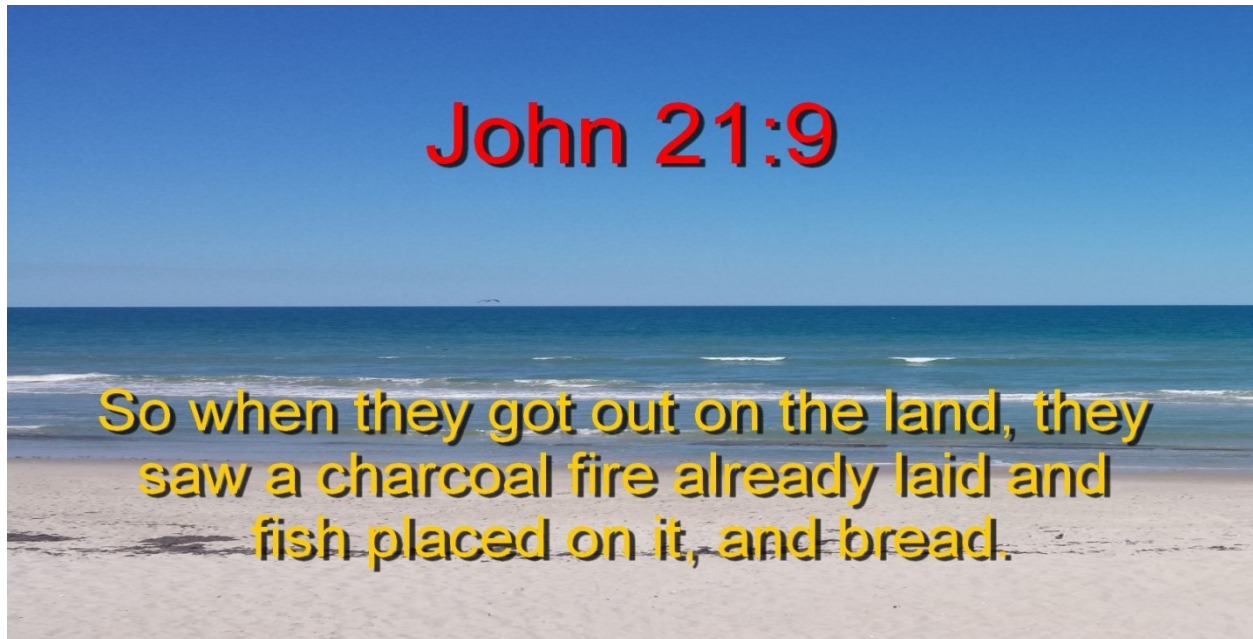
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to fill our nets so that you can have a bountiful catch. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by dragging the catch to the beach?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Forty Nine

## The Land Today



What did the disciples find when they got to land? They found that Jesus the Lord had already laid a charcoal fire with fish placed on it, with bread.

The disciples fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus, standing on the beach, told them to cast on the other side of the boat. They did and caught so many fish they had to drag the net to the beach. Then they recognized Jesus the Lord and knew He told them where to fish.

When they got to the beach, they found that Jesus the Lord already had prepared breakfast. He had laid a charcoal fire, with fish laid on it, and bread. They had been laboring all night for nothing and then Jesus the Lord helped them and now was prepared to feed them.

Jesus was not just one step ahead of the disciples, He was miles ahead of the disciples. Jesus had prepared breakfast for a very specific purpose. He

wanted to spend time with His disciples and have a talk with them. This time at the beach was the third time Jesus appeared to them.

## ***Charcoal Fire***

1. **Fire.** Why did Jesus build a charcoal fire? To feed fish to the disciples.
2. **Fish.** When the men in the boat finally hauled their catch to the beach, they found Jesus had already placed fish on a charcoal fire.
3. **Labored.** The men in the boat had labored all night and caught nothing, but Jesus told them where to cast the net to catch fish.
4. **Tired.** They were also tired and probably hungry too.
5. **Care.** The resurrected Jesus cares about people and feeds them and takes care of them.
6. **Reliance.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we rely upon Jesus to take care of us every day.
7. **Knows.** We rejoice today because Jesus always knows when we are tired and hungry and He loves to take care of our special needs.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to do far more abundantly beyond what we ask or think.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by seeing how Jesus fills our nets and prepares breakfast for us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by letting our friends in Christ know about the great things God does for us every day.**

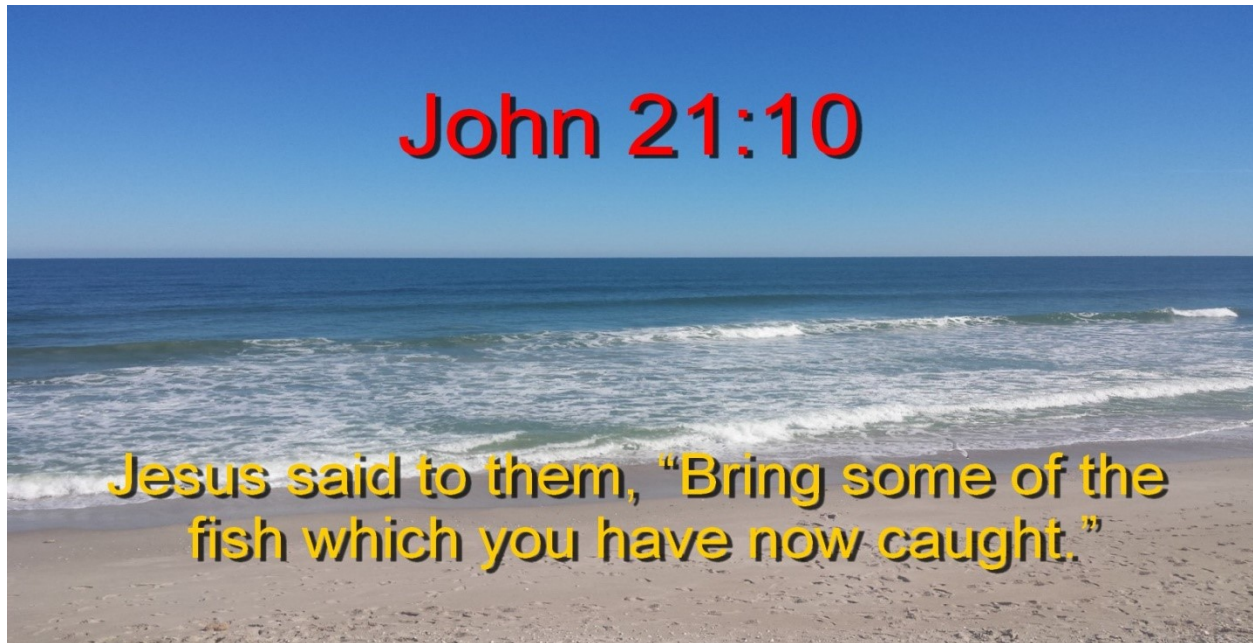
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by noticing all the things Jesus provides for us every day. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by delighting in the things Jesus provides before we even eat His breakfast?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Fifty

## Bring Some Today



What did Jesus tell the disciples to bring to Him? Jesus the Lord told them to bring some of the fish with them to His breakfast.

The disciples had caught so many fish they had to haul the net to the beach. They only caught the fish because Jesus told them to cast their net on the other side of the boat. Then they recognized Jesus was the one who told them to cast the net on the other side of the boat. When they got to shore, they saw Jesus had already started a charcoal fire, laid fish on it, and had bread.

Jesus told the disciples to bring some fish. They were going to share a meal with Jesus. Jesus picked a beach for the third time He manifested Himself to them after His resurrection. He also picked a time when they caught nothing after fishing all night. Jesus picked His time and place for perfect fellowship, teaching, and commissioning.

Jesus had promised to make His disciples fishers of men. Nothing had changed with His plans. Soon they would be ready and filled with the Holy Spirit. They would be taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world through a process of multiplication.

## ***The Fish***

1. **Command.** What did Jesus ask the men in the boat to bring Him? He commanded them to bring some fish which they had just caught.

2. **Fish.** Although Jesus already had some fish on the charcoal fire, He wanted more fish to feed everyone.

3. **Servant.** Jesus was a Servant to the disciples in many different ways.

4. **Prepared.** As Jesus served the disciples at the last supper, so Jesus prepared food for them later at the beach.

5. **Resurrected.** Please recall that Jesus had already proven to the disciples that He had a resurrected body, with wounds from His crucifixion.

6. **Example.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus loves to serve His disciples as an example for them.

