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Learning about Godliness

And Triumph Today

Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus the day before Jesus entered Jerusalem. He smelled great as He rode into the city. A large crowd had come to see Jesus in Bethany, and to see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.

The crowds shouted “Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.” Jesus rode upon a young donkey, fulfilling the passage: “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”

The disciples looked on, but did not understand what was happening until later. The people who witnessed Lazarus raised from the dead continued their testimony about Jesus. Many people came to greet Jesus because they heard of His sign with Lazarus.

Jesus told His disciples that His hour had come for Him to be glorified. His soul became troubled, but He was determined to drink the cup His Father set before Him. Jesus explained that He came to earth for that very reason. Jesus prayed that His Father would glorify the Father’s name. A voice from heaven replied: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” Jesus explained that voice came for the sake of the crowd. Jesus said that judgment was now upon the world and now the ruler of the world will be cast out. Jesus also proclaimed that if He were lifted up, then He will draw all men to Himself. Jesus urged the crowd to walk while they have the Light and to believe in the Light.

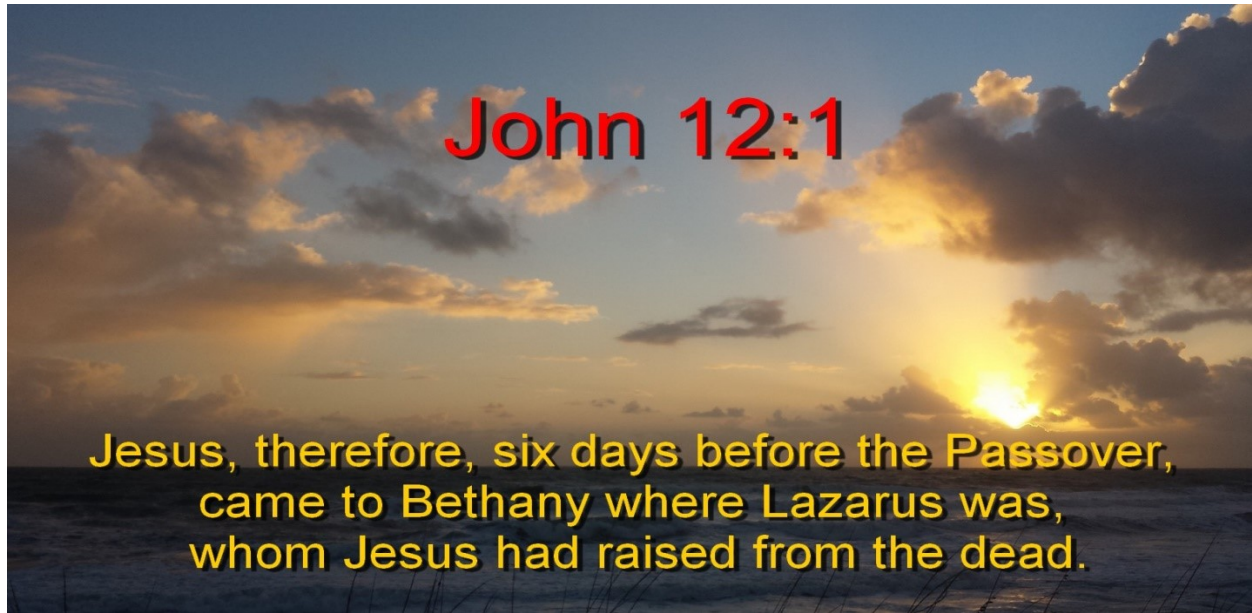
Although Jesus performed many signs, they still were not believing in Him. Isaiah saw the glory of Jesus, but prophesied that people would not believe Him. Their eyes were blinded and their hearts were hardened. Even so, many of the rulers believed in Jesus, but they feared the Pharisees, and would not confess Him. They loved the approval of men rather than God.

Jesus concluded with telling them that whoever believes in Him does not believe in Him, but in Him who sent Jesus. Whoever sees Jesus sees the One who sent Jesus. He did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. Jesus spoke the things given to Him by His Father, and His command is eternal life.

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Twenty Three

Six Days Today



Where did Jesus go six days before the Passover? Jesus went to Bethany six days before the Passover.

Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived in the village of Bethany. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead there. Bethany was about two miles from Jerusalem. Jesus always followed the itinerary of God the Father.

Jesus went to Bethany to see His friends there. He loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Jesus knew that they would be glad to see Him. Lazarus would be a visible reminder to everyone that Jesus raised the dead.

Mary and Martha had told Jesus that Lazarus would not have died if he had come sooner. Jesus told them that they would see the glory of God if they believed. Mary, Martha, Lazarus and many others believed when they saw Lazarus raised from the dead by Jesus. If the Jews in Jerusalem planned on killing Jesus, their plan would only work if Jesus intended to lay down His life. The Jews had no idea what Jesus actually intended and fulfilled.

Bethany

1. **Kill Jesus.** The chief priests and the Pharisees determined to kill Jesus. So Jesus went to Ephraim, near the wilderness with His disciples.

2. **Passover.** The Feast of Passover had drawn near, so that Jesus must go to Jerusalem for the Feast.

3. **Bethany.** Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead, and he lived in Bethany, near Jerusalem.

4. **Lazarus.** Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was.

5. **Anointed.** We know from John 11:3 that Mary anointed Jesus with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair. She was the sister of Martha and Lazarus.

6. **Meal.** Living Godly in the family of God means that you see your friends in Christ and sometimes share a meal with them.

7. **Atonement.** We rejoice today because Jesus loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus. As Jesus proceeded to Jerusalem for the last time, to give His life an atonement for sin, He still had time to eat with His friends.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by following Jesus to see good friends that we love.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by expecting Jesus to spend time with us because He loves us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving one another like Jesus loved us, even under pressure from evil humans seeking to kill Him.**

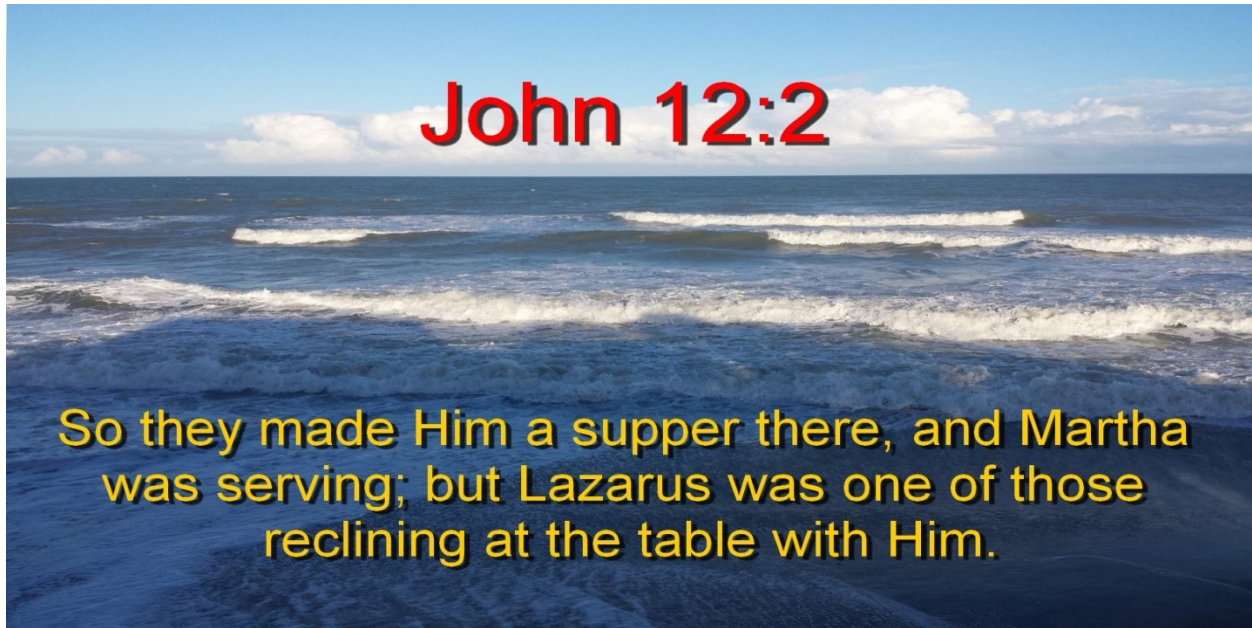
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by knowing that Jesus loves us, and spends time with us, even when people oppose Him and attack His children. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering to spend time with loved ones during difficult times?

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Day Five Hundred Twenty Four

Supper Today



What did the friends of Jesus do for Him in Bethany? They made supper for Jesus.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus made supper for Jesus when He came to Bethany. They had all seen the power of Jesus to raise the dead. When Jesus first arrived, they told Him that Lazarus would not have died if He had come sooner. Jesus told them they would see the glory of God. Now Lazarus was reclining at the table with Jesus in Bethany.

Martha was serving Jesus and the others. Jesus loved Martha and she had been the first to greet Jesus when He came to raise Lazarus. Martha told Jesus about the stench she expected because Lazarus had been in the tomb four days. Jesus disregarded her warning and called Lazarus forth from the tomb. Martha loved Jesus much because He raised her brother back to life and showed them all that He is the resurrection and the life.