7. **King.** We rejoice today because Jesus serves us even though He is Lord of lords and King of kings.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by listening to Jesus even after we have the net full of fish.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to share with Him what He provided in the first place.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we enjoy spending time with Jesus early in the morning.**

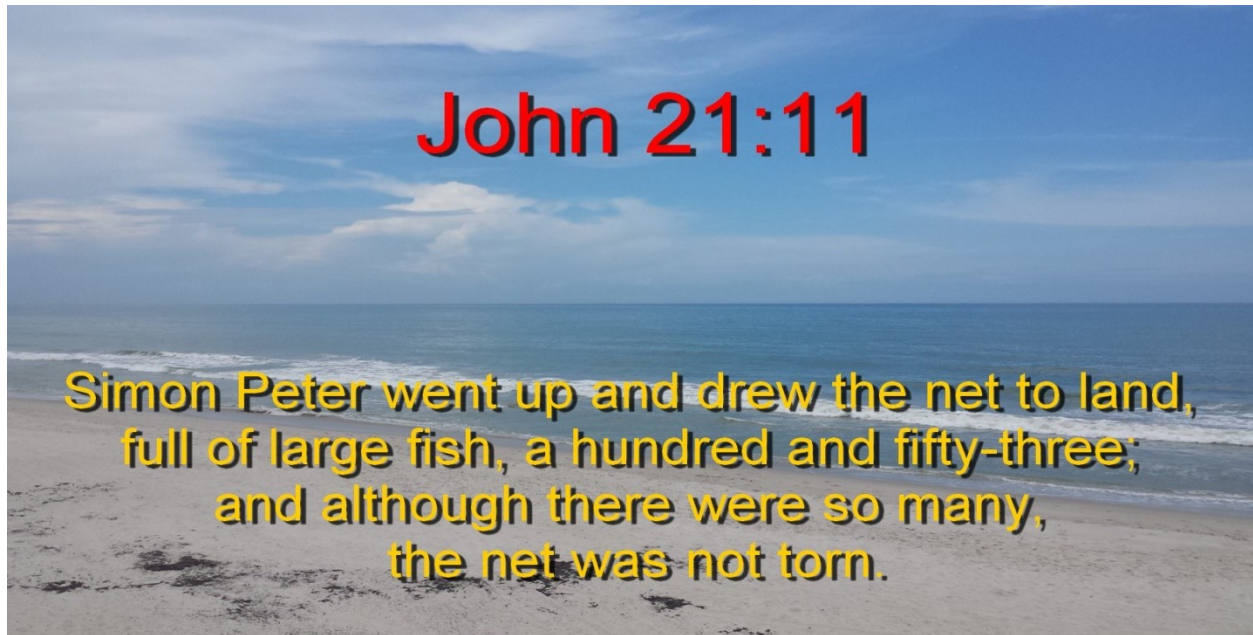
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by following Jesus and listening to Him call us to Himself as we walk with Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and hear the voice of Jesus the Lord leading you today?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Fifty One

## So Many Today



What did Simon Peter find in the net? He found one hundred and fifty three large fish.

Jesus told the disciples to cast their net on the other side of the boat. They had fished all night and caught nothing. Simon Peter drew the net to land with one hundred fifty-three large fish in the net. Even though the net had so many large fish, the net was not torn.

When Jesus shows you where to fish, you catch plenty of large fish. Your net does not rip and you have an abundance. When you fished according to your professional skills, you caught nothing all night. In one cast, Jesus provides plenty of fish and the net does not break. When you learn fishing from Jesus, then you really catch fish.

Normally, when you catch very heavy fish, the net cannot stand the weight and the net tears. Remember that many fish squirm in the net. Big fish squirm with lots of weight. The net full of fish was so heavy they had to

bring it to shore. The net never tore and no fish escaped. Fishing with Jesus changed everything. Jesus wanted them to remember this appearance.

## ***Not Torn***

1. **Net.** Why did the net not rip with so many fish in it? Because Jesus helps you to catch every fish He intended for you to have.

2. **Intact.** Have you ever thought in your life how many times the net did not rip?

3. **Directed.** Jesus told the men in the boat who had fished all night and caught nothing just where to cast the net.

4. **Obedient.** Obediently, they cast the net where He said and caught one hundred and fifty three fish.

5. **Peter.** Peter pulled the net to shore and had experience fishing with nets in the Sea of Galilee.

6. **Jesus.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus provides food for us without causing us big problems, like a torn net.

7. **Abundance.** We rejoice today because when Jesus gives you the catch, He truly supplies an abundance to meet all your needs.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus put one hundred and fifty three large fish into the net with one throw.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the net did not tear, even when overloaded with large fish.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by having faith that Jesus not only provides the large fish, but He preserves the catch.**

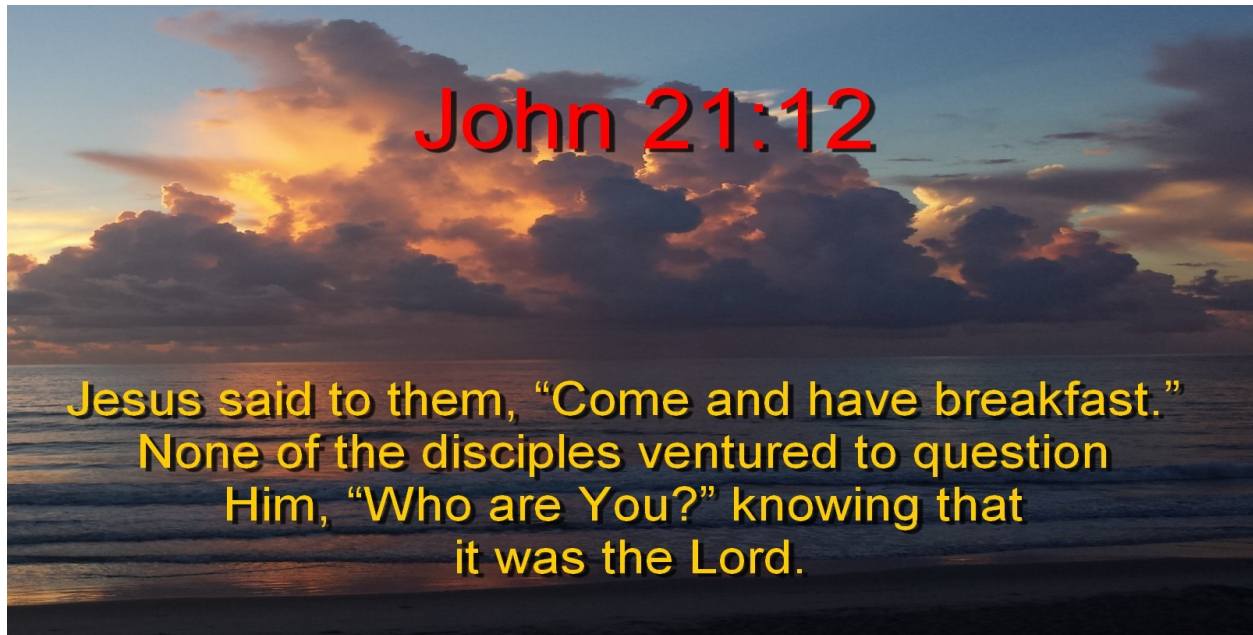
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by fishing with Jesus each day. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and learn from Jesus how to fish for men?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Fifty Two

## Have Breakfast Today



What did Jesus invite the disciples to do? Jesus invited them to come and have breakfast. Jesus had laid the charcoal fire, put on the fish, and provided bread. Everything was ready for them, prepared by Jesus. They had worked all night fishing and catching nothing. In a few moments, Jesus provided plenty of large fish. But He already had started breakfast for them.

None of the disciples dared to ask Jesus who He was. They knew it was the Lord Jesus. The other disciple had told Simon Peter when they were on the boat that it was Jesus. Simon Peter then jumped into the water.

The third appearance of Jesus started with Jesus standing on the beach in the early morning. He asked if they caught fish, heard them reply no, and told them how to catch fish. They caught plenty of fish and came to shore. Jesus then invited them to breakfast. Jesus not only wanted to feed them, but to show His loving power and concern for them. They could sell the catch and have plenty of money. He also wanted to spend more time with them before He ascended. This time alone on the beach would be a perfect time.

## ***Knowing***

1. **Food.** What did Jesus feed the disciples on the beach? Bread and fish.
2. **Fish.** At the direction of Jesus, the disciples in the boat caught a lot of fish.
3. **Unloaded.** They hauled the net to shore and unloaded 153 fish, without tearing the net.
4. **Prepared.** Jesus had prepared a fire and some fish on the beach; He invited them to come and have breakfast.
5. **Fed.** Jesus fed the disciples real fish and real bread which He had prepared for them.
6. **Gives.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus always gives us food to eat.
7. **Meals.** We rejoice today because Jesus prepares meals for us in advance because He loves us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by eating breakfast with Jesus and spending time with Him early in the day.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by realizing that Jesus always has a loving purpose in spending time with us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another with praise reports of the great things Jesus has been doing for us lately.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for His desire to be with us each day. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by eating His food, breaking bread with Him, and listening to Him?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Fifty Three

## Jesus Came Today



What did Jesus give to the disciples? Jesus took the bread and gave it to them, along with the fish.

The disciples had fished all night. They followed the direction of Jesus and caught plenty of fish, after catching nothing all night using all their professional skills. Jesus then called them to breakfast, which He had already prepared with fish on a fire and bread.

When they came to Jesus on the beach, with the net full of large fish, Jesus came to them and took the bread and gave it to them. Jesus provided a net full of fish, a ready breakfast, and His presence. He picked a time to manifest Himself to them when they went all night working for nothing. He then gave them plenty of fish, and called them to breakfast.

Jesus picked this time on the beach to remind them of His power and love for them. Just as He provided an abundance for them after their efforts

failed, so Jesus also spent time with them before He ascended. Jesus gave and gave and gave some more. He loved His disciples.

## ***Gave It to Them***

1. **Jesus**. By time the disciples got to the beach, they knew it was Jesus that had helped them with the catch.

2. **Came**. Jesus came to the disciples at the time and place of His choosing: a beach where they could spend time together eating breakfast after a tiring night.

3. **Bread**. Jesus served bread, just like He had taught them about the Bread of Life, the bread that fed thousands, the bread He broke with them the night of the crucifixion.

4. **Gave**. Jesus gave them the bread, free of charge as a gift. After giving His life on the cross, Jesus continued to supply the needs of the disciples. He loves giving to His disciples.

5. **Them**. Jesus gave to them. Jesus picked a time and a place to give the disciples an ordinary meal of fish and bread. He had already showed His works of powers to them, and just that night gave them plenty of fish, with plenty to sell or share with others.

6. **Fish**. Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus had fish already on the fire when the disciples got to the beach.

7. **Likewise**. We rejoice today because Jesus gives us many ordinary things like fish and bread, but we do not always recognize what He has done for us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering all the ordinary gifts that Jesus gives to us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by enjoying the things Jesus does for us when we are hungry and tired.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for the way He provides so many things, large and small, for us each day.**

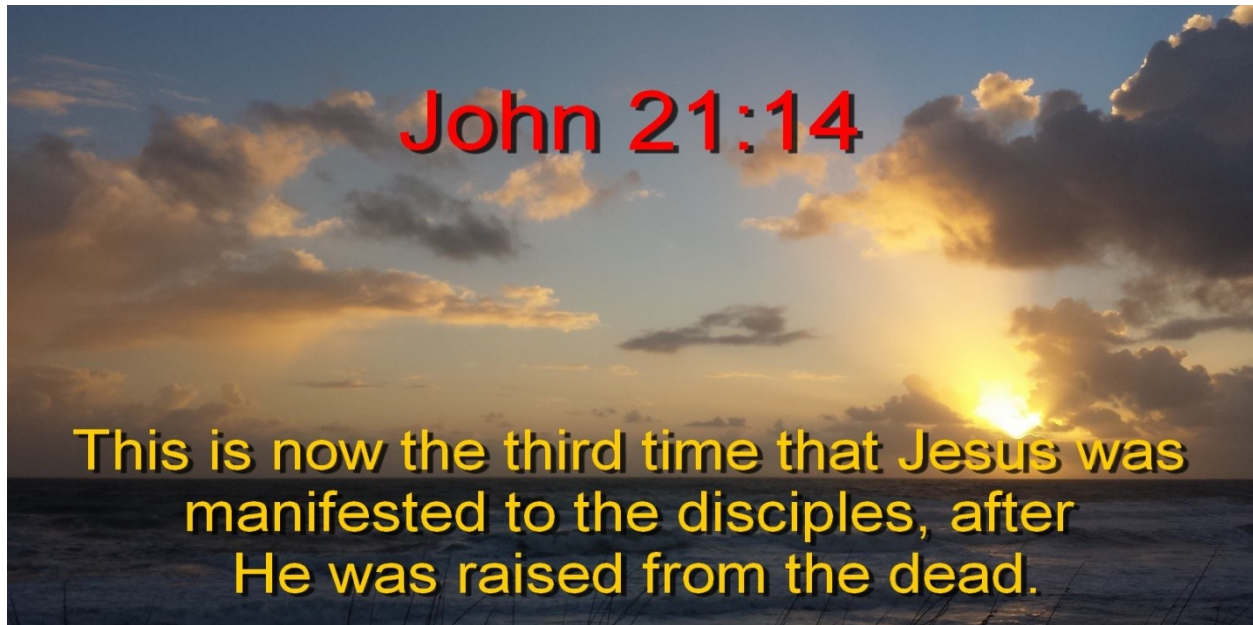
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by enjoying the many gifts we receive from Jesus each day. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by delighting in all the things Jesus gives you?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Fifty Four

## Third Time Today



What did Jesus do with the disciples after He was raised from the dead? He appeared to them three times.

Jesus first appeared to the disciples on Sunday evening in a room with the doors locked. Jesus bade them Peace. The second time Jesus appeared to them again to have a talk with Thomas, who doubted Jesus was truly alive. He laid down certain conditions before he would believe Jesus was alive. Jesus appeared eight days after the first appearance and Thomas believed in Him.

The third appearance was by the Sea of Tiberius. Jesus showed the professional fishermen where to fish and they caught plenty of fish. He then called them to join Him for breakfast, which He had already prepared for them. He gave them fish and bread. He also gave them one hundred and fifty three large fish. He chose that time on the beach to encourage them in their faith by spending time with them and providing for them.

## ***The Third Time***

1. **Appearances.** Did God order the appearances of Jesus to the disciples after His resurrection from the dead? Yes, breakfast on the beach was the third appearance to the disciples.

2. **Eyewitnesses.** The disciples were chosen, in part, to be eyewitnesses of the resurrection of Jesus.

3. **Cornerstone.** The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a cornerstone of the Gospel.

4. **Resurrection.** If Jesus was not raised from the dead, then we are still in our sins.

5. **Important.** Therefore, we know that each post-resurrection appearance of Jesus was important.

6. **Foundational.** Living Godly in the family of God names that the resurrection of Jesus will always be foundational to our faith.

7. **Many Saw.** We rejoice today because more than 500 people saw Jesus after His resurrection.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the three times that Jesus appeared to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus more for the many ways He ministers to people in doubt and people who work hard, but catch nothing without Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for all the many ways that Jesus provides for us today, so that we have an abundance to share with others.**

### **Application for Today**

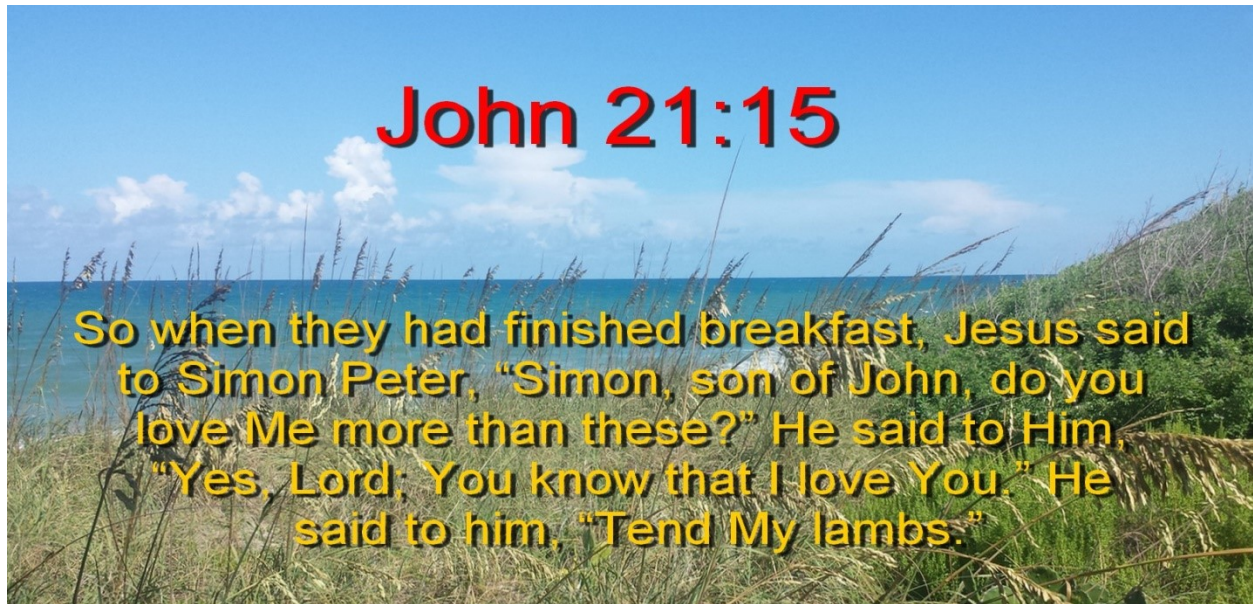
Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by enjoying the different ways that Jesus brings hope and love into our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thinking back upon the different ways and reasons that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Fifty Five

## After Breakfast Today



What did Jesus do after breakfast? Jesus told Simon Peter, son of John, to tend His lambs.