Reclining

1. **Ate.** Jesus ate meals with all kinds of people: religious leaders, Pharisees, tax collectors, friends, etc.
2. **Supper.** Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany and Mary, Martha and Lazarus made supper for Him.
3. **Served.** John wants us to know that they made the supper, Martha served the supper, and Lazarus reclined at the table with Jesus.
4. **Reclined.** Lazarus and other people reclined at the table with Jesus.
5. **Disciples.** We know from parallel accounts that at least some of His disciples were there.
6. **Friends.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus took time to eat with His friends, even as He approached His hour to be glorified.
7. **Love.** We rejoice today because Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus; they loved Him and He loved them, always.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by taking time to eat with our loved in Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus now eats every meal with us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we enjoy Jesus and the people He loves all gathered around the same table today.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by spending time celebrating the triumph of Jesus over death as we have a meal together. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by taking time to eat with people who share your love for Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Twenty Five

Costly Perfume Today



John 12:3

Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

What did Mary do with costly perfume? She anointed Jesus.

Mary loved Jesus before He raised Lazarus from the dead. Afterwards, she loved Jesus and anointed Him with costly perfume of pure nard. She anointed His feet and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of perfume.

Mary loved Jesus and demonstrated her love. She also gave costly perfume to Jesus. She anointed Jesus because she loved Jesus. She also must have known that Jesus would head to Jerusalem for Passover. Jesus faced serious danger in Jerusalem from the evil religious leaders.

Jesus smelled good that evening. He had a nice meal with His loved ones and disciples. As the Jews schemed to kill Him, Jesus enjoyed life and love with the people He loved eating a meal together.

Anointed

1. **Prepared.** As Jesus prepared to go to Jerusalem to attend the Feast of Passover, He stopped at Bethany where Mary, Martha and Lazarus had prepared supper for Him.

2. **Perfume.** During the visit, Mary anointed Jesus with very costly perfume of pure nard.

3. **Mary.** Mary anointed the feet of Jesus with the perfume and wiped His feet with her hair.

4. **Displayed.** Mary displayed her love and thankfulness that Jesus was the Messiah and the resurrection and the life.

5. **Anointing.** This anointing of Jesus should not be confused with the anointing of Jesus in Luke chapter 7 which happened much earlier in His life.

6. **Sacrifice.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we appreciate the people who sacrificed financially to anoint Jesus with costly perfume because they loved Him.

7. **Deserves.** We rejoice today because Jesus deserves our best every day.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by appreciating the ministry of other people for Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we give costly things to Jesus as part of our worship.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we worship Jesus, even when dangerous times lie just around the corner.**

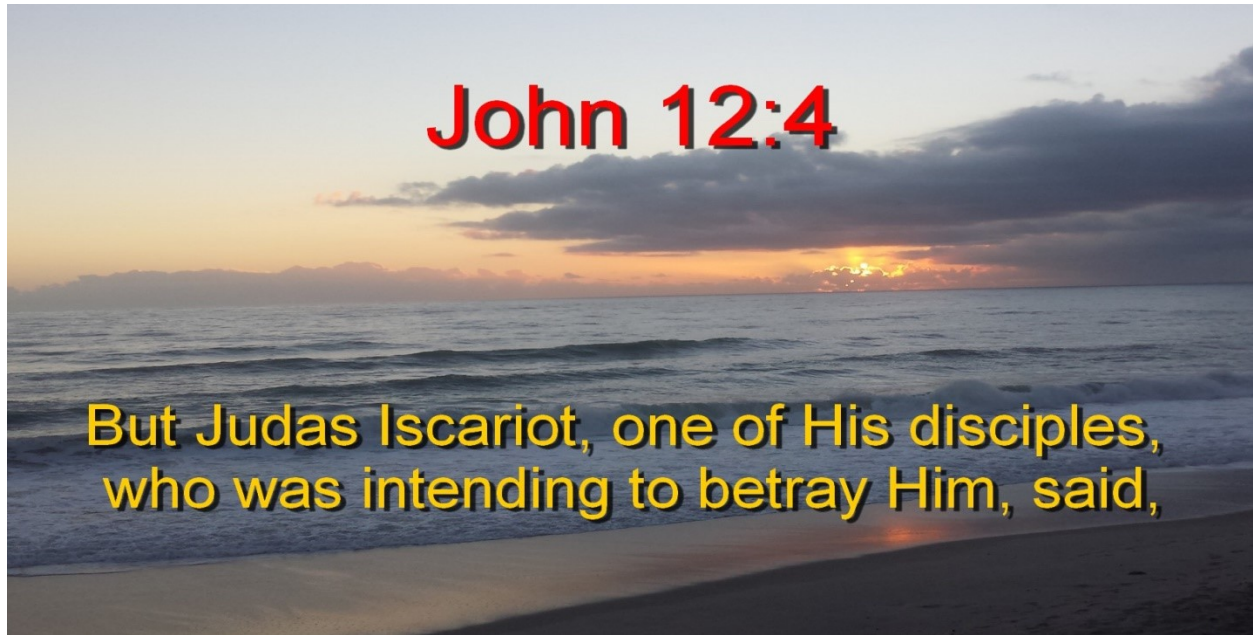
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by taking time to spend time before time flies. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by spending special time with people you love before time flies?

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Day Five Hundred Twenty Six

Intending Today



What was Judas Iscariot intending to do? Judas Iscariot was intending to betray Jesus.

Judas Iscariot was the son of destruction, and Jesus identified Judas the Betrayer to the other disciples. Even so, Jesus had called Judas to be one of the twelve disciples who travelled with Jesus and spent close time with Jesus.

Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus. He was going to work with the council in betraying Jesus to their soldiers using a kiss. Judas Iscariot also had control of the money box. He was untrustworthy.

As Jesus was anointed by Mary, Judas will raise his voice. He was not shy about telling people what to do, even when Jesus remained silent.

Judas Iscariot

1. **Supper.** Jesus ate supper with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Judas Iscariot was also present.

2. **Chosen.** Jesus chose Judas Iscariot to be one of His twelve disciples.

3. **Betrayer.** Jesus knew from the beginning that Judas Iscariot was a devil, the son of perdition, and the one who would betray Him.

4. **Faithless.** Judas Iscariot was never part of the family of God because he was never born again by faith alone.

5. **Non-Believer.** Judas Iscariot traveled with Jesus and lived with him every day for about three years. Apparently, the other disciples did not suspect him as a non-believer.

6. **With, Not In.** Living Godly in the family of God means that people like Judas Iscariot will always hang out with the family of God.

7. **Know.** We rejoice today because Jesus said: "I know My own and My own know Me."

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that some disciples are actually sons of destruction.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we expect that some people close to us may betray us, just like Jesus was betrayed.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus that Judas Iscariot did not catch Jesus by surprise.**

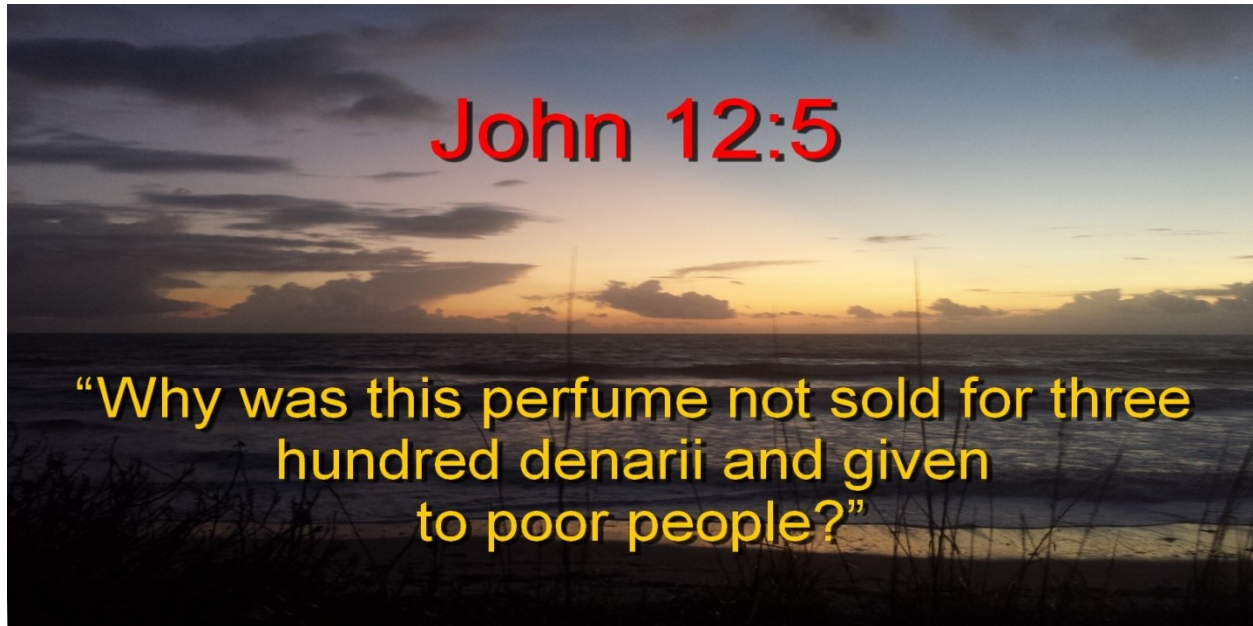
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that not everyone who claims to be a disciple actually has saving faith. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by being certain you are in the faith?