Jesus had prepared breakfast for the disciples on the beach. Simon Peter had gone into the water and pulled the net to the beach, full of big fish. Jesus then made time to talk with Simon Peter.

You may recall that Simon Peter had denied Jesus three times on the night Jesus was arrested. Simon Peter even cursed that night. Even so, Jesus talked to Simon Peter about love. Jesus asked Simon Peter if he loved Jesus more than these.

Simon Peter said that Jesus knew that he loved Jesus. Jesus then commanded Simon Peter: Tend My lambs. Having reminded Simon Peter of his love for Jesus, Jesus then applied that love to the lambs Jesus was leaving in his care. In order to tend the lambs of Jesus, Simon must love Jesus more than the lambs. Jesus commissioned Simon Peter to continue the loving work of Jesus.



## ***Tend My Lambs***

1. **Tend.** Why did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him? Because He wanted Peter to tend His lambs.
2. **Humans.** Jesus was not talking about wooly creatures, but humans.
3. **Shepherd.** Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tended His lambs then and now.
4. **Ministry.** Jesus impressed upon Peter his ministry.
5. **Love.** Tending the lambs of Jesus required Peter's love and devotion.
6. **Lambs.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus always had His lambs in mind.
7. **Today.** We rejoice today because Jesus still uses people to tend His lambs today.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and acting like we love Jesus more than other things.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by tending the lambs of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by tending the lambs, even after we have denied Jesus and cursed.**

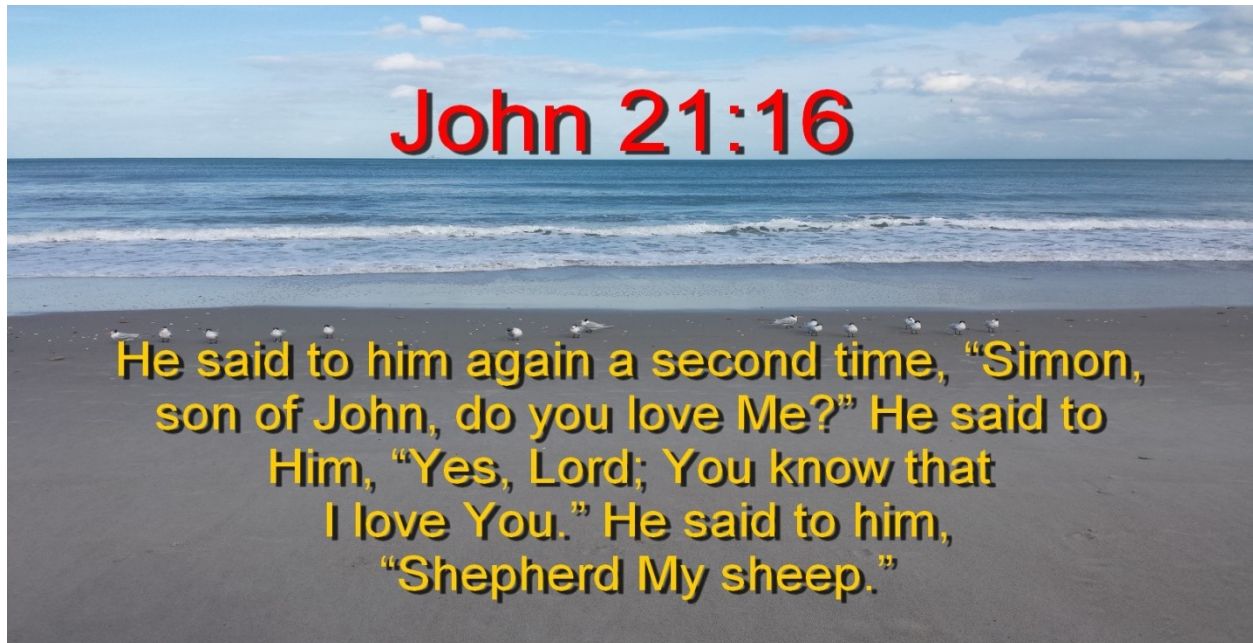
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by moving past our sinful failures and tending the lambs Jesus entrusts to us as His under-shepherd. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by tending the lambs of Jesus with His love?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Fifty Six

## Again Today



What did Jesus ask Simon the second time? Jesus asked Simon if he loved Jesus.

Jesus questioned Simon the second time. Jesus had asked the first time about agape love. He then commanded Peter to tend His lambs.

Jesus asked the second time about brotherly love. Jesus then commanded Peter to shepherd His sheep.

Jesus was stirring up Peter to consider the different kinds of love he had for Jesus. He also tied those different kinds of love to different kinds of sheep. Jesus linked agape with tending lambs, and brotherly love with shepherding with sheep. Remember that Peter had denied Jesus three times.

Paul taught later that all elders should be under-shepherds of the sheep. They were to take care of the sheep by acting like a shepherd. Jesus said that He was the Good Shepherd, but He was leaving the sheep in the

hands of the disciples. Peter received a special talk, because he had denied Jesus, but Peter was still useful because he still loved Jesus.

## ***Shepherd My Sheep***

1. **Emphasis.** Why did Jesus ask Peter, Do you love Me? Because Jesus wanted to emphasize that Peter needed to tend the sheep of Jesus.
2. **Peter.** Jesus first asked Peter if he loved Him more than these.
3. **Love.** Jesus posed the first question referring to agape love and a comparison "more than these."
4. **Brotherly.** Jesus asked the second question referring to brotherly love.
5. **Answer.** Peter answered both questions by saying that he had brotherly love for Jesus.
6. **Forgiven.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus forgave Peter and put him back to work in ministry even after he denied Jesus three times.
7. **Cleanses.** We rejoice today because Jesus always loves His children, no matter what. Jesus cleanses the vilest offenders.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and taking care of His sheep.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we recognize that Jesus sends shepherds to the sheep to take care of His sheep.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that no matter which shepherd takes care of us, we are still the sheep of Jesus.**

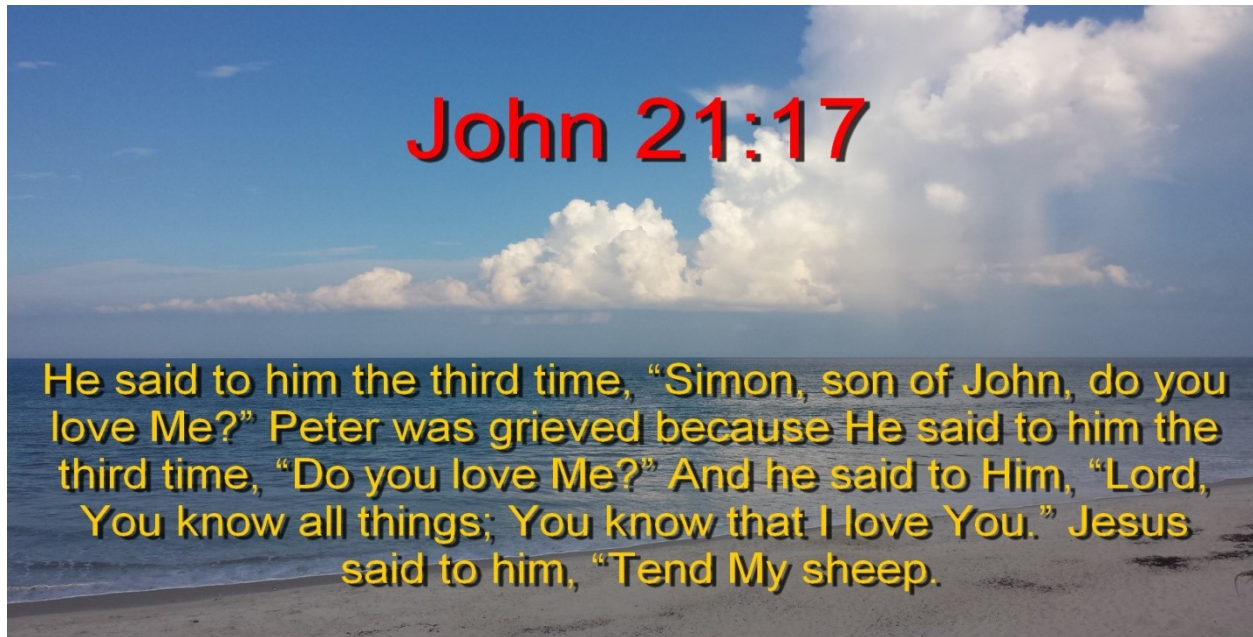
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by delighting in being a sheep of Jesus and under His care. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and thank Jesus for the shepherds who take care of you?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Fifty Seven

## Simon, Son of John, Today



What did Peter do when Jesus asked him the third time about loving Him? Peter grieved.

The third time Jesus asked Peter if he brotherly loved Him. Peter was grieved that Jesus asked him the third time. Jesus actually changed the question some each time. The third time, Jesus asked him about brotherly love. Jesus also changed the command each time. The third time Jesus commanded Peter to tend My sheep.

Jesus wanted Peter to understand the connection between love for Jesus and taking care of His sheep and lambs. Jesus implied that only if Peter loved Jesus could Peter take care of the sheep and lambs.

Love means that we put the interest of God before anything else. Jesus said that in His first question to Peter about loving Jesus more than these. Only when we have more love for Jesus than anything else can we function properly in our ministries for Jesus.

## ***The Third Time***

1. **Third.** Why did Jesus ask Peter the third time if he loved (agape) Him? Because Jesus wanted to emphasize to Peter the need to tend His sheep.
2. **Grieved.** Peter was grieved that Jesus asked him a third time.
3. **Peter.** Peter understood that Jesus knew all things, including the love Peter had for Jesus.
4. **Linked.** Jesus linked loving Him to tending His sheep.
5. **Tending.** Jesus meant that Peter's love for Jesus should be directed towards tending the sheep of Jesus.
6. **Loving.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we obey Jesus because we love Jesus.
7. **Others.** We rejoice today because Jesus repeats important things to us, so that we may share His love with others.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus more than anything else.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and then taking care of His sheep.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for showing all of us the priority of loving Jesus above all things.**

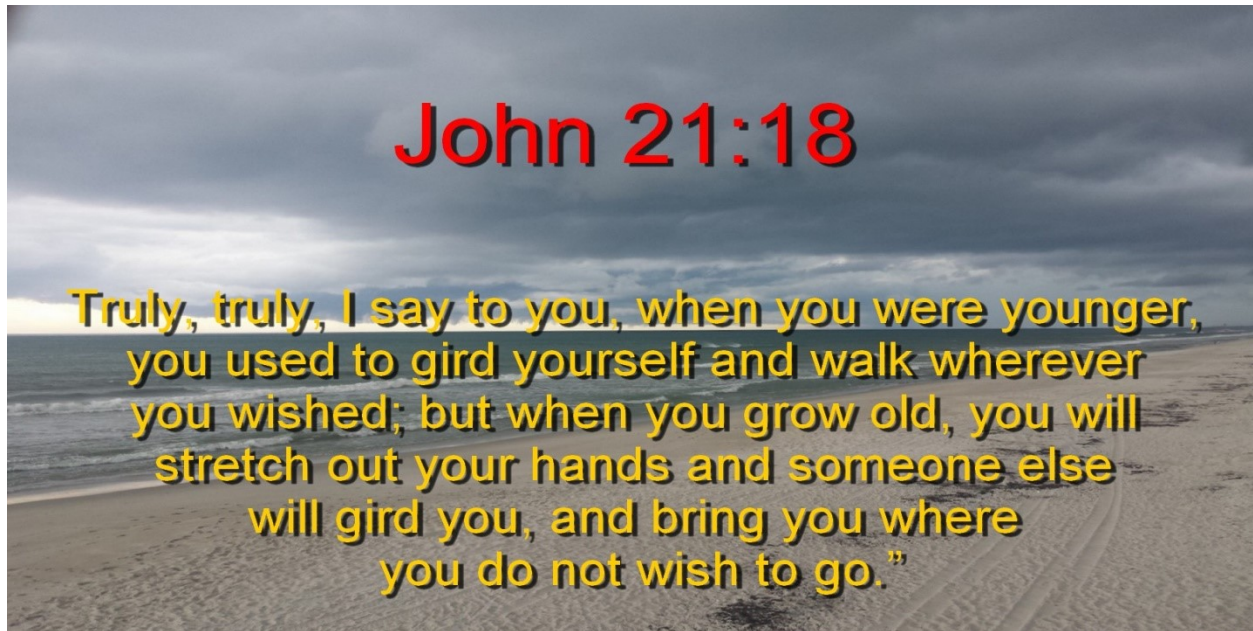
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus with all our hearts. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by doing His work He has set before you because you love Him?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Fifty Eight

## Younger Today



What did Jesus tell Peter about getting older? Jesus told Peter that when he gets older, someone else will gird him and bring him where he does not wish to go.

Jesus not only talked with Peter about his love for Jesus, but Jesus also prophesied that Peter would grow old. Jesus knew all things and wanted Peter to know about his future.

Jesus let Peter know that in the distant future, Peter would be girded by someone else and brought to a place he did not want to go. Jesus implied it would be against Peter's will.

Jesus reminded Peter of how much Peter loved Jesus. Peter was still valuable to Jesus for service because of that love for Jesus. Because we love Jesus, we can be valuable for service. If we have let other things cloud our love for Jesus, we will be of limited value for service to Jesus.

## ***Gird You and Bring You***

1. **Peter.** Why did Jesus tell Peter about his future? Because Jesus wanted Peter to know that he would live to old age, and then glorify God in his death.
2. **Tending.** Jesus linked loving Him with tending His sheep.
3. **Glorifying.** Jesus then linked glorifying God until death.
4. **Obeying.** Therefore, whether we live or die, we glorify God by loving Jesus and obeying Him.
5. **Serving.** Because of this prophecy, Peter knew that he would reach old age and still be serving Jesus then.
6. **Beginning.** Living Godly in the family of God means that God leads us through life and into death, knowing the beginning from the end, with His plan for us to glorify Him throughout life, death, resurrection, and glory.
7. **Eternity.** We rejoice today because Jesus holds our future in His loving hands, all day, every day, for eternity.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus knows our future.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus allows people to do things against our wills.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to help us accomplish all the work He has for us because we continue in our love for Him, even as we grow old.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by serving Jesus as we grow old. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by never letting your love for Jesus grow cold as you grow old?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Fifty Nine

## Kind of Death Today



What did Jesus tell Peter about his death? Jesus told Peter that when he grew old, someone would gird him and lead him to his death.

Jesus focused Peter's attention upon his love for Jesus. Jesus intended for Peter to understand that his love for Jesus qualified him to tend the lambs and shepherd the sheep of Jesus after He left.

Jesus emphasized to Peter that he should carry on the ministry of Jesus after Jesus returned to His Father. Jesus also wanted Peter that he would grow old, but when he had grown old, his life would be taken from him.

Jesus prepared His disciples for His ascension by focusing them upon Jesus Himself. The more they understood that Jesus loved them and provided for them the better they would do in ministry for Jesus. Jesus focused Peter's attention upon taking care of the sheep and continuing on

with Jesus, even after Peter denied Jesus and cursed. Jesus commanded Peter to follow Him.

## ***Glorify God***

1. **Significance.** Why did John explain what Jesus told Peter? John wanted us to understand the full significance of the prophecy of Jesus regarding Peter.

2. **God.** John wrote to present the God of glory revealed in human flesh.

3. **Glorify.** Jesus explained that we can all glorify God, both in life and death.

4. **Death.** Please recall that Jesus said that death does not end eternal life. The believer has passed out of death into life forever.

5. **Old.** Jesus wanted the disciples to know that Peter would die by going somewhere he did not want to go when he was old and unable to clothe himself. Even so, Peter would glorify God in his death.

6. **Plans.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus has plans for us to glorify Him for all eternity, and physical death is just one step on that path.

7. **Follow.** We rejoice today because Jesus always says to us, "Follow Me."