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Day Five Hundred Twenty Seven

Given Today



What did Judas Iscariot say that he wanted to do with the perfume? Judas Iscariot said the perfume could have been sold and the money given to the poor.

Judas Iscariot said nice words about helping the poor. Judas Iscariot recognized that the perfume was worth about three hundred denarii. Some people labored in the field all day for one denarius.

Judas Iscariot intended to betray Jesus to the council. Judas Iscariot said one thing, but thought just the opposite. The heart of Judas Iscariot was not full of the Light of Jesus Christ; the Light only touched Judas Iscariot, but never entered into his heart by faith.

Judas Iscariot spoke when Jesus remained silent. Jesus had no problem with Mary anointing Him. If Jesus is o.k. with the anointing, why should anyone question His leading?

Poor People

1. **Costly.** After Mary anointed Jesus with the costly perfume, Judas Iscariot sounded an objection.
2. **Perfume.** Judas Iscariot wanted to know why the perfume was not sold for 300 denarii and given to the poor.
3. **Denarii.** 300 denarii amounted to a year's wages for a laborer.
4. **Objection.** Judas Iscariot voiced his objection which meant he openly questioned the actions of both Jesus and Mary.
5. **Why?** If Jesus did not stop Mary from anointing Him, why should anyone object?
6. **Approve.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we always rely upon Jesus for guidance. What He accepts and approves we accept and approve.
7. **Gifts.** We rejoice today because people love Jesus and love to bestow precious gifts upon Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus knows His sheep by name.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we learn to distinguish the sheep from the wolves.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by letting Jesus lead us in all things.**

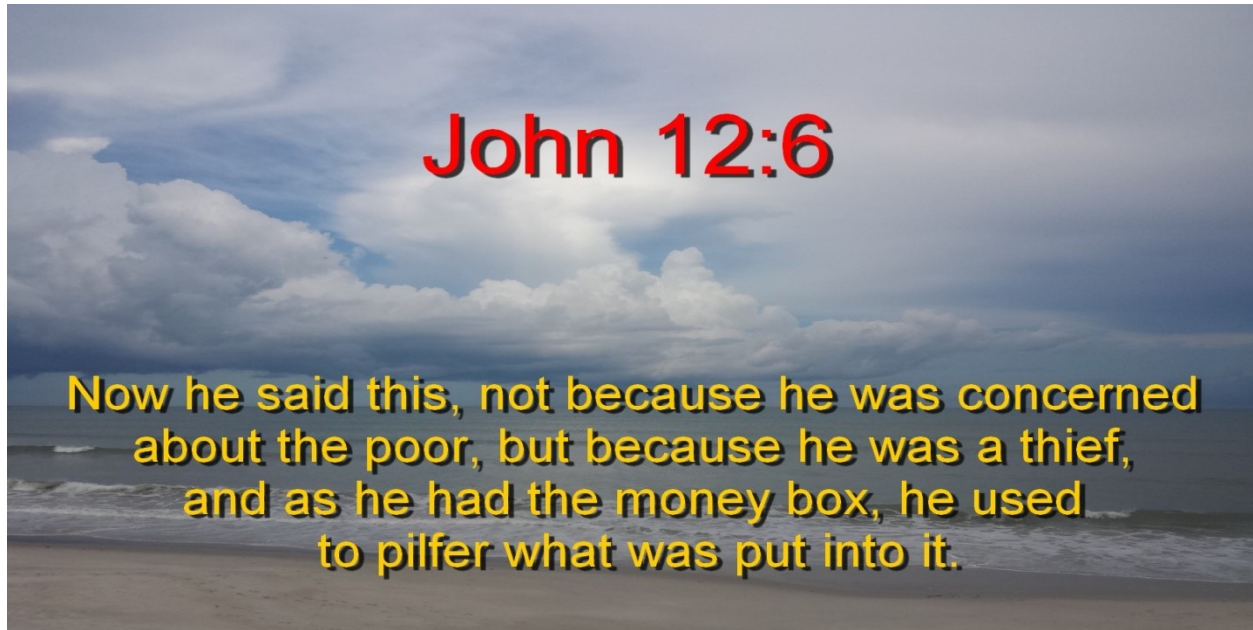
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by letting Jesus lead, without our questions opposing His decisions. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by giving gifts to Jesus because you love Him?

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Day Five Hundred Twenty Eight

Thief Today



Why did Judas Iscariot bring up helping the poor with the money? Judas Iscariot actually had no intention of helping the poor, but pilfering the money for himself.

Judas Iscariot was a thief before he finally betrayed Jesus. He talked about using the money to help the poor, but secretly pilfered money given to God's work.

Judas Iscariot pretended to be a disciple of Jesus, but never fooled Jesus. Judas Iscariot only deceived himself, because he did the desires of his father, the devil.

Mary anointed Jesus for a particular purpose, because she loved Jesus and the things He had done for her, Lazarus, Martha, and many other people. Judas Iscariot loved no one, because everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Pilfer

1. **Objected.** Judas Iscariot objected to Mary anointing Jesus with very costly perfume.
2. **Use.** Judas Iscariot said that the money could have been used for the poor.
3. **Intention.** People often say one thing out loud, but the intentions of their heart are not the same and are often evil.
4. **Unfaithful.** Judas Iscariot kept the money box. He was not a faithful steward because he used to pilfer money from that box.
5. **Thief.** Judas Iscariot was a thief, plain and simple.
6. **Money.** Living Godly in the family of God means that thieves will always be among us and we should be extremely careful about whom we put in charge of the money box.
7. **Glory.** We rejoice today because we can use our money for the glory of God every day.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to know the true motives of every person.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that thieves like to steal stuff, even stuff given to God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by recognizing that thieves may walk among us, but are not truly of us.**

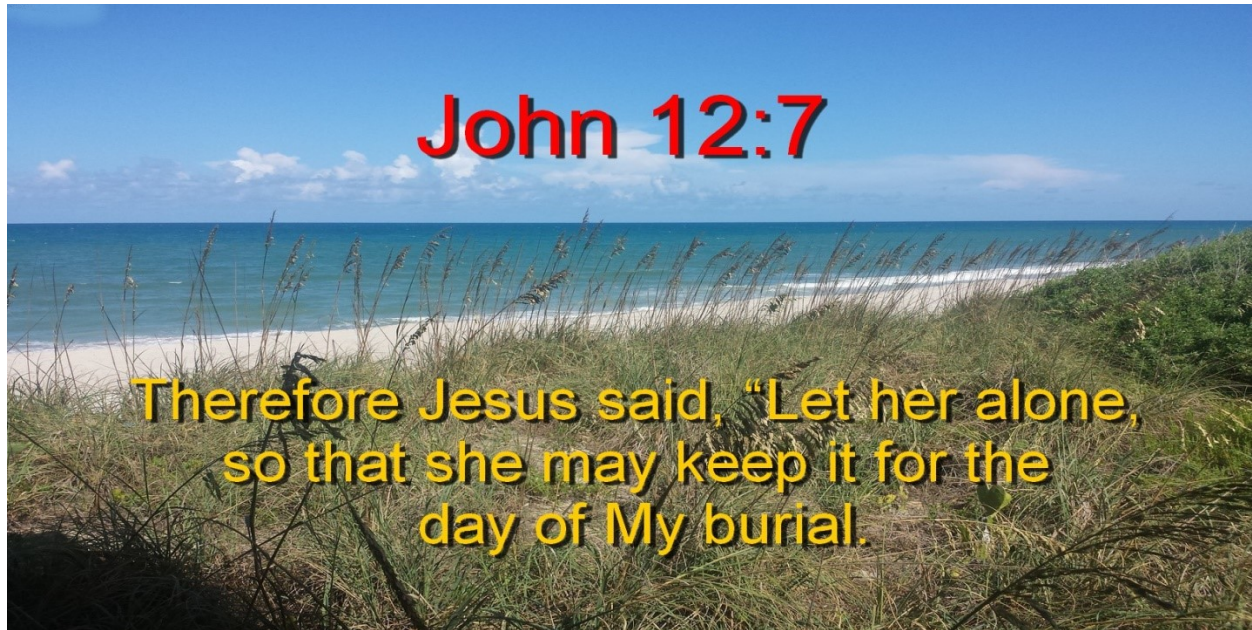
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by distinguishing the thieves from the sheep. Will you live Godly in the family of God today being careful to test the spirits, to see if you know a thief who never knew Jesus as Savior?

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Day Five Hundred Twenty Nine

My Burial Today



Why did Jesus say to leave Mary alone? Jesus told them to leave Mary alone because He accepted her gift of perfume.

In Matthew and Mark, Jesus plainly stated that Mary had anointed Him for burial beforehand. Jesus knew He was going to die and be buried in about a week. Mary had anointed Him for burial with precious and costly perfume.

John focused upon Mary keeping the perfume for the day of burial. She apparently was not using all of it on that day with Jesus. You may recall that women went to the tomb of Jesus on the first day of the week to anoint His body, but He and His body were not in the tomb. He had risen from the dead.

Jesus said: "Let her alone." Jesus protected Mary from the unwarranted criticism of the people around her, including some of His disciples. When Jesus accepts a costly gift, who are we to complain?

Let Her Alone

1. **Judas.** Judas Iscariot objected to Mary anointing Jesus with costly perfume.

2. **Pilfering.** We know that Judas Iscariot was not concerned about the poor, but about the pilfering he could do from the money box.

3. **Objection.** Jesus quickly met the objection of Judas Iscariot saying, "Let her alone."

4. **Judgment.** We can always count on Jesus to defend us when we serve Him. If He does not condemn us, then the judgment of mere men matters not.

5. **Burial.** Jesus indicated that Mary was keeping the practice of anointing a body for burial; in this case, it was His body.

6. **Opposition.** Living Godly in the family of God means that opposition to serving Jesus will arise even from people who call themselves disciples of Jesus.

7. **Defender.** We rejoice today because Jesus is always our Shield and Defender as we put Him first in our lives.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by never opposing what Jesus accepts as a costly gift.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by recognizing that costly things do not always have to be given to the poor.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by accepting what Jesus accepts, and not criticizing people who give Jesus costly gifts.**

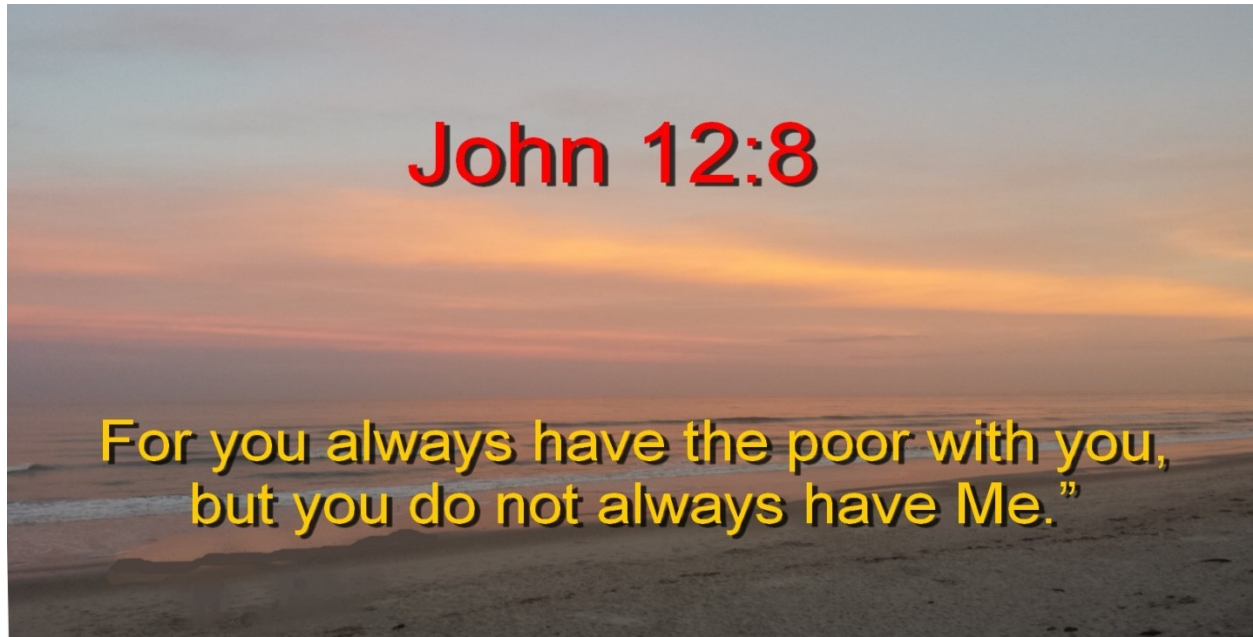
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by learning from Jesus to accept things He accepts. Will you live Godly in the family of God today without criticizing people who give costly things to Jesus?

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Day Five Hundred Thirty

Poor with You Today



What did Jesus say about the poor? Jesus said that you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.

Jesus loved the poor and came to preach the Gospel to the poor. He healed the poor, made the lame walk, and gave sight to the blind. Jesus fulfilled the Messianic prophecies about the poor.

Jesus then distinguished the poor from Himself. The poor would always be with the people, but Jesus was soon leaving to go back to heaven. Today Mary could anoint Him with perfume; tomorrow he would be gone.

Jesus gave a very clear answer to why Mary's gift should not be criticized. The poor would always be available to receive gifts, but Jesus was leaving soon.

Have Me

1. **Custom.** Jesus told Judas and the others to leave Mary alone, because she had prepared His body for burial by anointing Him with perfume, according to the Jewish custom.
2. **Objected.** Judas Iscariot objected that the money could have been given to the poor, but he really just wanted to pilfer the money from the money box, which he controlled.
3. **Issue.** As always, Jesus cut right to the heart of the whole issue. He said that the disciples will always have the poor with them.
4. **Die.** He then said that they will not always have Him with them. Jesus meant that He was about to die and then ascend to heaven.
5. **Opportunities.** In essence, the disciples would only have this one opportunity to see Jesus anointed before His death, but they would have many opportunities to give money to the poor after He had ascended.
6. **Gifts.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we give Jesus great gifts and we also give money to the poor who cannot work.
7. **Money.** We rejoice today because Jesus takes care of the poor every day and we can bless Him with our money.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that we always have the poor with us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that we can give costly things to Jesus with His blessing.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus still tells people to let us alone when we do the things pleasing to Him.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to tell people to leave us alone when they criticize us for doing things pleasing to Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by not interfering with things pleasing to Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Thirty One

There Today

John 12:9

The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.

Did crowds come to see Lazarus? Crowds in Jerusalem came to see both Jesus and Lazarus.

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. News about Jesus and Lazarus traveled fast. People wanted to see this man raised from the dead. Jesus said that people who believed would see the glory of God in raising Lazarus from the dead.

Lazarus became a living example and proof of the power of Jesus Christ. He stood as living testimony to crowds that God had sent Jesus from heaven and demonstrated the love of God for Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Lazarus became a trophy of God's grace manifested in him.

The crowds knew about the Jewish council seeking to kill Jesus. They had some doubts about whether Jesus would appear at the Feast, but Jesus came and Lazarus also came to the feast. The crowds wanted to see both of them.

See Lazarus

1. **Bethany.** Jesus came to Bethany and ate supper with Mary, Martha and Lazarus, among others.

2. **Mary.** Mary anointed Jesus with very costly perfume and Judas objected because he wanted to pilfer the money from the money box.

3. **Anointed.** Jesus told everyone to let Mary alone because she had anointed Him for burial, according to the custom of the Jews.

4. **Crowd.** The large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there in Bethany.

5. **Lazarus.** The crowd appeared not only to see Jesus, but also to see the living proof of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

6. **Evidence.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus always drew crowds and He presented absolute evidence, like Lazarus, that He was the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

7. **Eternal Life.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves to raise people up in His name to eternal life.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting people to notice the works of powers.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by living as demonstrations of the grace of God in our lives.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by appreciating the plans of God to draw glory to Himself through works of powers.**

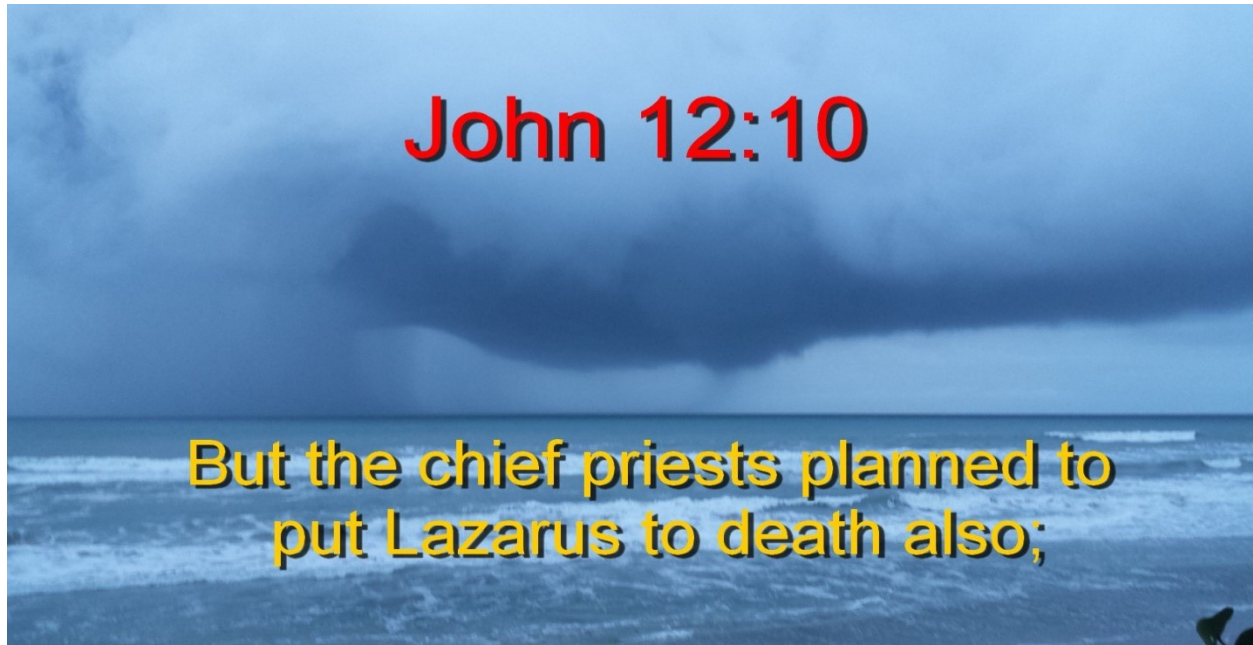
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by living as trophies of the grace of God in our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today expecting that people will look at you to see the power of God at work in your life?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Thirty Two