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus knows all about our deaths.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by serving Jesus until the day comes when we join Him in Paradise.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by following Jesus each day until the day we leave this planet in death.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by following Jesus with hearts filled with love and fastened upon doing His will. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by following Jesus through death and beyond?

**HALLELUJAH !**



# Day Eight Hundred Sixty

## Turning Around Today



**John 21:20**

Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

What did Peter see when he turned around? Peter saw the disciple that Jesus loved.

The disciple whom Jesus loved followed Jesus and Peter. That disciple was also the one who leaned back on the bosom of Jesus at the supper and asked Jesus who was the one who betrays You.

The disciple whom Jesus loved had a very close relationship with Jesus. Mary, Martha and Lazarus also felt the love of Jesus and cared for Him. People recognized and believed that Jesus really was the Son of God, and equal with God.

When Peter turned around and saw that he was not alone with Jesus, Peter knew what Jesus already knew. Jesus knew all along that the disciple whom he loved was following while He and Peter talked. Perhaps that disciple had heard the prophecy of Jesus about Peter's death.

## ***Saw the Disciple***

1. **Who?** Who is the disciple whom Jesus loved? The Bible does not identify that disciple by name.
2. **Disciple.** The disciple whom Jesus loved only appears in the Gospel of John.
3. **Mentioned.** The disciple whom Jesus loved appears six times in the Gospel of John without further identification.
4. **Following.** Peter knew the disciple whom Jesus loved and turned and saw him following.
5. **Peter.** Peter had just received three commands and a prophecy from Jesus.
6. **Identity?** Living Godly in the family of God means that sometimes God kept identities hidden.
7. **Testimony.** We rejoice today because the Gospel of John is based upon the testimony of the disciple whom Jesus loved, but remains unidentified by name--we do not need to know his name to appreciate his work.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that no one takes Jesus by surprise.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus talks with us and He knows others may be listening.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by listening to Jesus without concern if another disciple also follows Jesus.**

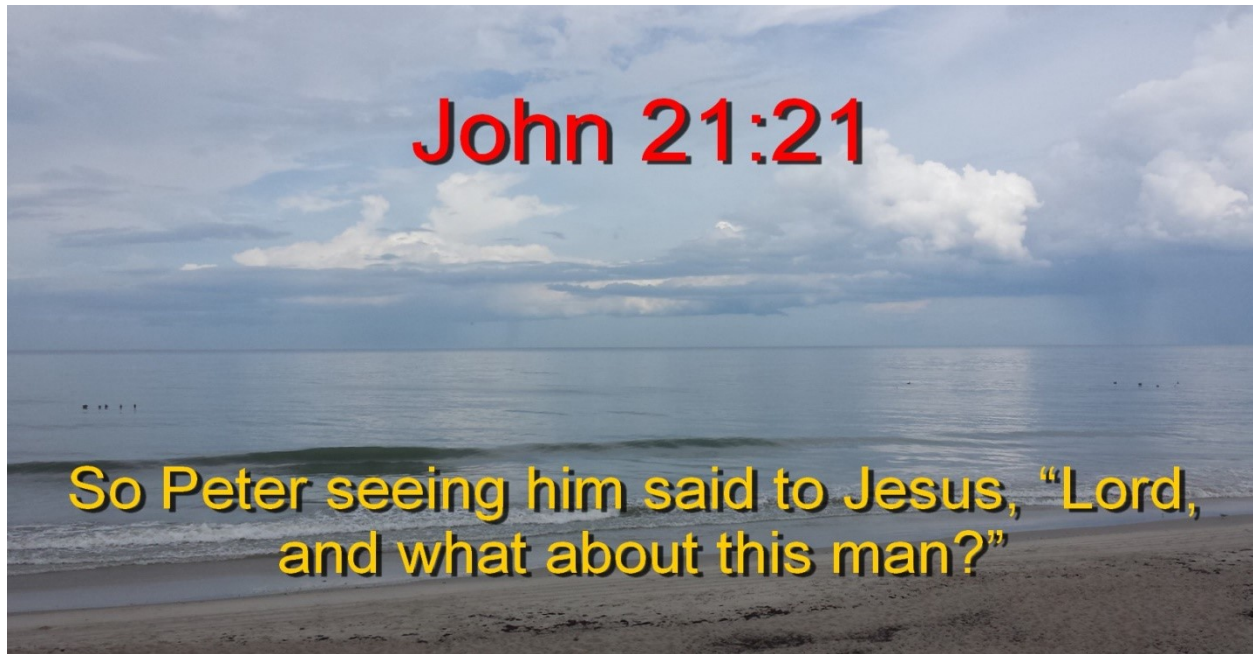
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by listening to Jesus as we talk. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus may want someone else to hear your talk with Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Sixty One

## Seeing Him Today



As Peter was talking with Jesus, what did Peter say about the man following them? Peter said, "Lord, what about this man?"

Jesus commanded Peter repeatedly to take care of His sheep and lambs. Peter was to tend them and shepherd them. Jesus emphasized the love Peter had for Jesus and how that love qualified Peter to take care of the sheep of Jesus.

Jesus then prophesied to Peter that when he grew old, another would gird him and lead him where he did not want to go. Jesus signified the kind of death Peter would endure.

As Peter and Jesus talked, the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. Peter then asked Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Peter had learned he would live a long life, but then would be led off against his will to

die. Peter wanted to know if Jesus had a prophecy for the disciple Jesus loved.

## ***This Man***

1. **Peter**. Jesus told Peter about his future and long life. He also told Peter about his death.
2. **Seeing**. Peter had been listening to Jesus talk to him about love, sheep, long life, and his death. Peter turned and saw a man following them.
3. **Jesus**. Peter saw the disciple Jesus loved following them. Having heard the prophecy from Jesus about his life, Peter became curious. He had a question for Jesus.
4. **Lord**. Peter addressed Jesus as Lord. Although they could talk together and walk together, and having eaten together, Peter thought of Jesus as his Lord and honored Him as such.
5. **What**. Peter had a question for Jesus. People asked Jesus many questions, often related to the things Jesus had just said or done.
6. **Man**. Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus loved His disciples and talked with them. They felt free to ask Him questions and to learn more about the prophecies Jesus made to them.
7. **Future**. We rejoice today because Jesus always knows our future. He leads us into the future at every moment. All our lives He leads us to the future, where Jesus always stands ready to receive us.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by asking Jesus appropriate questions.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by calling Jesus “Lord” when we talk with Him and ask Him questions.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus because He holds our hands and our future in His hands.**

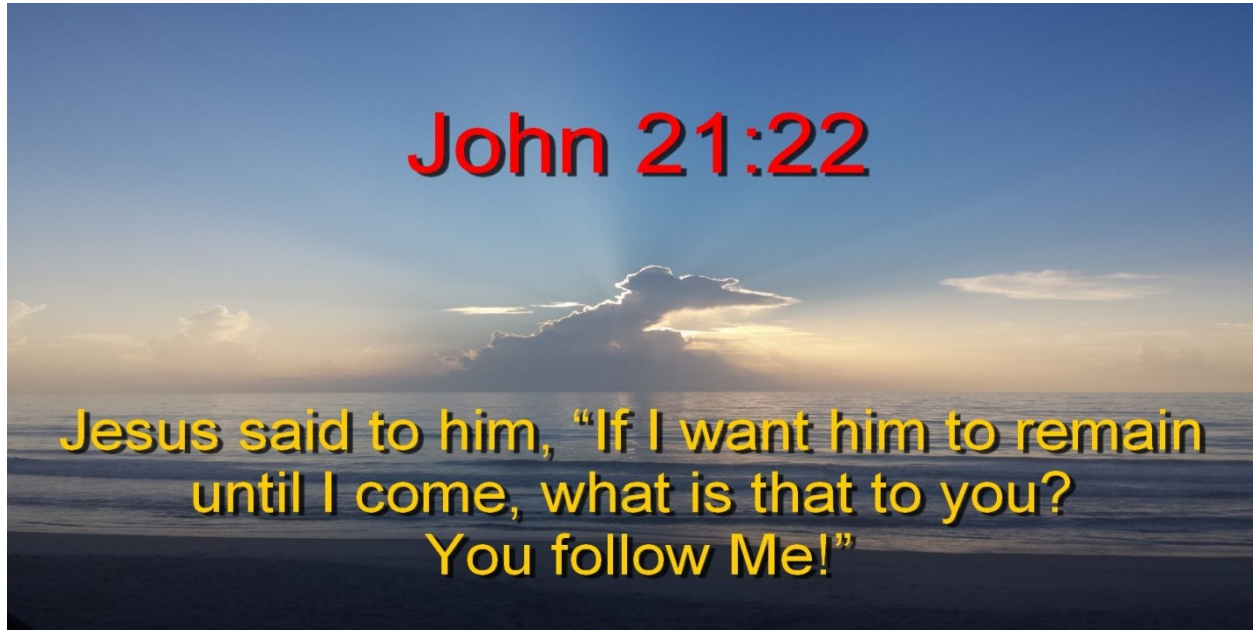
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for leading us into the future. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by looking forward to your future with Jesus?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Sixty Two

## Until I Come Today



Why did Jesus tell Peter to follow Him? Jesus told Peter not to worry about the other disciple's future, but focus upon following Jesus.