Planned Today



What plans did the chief priests have for Lazarus? The chief priests planned on killing Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead.

Lazarus helps us understand the difference between being raised from the dead and resurrection. Raised from the dead means that God returned you to your mortal body, destined to die again someday. Resurrection means that God, after physical death, gives you an immortal body that will not be subject to death. The new resurrected body will be immortal, imperishable and eternal.

The chief priests planned on killing both Jesus and Lazarus. The audacity of killing Jesus speaks for itself and underlines the wickedness of the high priests. They held the office of priest and had a duty to do God's will and model God's grace. Instead they never knew God and opposed the will of God. The chief priests feared the continuing testimony of Lazarus by living and speaking about Jesus, Who raised him from the dead.

Lazarus to Death

1. **Crazy.** At times people pursue crazy strategies. Crowds came to see Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead.
2. **Plan.** Even so, the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death again, apparently.
3. **Raise the Dead.** Trying to kill somebody who has the power to raise people from the dead seems crazy on the face of it.
4. **Opposition.** Opposing Jesus is never a good idea; it only leads to your personal destruction, not His.
5. **Conspired.** The chief priests bitterly opposed Jesus. They conspired with other council members to put both Jesus and Lazarus to death.
6. **Expect.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we expect people to have crazy ideas about opposing Jesus and His followers.
7. **Overcome.** We rejoice today because people and their crazy plans will never overcome the sovereign will of Jesus Christ. We can always count upon Him to take care of us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting that some believers will face stern opposition from the devil because works of powers have been done in them for all to see.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by expecting that people will hate both Jesus and the people He loves.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for never leaving us or deserting us in times of trouble.**

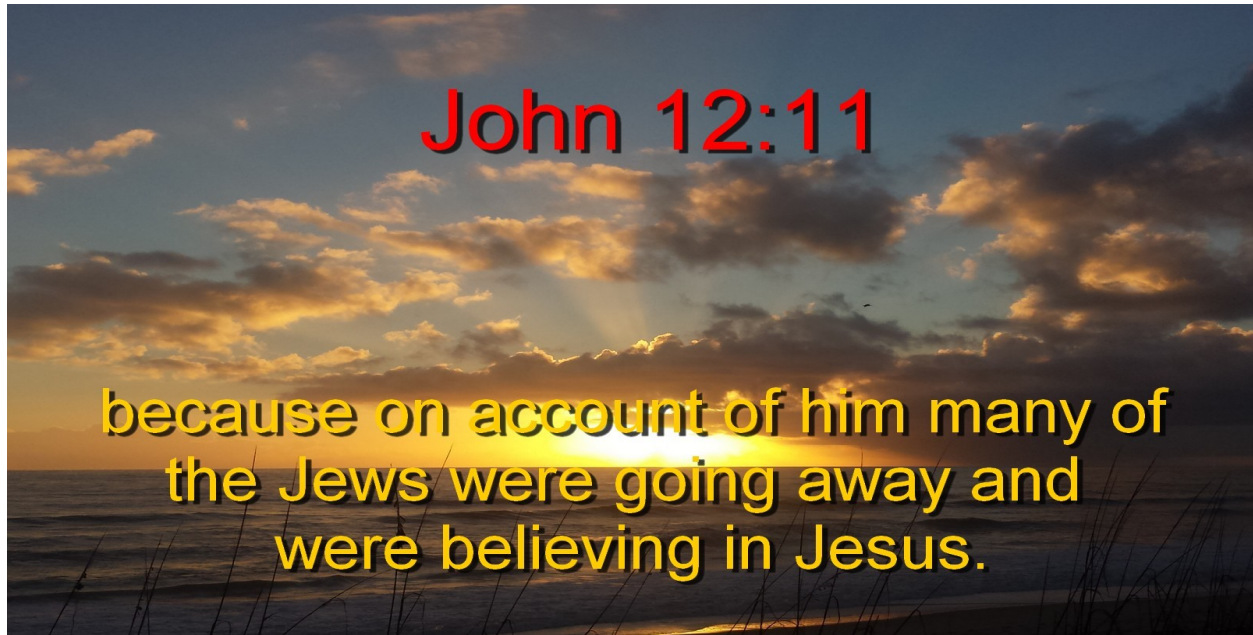
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting stern opposition from the enemies of Jesus Christ. Will you live Godly in the family of God today, knowing that evil people will oppose the work of God in you?

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Day Five Hundred Thirty Three

Going Away Today



Why were many of the Jews going away and were believing in Jesus? Many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus because of Lazarus.

When Jesus said that the sickness of Lazarus would not end in death, but God would be glorified, Jesus meant that many Jews would believe in Jesus because of Lazarus. So often Jesus does far more abundantly than we ask or think. Mary, Martha and the Jews there were not expecting Jesus to raise Lazarus from the dead.

Lazarus became a walking, talking testimony to the power and truth of Jesus Christ. The council may silence Jesus, but Lazarus, the Woman at the Well, Pallet Man, Man Born Blind, Mary, Martha and many others would all testify to works of powers Jesus displayed in them. Jesus worked the works of powers so that people would believe in Him for salvation.

Believing in Jesus

1. **Lazarus.** The chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death because, on account of him, many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

2. **News.** Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead and the news spread broadly and quickly.

3. **Planned.** The chief priests, therefore, planned to kill both Jesus and Lazarus.

4. **Attack.** The enemies of Jesus always plan to attack Him and His followers.

5. **Believing.** John emphasized that many of the Jews were believing in Jesus and leaving the chief priests.

6. **Leaving.** Living Godly in the family of God means that our faith in Jesus causes us to follow Him and leave behind the people who opposed Him.

7. **Eternity.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves sinners like us and turned us from being His enemies into His friends, to follow Him for all eternity.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by living today like Jesus works in our lives every day.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we live sharing with people the great things that Jesus Christ had done in our lives.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we encourage one another to speak up about the works of powers God does in our lives.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by living as testimonies about the power of Jesus Christ in our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by sharing with others the great things Jesus has been doing in your life?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Thirty Four

Large Crowd Today



What do crowds hear? The large crowd heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

The religious council had laid plans to kill Jesus in Jerusalem. They had enlisted a network of people to tell them if they saw Jesus. They intended to kill Jesus and Lazarus.

The news about Jesus coming to Jerusalem apparently spread quickly. The large crowd had heard about it. One crowd came to see Lazarus, but others were gathered for Passover. Jesus often drew crowds to Himself because of the things He did and said. He amazed people with His teaching, because He taught new things with the greatest authority.

We can see God placing all the pieces together for Jesus to come to Jerusalem and lay down His life for our salvation. Change was coming.

Coming to Jerusalem

1. **Passover.** The day after eating supper with Mary and Martha and Lazarus in Bethany, Jesus prepared to go to Jerusalem for the Passover.
2. **Bethany Crowd.** A large crowd had assembled at Bethany, not only to see Jesus, but also to see Lazarus whom Jesus raised from the dead.
3. **Jerusalem Crowd.** Notice that another large crowd had come to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When that crowd heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they made plans to go out and see Him.
4. **Two Crowds.** Therefore we know one large crowd was coming with Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem. Another crowd was coming out from Jerusalem to greet Jesus as He approached Jerusalem.
5. **Donkey.** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt and He smelled great because Mary had anointed Him the day before.
6. **Drawn.** Living Godly in the family of God means that many crowds have always been drawn to Christ Jesus.
7. **Jesus.** We rejoice today because Jesus came into Jerusalem with crowds drawn to Him because of the things He had said and done, including raising Lazarus from the dead.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by spreading the news about Jesus to many people.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we look back and worship Jesus for all the Scriptures He fulfilled and His great love for us to lay down His life at the right and the right place in the presence of the right beings.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus more as we understand that Jesus drew many people to Himself as Savior, with more to come in the future.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by being part of the crowd looking for Jesus to come again. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving Jesus for going to Jerusalem to give His life for ours?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Thirty Five

Meet Him Today



What were the crowds shouting when they saw Jesus? They were shouting Hosanna!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds were waiting on Him, and some crowds came with Him. The people were shouting Hosanna. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of Lord, and the King of Israel.

The Jews greeting Jesus were invoking blessings and prayers from the Old Testament. They thought their King had arrived Who would drive out the Romans and establish the rule of God on earth.

The Jews completely dissociated personal salvation from the arrival of Messiah. Indeed, Messiah had been walking among them for years, and the crowds did not recognize Him. The religious leaders sought to kill Him. Jesus will always be King of kings and Lord of lords. He rode into Jerusalem smelling good because Mary had anointed Him.

Hosanna!

1. **Jerusalem.** The crowd from Jerusalem came out to meet Jesus.
2. **Hosanna.** They took palm branches with them and were shouting: "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."
3. **Adoration.** The term "Hosanna" was an expression of adoration and praise.
4. **Believe.** Just as many of the religious leaders feared, many of the Jews were beginning to believe in Jesus.
5. **King.** They recognized Jesus as the King of Israel, but they did not know that His kingdom was not of this world.
6. **Triumph.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph, with crowds crying "Hosanna," as they welcomed the King of Israel.
7. **Praise and Worship.** We rejoice today because Jesus should always be praised and worshiped because He truly is the King of Israel and all creation.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for coming into Jerusalem that day for all of us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus knew what awaited Him in Jerusalem, but He loved us and gave Himself for us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus every day for riding into Jerusalem for us, and we join the praise of Jesus, Lord and King of Israel.**

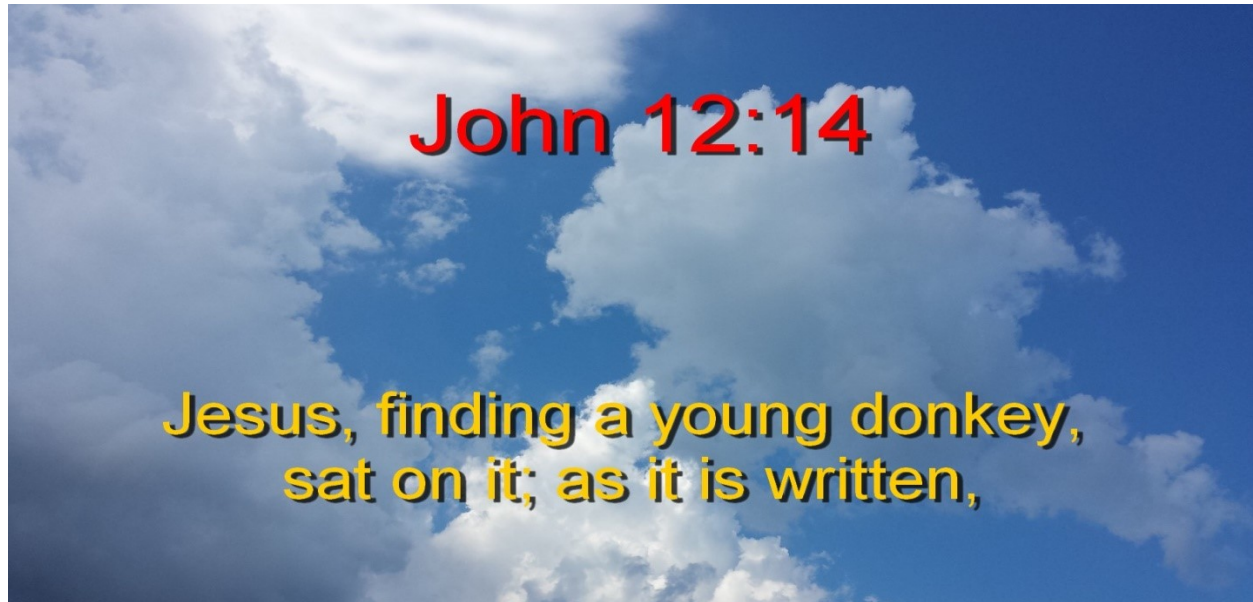
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus riding into Jerusalem with the crowds blessing His Name and shouting His praise. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by joining the praise of Jesus for riding into Jerusalem that day with purpose?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Thirty Six

Finding Today



What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem? Jesus rode upon a young donkey to enter Jerusalem.

Jesus found the donkey like Jesus found Philip. Jesus had a purpose and He knew about the Old Testament prophecy concerning the animal to ride into Jerusalem. Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies concerning His entrance into Jerusalem on this occasion.

The Scriptures include details that confirm our understanding of Messiah. All the Scriptures concerning Jesus' life in the flesh were fulfilled in every detail. Other prophecies concerning His return to earth in His glorified body remain yet future.

Jesus wanted us to believe in Him. He fulfilled every detail and gave further proof to all men that He is the Messiah, and the Savior of all people.

Young Donkey

1. **Jerusalem.** With a crowd coming out from Jerusalem and with another crowd following Him from Bethany, Jesus prepared to enter Jerusalem.
2. **Messiah.** As Messiah, Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies pertaining to the life of Messiah on Earth.
3. **Prophecies.** Many of the Old Testament Messianic prophecies also pertain to the millennial reign of Christ on Earth, yet future even today.
4. **Fulfilled.** Jesus took care to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies concerning Messiah.
5. **Humble.** Zechariah prophesied that the Messiah would come, humble and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
6. **Jesus.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that Jesus was the Messiah, in part, because He fulfilled the Messianic prophecies.
7. **King.** We rejoice today because the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, humbly entered Jerusalem, sitting on a colt, as the King of Israel and all nations.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the truth and precision of the Scriptures.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we believe that the words of Scripture were breathed out by God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we notice the details in Scripture matter.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that Jesus entered Jerusalem to save our souls. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by following Jesus as He leads as the risen Savior?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Thirty Seven

King Is Coming Today



Why should Zion not fear? Zion should not fear because her King is coming.

Jesus fulfilled Messianic prophecies in ways the Jews did not expect. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, humbly sitting a donkey's colt, He fulfilled prophecy. Yet, the Jews at that time saw their Conqueror coming to vanquish His enemies in physical battle.

Jesus did not come to conquer all His enemies on earth. He came to save sinners by the power of His sacrificial death. He loved the world and gave Himself so that they would not perish. Without Jesus, the world would always lie in darkness and its people destined to the Lake of Fire.

Jesus came to offer Himself as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the earth. He completed His sacrifice and atoned for sin.

Fear Not

1. **Rode**. Smelling great, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt.
2. **Inspiration**. Writing under the inspiration of God, John linked the triumphal entry of Jesus with the prophecy of Zechariah.
3. **Fear Not**. The first words, "Fear not," indicate that the people of Zion (Jerusalem) should not fear, because their King, Jesus, has come.
4. **Prophecy**. As Zechariah prophesied, Jesus rode upon a donkey's colt.
5. **Linked**. As we have seen, John linked the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus to the Old Testament.
6. **Commanded**. Living Godly in the family of God means that we understand that Jesus commanded His people not to fear because the King of Israel came into Jerusalem.
7. **King**. We rejoice today because Jesus will always be King and so we should never fear anyone but God.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by recognizing the King of Israel rode into Zion sitting on donkey's colt.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by recognizing that Jesus takes away fear.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for taking away all fear of death for the saints.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by seeing Jesus upon the colt riding into Jerusalem to fulfill prophecy. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thanking Jesus for His great humility?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Thirty Eight

Not Understand Today

John 12:16

These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

When did the disciples understand what Jesus did by riding into Jerusalem on the colt? When Jesus was glorified, the disciples remembered His entry into Jerusalem and understood the fulfillment of the things written about Him.

At times we understand the Scriptures better in hindsight. Events happening around the disciples did not immediately register with Him. Jesus was carefully fulfilling Scriptures, but the disciples did not understand the connection between what they were seeing and the fulfillment of Scriptures.

Jesus understood all things. He found the colt and rode it into Jerusalem. The crowds shouted and He humbly entered Jerusalem, knowing that soon He would die at Golgotha.

They Remembered

1. **Prophecies.** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt and His coming to Jerusalem fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.

2. **Understand.** At times in our lives we understand things much better as we look back at events that happened in the past.

3. **Significance.** In this case, the disciples did not fully comprehend the significance of what was happening.

4. **Fulfilled.** After Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that the things that took place that day fulfilled Old Testament Scriptures.

5. **Remembered.** They also remembered that they had done these things to Him.

6. **Look Back.** Living Godly in the family of God means that sometimes we see things the most clearly when we look back at the things we did to people.