Peter heard Jesus prophesy about his future. Jesus told him that he would live a long life, but then be lead against his will to death.

When Peter heard that prophecy, he wanted to know more about the disciple whom Jesus loved who was following them. Peter wanted to know what the future held for that other disciple.

Jesus never promised to tell us all about our futures. He did, however, tell us that we should follow Him. In fact, Jesus commanded us to follow Him. He is our Lord, God in the Flesh and the Son of Man, equal with God the Father.

Jesus does not want us to compare ourselves to other disciples. We must not lose our focus upon Jesus by yearning to know about others and their future. We must follow Jesus and listen to His voice. He will tell us what



we need to know when we need to know it. We must trust Him with our future and with the future of our friends in Christ.

## ***Life and Death***

1. **Peter.** Why did Jesus tell Peter: "Follow Me!" Because Peter's curiosity had been aroused by the prophecy to Peter.

2. **Prophecy.** Jesus gave Peter a prophecy and Peter thought maybe He would also give a prophecy about the disciple whom He loved.

3. **Answer.** Jesus answered Peter's question with a life and death statement.

4. **Implied.** Jesus said: "If I want him to remain until I come." Jesus implied that He could keep someone alive until He returned.

5. **Expectation.** Jesus never promised to reveal the time and place of life and death for every person, but He expects all of us to be ready to meet Him in the air at any time

6. **Command.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus commands all of us to follow Him, without worrying about life and death for other disciples.

7. **Live.** We rejoice today because if we live to see Jesus return, or not, we will be with Him for all eternity.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by focusing upon Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by not worrying about the future of other people because Jesus has a different plan for each of us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to bring us all to glory as we follow Him together, without worries about what Jesus wants for other believers.**

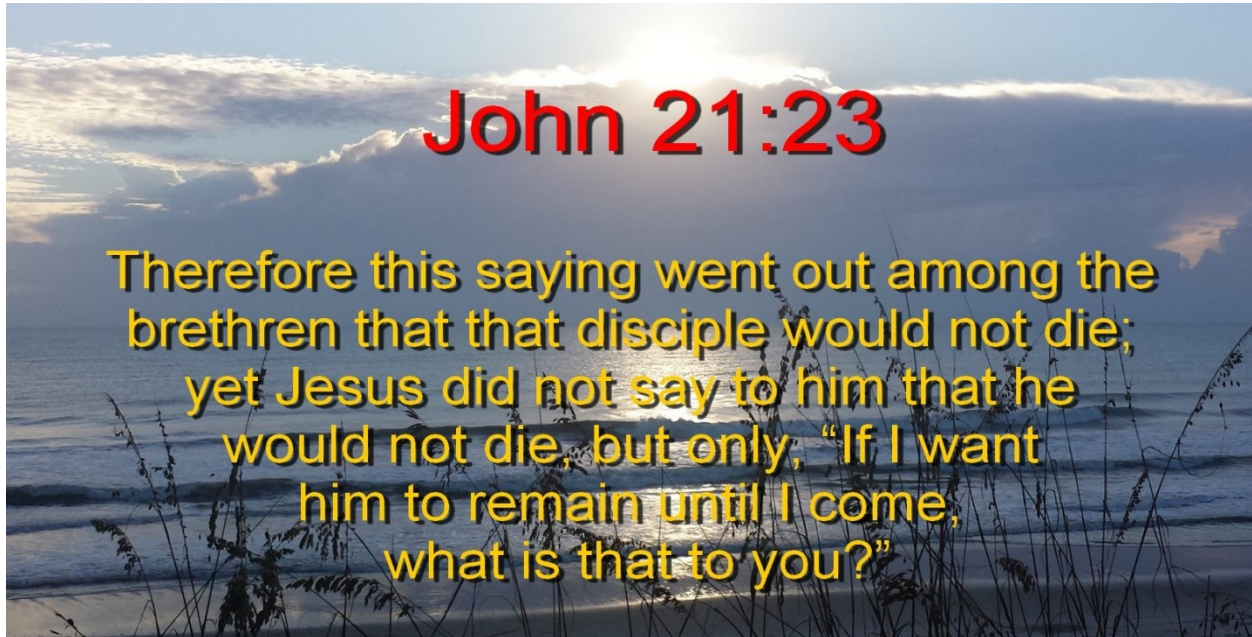
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by not worrying about our friends, but focus upon following Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by following Jesus and trusting Jesus to keep our focus upon Him?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Sixty Three

## Not Die Today



Did Jesus say that the disciple whom He loved would not die? No, Jesus never said that the disciple whom He loved would never die.

Jesus did say that if Jesus wanted the disciple whom He loved to remain until Jesus came again, what was that to Peter. Jesus intended that Peter would receive His prophecy and then follow Jesus.

Peter brought the other disciple into the conversation. Apparently people thought the Jesus was saying that disciple would not die. They were wrong. Jesus never said that.

People often misunderstand what Jesus was saying. Jesus told Peter it was none of his concern if Jesus wanted that disciple to live until Jesus came back. Jesus did not want the disciples sidetracked into concerns about what Jesus told other people. He did want them to focus their attention upon Him and no one else. Untrue rumors begin when people do not understand what Jesus said and substitute their own meaning into conversations.

## *Remain Until*

1. **Misconstrued.** Why do people misconstrue what Jesus said? Because they did not listen carefully to what He said.
2. **Jesus.** Some brethren thought Jesus said that the disciple whom Jesus loved would not die.
3. **Corrected.** Yet John took the time to correct that misunderstanding by revealing that Jesus only said, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"
4. **Power.** Jesus implied He had the power of life and death over that disciple, but never promised that disciple would not die.
5. **Rumors.** So often people spread rumors about what Jesus said that have no basis in fact or in Scripture.
6. **Scripture.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we rely upon what the Bible says and not what people say about the Bible.
7. **Truth.** We rejoice today because Jesus always tells us the truth without any mixture of error; Jesus sanctifies us in the truth. His word is truth.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus never said that the disciple whom He loved would remain until Jesus returned.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by avoiding spreading rumors about things that were never true in the first place.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by listening carefully to Jesus so that we do not spread evil rumors.**

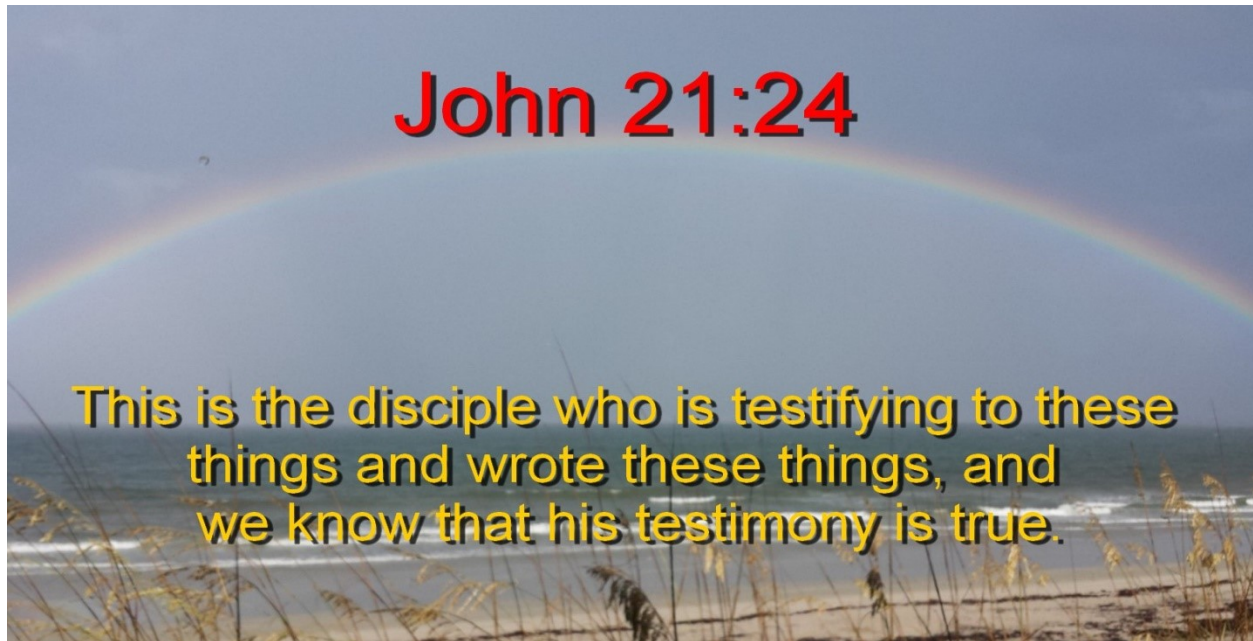
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by recognizing that Jesus alone calls all the shots. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by obeying Him, following Him, and not spreading evil rumors about what Jesus actually said?