7. **We See.** We rejoice today because we see Jesus better as we look back, and look around, and look forward. As eternal God, He always looks after us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by trusting God to help you understand things happening around you.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by learning to see God at work around us and in us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praying that God would open our eyes so that we perceive what God is doing around us and in us.**

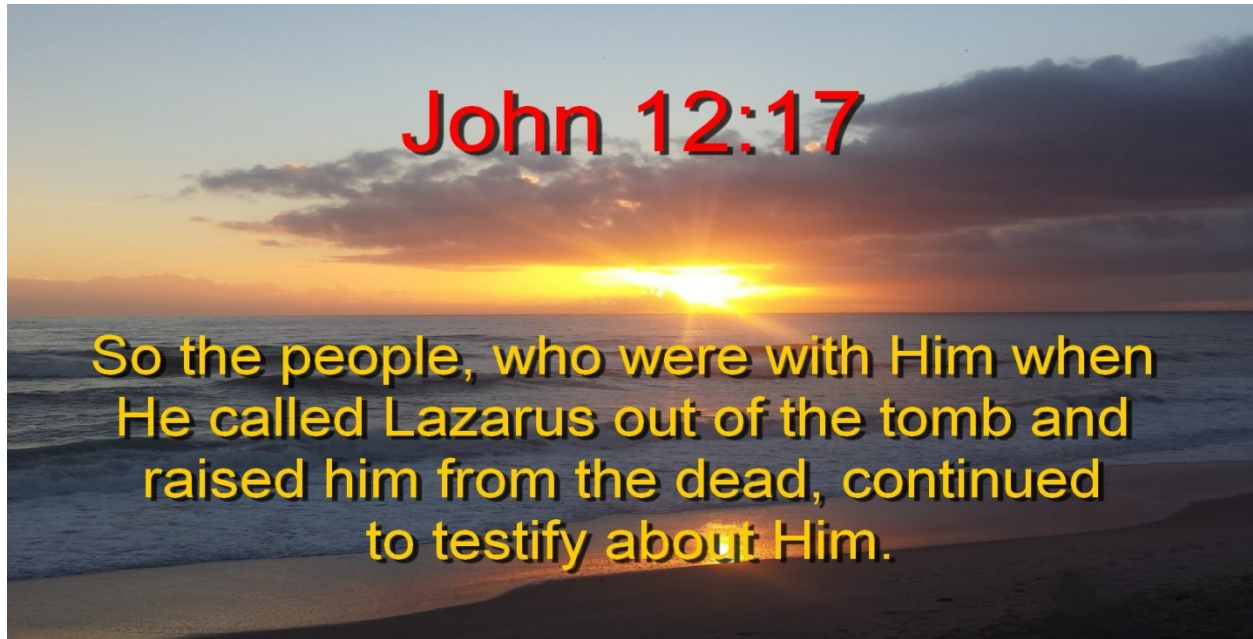
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God learning to see and understand the works of God around us and in us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praying that God would help you understand His works and their significance?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Thirty Nine

Continued Today



What were the people doing who were with Jesus when He called Lazarus from the tomb? Those people continued to testify about Jesus.

People continue to testify about Jesus. So often people are reluctant for a variety of reasons to talk about Jesus. The Jews had decided to put people out of the synagogue if they confessed Jesus as Messiah. Even so, people were talking about Jesus for raising Lazarus from the dead.

The council feared that everyone would believe in Jesus for salvation. The council operated under the direction of their father, the devil. They opposed Jesus and sought to kill Jesus. They wanted to kill Lazarus and later would try to kill all believers in Jesus. The thieves came to kill and destroy, and the council was filled with thieves and robbers.

Jesus deserves the praise and worship of the entire world. Only some people by grace through faith recognized Jesus. Many of them already knew God the Father and so knew and loved Jesus when He walked among them in the flesh.

Testify

1. **Crowds.** As Jesus entered Jerusalem, one crowd from Bethany followed Him because they knew Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead.
2. **Met.** Another crowd came out from Jerusalem with palm fronds as Jesus rode upon the donkey's colt.
3. **Followed.** The people who were with Jesus when He raised Lazarus from the dead followed Him and talked about Him.
4. **Enraged.** The testimony of the people about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead enraged the religious leaders.
5. **Leaders.** Those religious leaders planned to kill Jesus. Crowds gathered to Jesus posed very serious obstacles to their plans.
6. **Testify.** Living Godly in the family of God means that people will always testify to the wonderful works of Jesus Christ.
7. **Miraculous.** We rejoice today because crowds still follow Jesus and testify about His miraculous powers, even to raise the dead.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by testifying about Jesus and how we have seen the great things He has done.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by speaking of His majesty and the greatness of His kingdom.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another with praise and worship of Jesus founded upon His great power and love.**

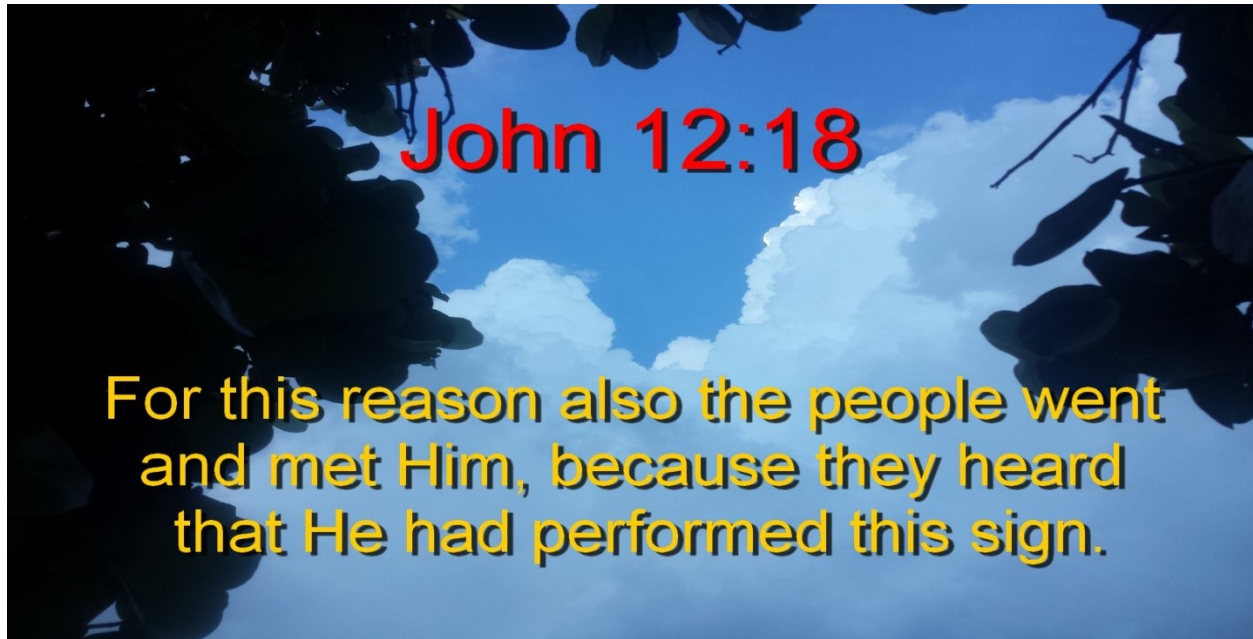
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by testifying to the power of Jesus Christ in our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by continuing to testify about Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Forty

Went and Met Today



Why did the people go to meet Jesus? They people went to meet Jesus because they heard He had raised Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus did not come to see Lazarus immediately. He told His disciples that He was going to awaken Lazarus. He meant He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead.

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, many witnesses began to testify about what Jesus had done. Lazarus himself confirmed the sign from Jesus with his living presence.

Jesus had the power of life and death. People came to see Jesus because of the signs He performed in the Father's name.

This Sign

1. **Reason**. Some people have reasons for some things they do. In this case, the crowd came to see Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead.

2. **People**. The crowds contrasted with the council. The crowds came to see Him because of His signs and the council wanted to kill Him because of the signs. The crowds shouted Hosanna and the council plotted to kill Him. The crowds came to see Lazarus and the council planned on killing Lazarus too.

3. **Went**. Different crowds came to see Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. Some crowds came with Jesus and other crowds came from Jerusalem and other places. They all went to see Jesus.

4. **Met**. The crowds met Jesus with palm branches and shouts of Hosanna, proclaiming that their King had arrived.

5. **Heard**. The people meeting Jesus heard about the sign of raising Lazarus from the dead. Marvelous news can travel extremely fast.

6. **Performed**. Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus did the works of His Father. He performed signs that authenticated His ministry, but the Father testified that Jesus was His Son and that He had sent Jesus.

7. **Signs**. We rejoice today because Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. We can rest assured in the Holy Spirit that we will be raised from the dead and resurrected to glorified bodies.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for the powerful signs He performed.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus performed signs so that people would believe in Him for salvation.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we glorify God for the great signs Jesus performed that encourage our faith in Him.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing over the signs that Jesus performed. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus performed many signs so that everyone would believe in Him?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Forty One

Any Good Today



What did the Pharisees say to one another? The Pharisees said to one another that they were not doing any good.

The Pharisees were very concerned that they would lose their position and their nation. As members of the council, they wanted to kill Jesus and Lazarus.

The Pharisees never knew God, but thought they knew God. They tried to establish their own righteousness by keeping the Law of Moses. Yet, Moses will testify against them in the future.