**HALLELUJAH !**

# Day Eight Hundred Sixty Four

## Testifying Today



Who wrote the Gospel of John? The disciple whom Jesus loved testified to these things and wrote these things.

The disciple whom Jesus loved reclined on the breast of Jesus at the last supper. That same disciples followed Peter and Jesus as they talked at the beach.

The disciple who Jesus loved wrote down the events he witnessed. We have the promise that his testimony is true. He was there, he saw and then under the inspiration of God, he wrote all about Jesus.

God provided very accurate testimony from several witnesses to the last days of Jesus on earth before He ascended. People who saw testified, so that our faith does not rest upon clever myths, but upon multiple eyewitnesses testifying truthfully about they saw and heard.

## *True*

1. **Disciple.** Who wrote the Gospel of John? The writer of the Gospel of John identified the disciple whom Jesus loved as the one who wrote these things.
2. **Account.** The final passage of the Gospel of John provides a true account, based on personal writings and personal testimony, of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, the son of God, the eternal Word, Who has always been God, and was with God in the beginning.
3. **Remembered.** Jesus said that He would bring to the remembrance of His disciples all that He had said.
4. **Personal.** Therefore we know that the Gospel of John was constructed upon the writings and the personal testimony of the disciple whom Jesus loved.
5. **Inerrant.** We have high confidence that the Gospel of John presents an inerrant account of the Son of God living among men.
6. **Words.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we can hear Jesus, the Son of God, speaking today, as we read the words of the Gospel of John.
7. **Scripture.** We rejoice today because God spoke through John to provide us with Scripture about the Son of God.



### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the disciple who Jesus loved testified truthfully about what he heard and saw during his time walking the earth with Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by looking forward to seeing Jesus return to earth in the future.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by understanding that eye-witness testimony supports the New Testament so that our faith rests upon facts and the Person of Jesus Christ.**

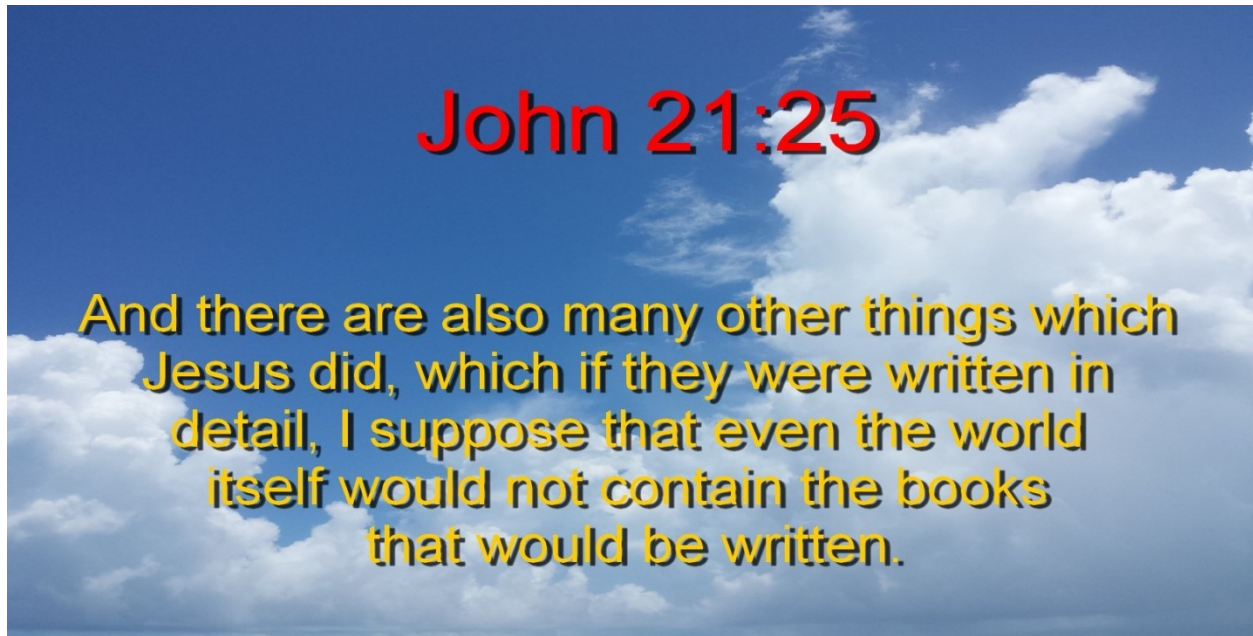
### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by trusting the testimony of multiple witnesses about Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and learn about Godliness by reading the words of the disciple whom Jesus loved?

**HALLELUJAH !**

## Day Eight Hundred Sixty Five

### Many Other Things Today



How many things did Jesus do? Jesus did many things written in detail.

As John concluded his Gospel, he described the many things that are not in his Gospel. All of those things were not written down. In fact, John supposed that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

The Holy Spirit moved men to speak for God. The Holy Spirit moved John to write his gospel. He wanted us to know that God selected what John wrote and how he wrote it.

God inspired the words of each author in their autographs. An autograph means the original document they wrote, not copies. God breathed out the words John used, but John wrote in simple language, but described very deep teachings brought by Jesus. God also chose what events

in the life of Jesus to record. We know that God was highly selective about events John recorded for us. By the grace and inspiration of God, John wrote a perfect Gospel for all of us to study, learn from and put into action.

## ***The Books***

1. **Record.** Does the Gospel of John contain a complete record of everything Jesus did and said? No, John told us that the world may not even contain all that Jesus did and said.

2. **Exact Words.** God breathed out the Bible and gave John the exact words to say.

3. **Simple.** John wrote in his own style with his own vocabulary. He wrote lofty concepts using simple words and phrases.

4. **Inspiration.** John included in his gospel only the things given to him by God through inspiration.

5. **Presented Jesus.** John presented Jesus as a manifestation of grace and truth, with the full glory of God His Father, in human flesh and blood.

6. **Described.** Living Godly in the family of God means we know John only described some of the things that Jesus did and said, but all of the things that God wanted John to record.

7. **Faithfully.** We rejoice today because John faithfully wrote so that we would see Jesus, the Son of God, and believe on His name.

### **Summary for Today**

- **We live Godly in the family of God by learning from the Gospel of John about living Godly in the family of God.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by heeding the words of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we encourage one another with the Gospel of John and the revelations of God perfectly preserved for us.**

### **Application for Today**

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by learning about Godliness from reading the Gospel of John and heeding its words. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving Jesus more and putting into practice all the works of love Jesus has given us to do?

**HALLELUJAH !**

## Conclusion

Jesus lived a powerful life and died a Savior's death. He rose from the dead with the promise of life and resurrection for everyone who receives Him as Savior.

Before Jesus went to the cross, He offered prophecies about His death and resurrection. Then He prayed about glory and the keeping power of God. He then went to multiple trials, where Pilate pronounced Him not guilty more than once, but still handed Him over to the Jews for crucifixion.

As prophesied, Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He ministered to people even while crucified. Having finished the work His Father gave Him to do, He cried out "It is finished" and yielded up His spirit and died.

Disciples came and took His body and buried Him in a tomb. He rose from the dead and appeared to His disciples three times. He stressed loving obedience for service in taking care of His lambs and sheep. He emphasized the need to "Follow Me" and avoid all distractions.

John concluded His Gospel with the promise that His testimony was true. He also explained that He did not write down all that Jesus had done, but the world could not contain all the books it would take to write those things down.

Jesus loved His own and He loved them to the end. He never abandoned them. Even today He abides in us and we in Him.

**HALLELUJAH !**