The Pharisees laid heavy religious burdens upon people, but would not lift them themselves even with a finger. They were the blind leading the blind. Jesus spoke to the Pharisees and even had a dinner with the Pharisees. Jesus loved His enemies and repeatedly explained to them how they could have eternal life.

The World

1. **Hosanna.** A crowd from Jerusalem brought palm branches to greet Jesus as He entered the city. They cried: "Hosanna."

2. **Pharisees.** The Pharisees had planned to kill Jesus as soon as possible.

3. **Quarreled.** The Pharisees also quarreled with each other. They heard people in the crowd talking about the sign of Lazarus raised from the dead.

4. **Undeniable.** They also knew about the power of Jesus which they could not deny.

5. **World.** The Pharisees rightly understood that the world was following Jesus, despite their best efforts to silence Him.

6. **Following.** Living Godly in the family of God means that some religious leaders will always try to keep people from following Jesus.

7. **Salvation.** We rejoice today because Jesus draws people from all over the world to Himself for salvation.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus draws many people to Himself for salvation.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we expect that groups like the Pharisees will continually oppose Jesus and people who follow Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we follow Jesus through much opposition because He knows God the Father and was sent by God the Father to give us eternal life as a free gift by grace through faith.**

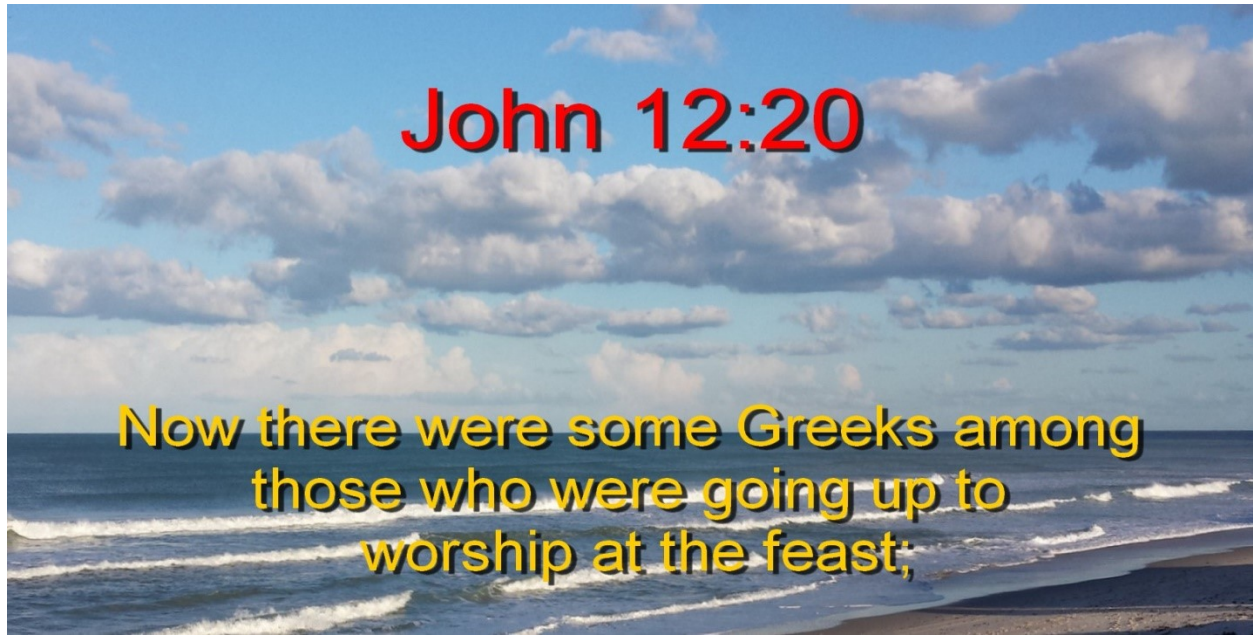
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God today by counting upon evil groups opposing Jesus and His works because Jesus draws many people to Himself for salvation. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving your enemies who oppose the work of Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Forty Two

Some Greeks Today



What were some Greeks doing? Some Greeks were among those who were going up to worship at the Feast.

Every Jewish male had to go to Jerusalem for the Passover. Jesus was going to Jerusalem to offer Himself as the Passover Lamb, and not to begin His physical reign upon earth.

Some Greeks may refer to Hellenistic Jews or it may refer to ethnic Greeks. They were coming to worship. They were part of the crowd and they wanted to see Jesus.

Different crowds of people came for different reasons. Jesus came with His disciples to fulfill Scripture and give His soul a ransom for many. He came to lay down His life and take it up again. Many different people would learn about Jesus and His life, death and resurrection.

Worship

1. **Greeks**. You may recall that Jesus told the Jews that where He was going, they could not come. They thought Jesus was talking about the Dispersion among the Greeks.
2. **Among**. We have already seen that many people were going up to the Feast of Passover. Every male of Israel was required to attend. Religious Gentiles may have also wanted to attend.
3. **Going**. People from all over Israel, and beyond, were going up to the Feast in Jerusalem. The Feast lasted about a week.
4. **Worship**. The Greeks came for worship. Jews had been scattered abroad during various persecutions. Some Hellenistic Jews came back to Jerusalem for the feasts. Also some Greek converts came to the Feast.
5. **Feast**. The Greeks came to the Feast to worship. Jesus said that salvation is of the Jews. Jesus was a Jew.
6. **Diversity**. Living Godly in the family of God means that the Feast of Passover drew people from many places. Jews and Gentiles came to Jerusalem for the Feast. Jews from different places came to Jerusalem to worship.
7. **Crowds**. We rejoice today because crowds from many different backgrounds came to see Jesus. They also came to see Lazarus. We look forward to the day when Jesus will bring saints from all over the world to join Him in the clouds one day.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding people from all over the world seek to worship God.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we welcome people from all over the world who seek to worship Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus builds His church with Greeks and Jews, free and slave, male and female, and all of them trust Him as Savior, forming one flock.**

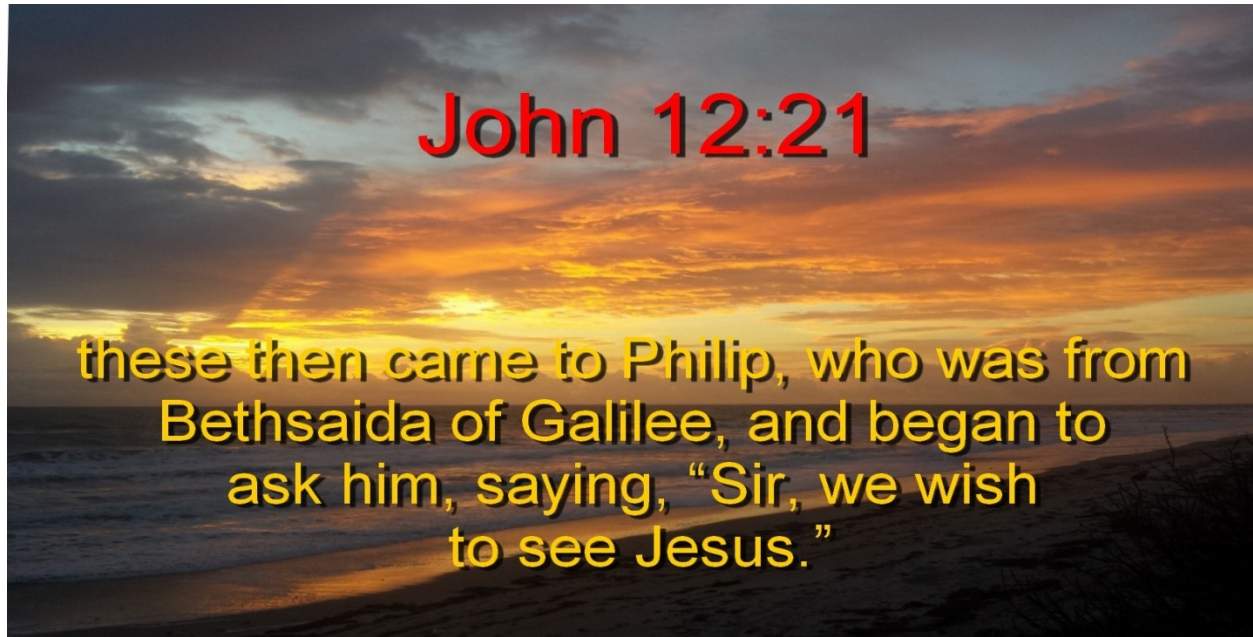
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the many different people who worship God in spirit and in truth. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by joining with other believers in worshipping Jesus our Savior?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Forty Three

See Jesus Today



Why did the Greeks come to Philip? The Greeks came to Philip because they wanted to see Jesus.

The Greeks sought help from Philip. They recognized him as someone who may be able to get them close enough to see Jesus. The Greeks wanted to see Jesus.

Some people attract people to them. Philip apparently looked approachable and able to get them to Jesus. The different disciples functioned differently from one another.

Jesus chose each of the twelve disciples, and He knew all along that one of them, the son of destruction, would betray Him to death. The other eleven each had different functions and they were from different backgrounds. Jesus chose disciples who may not have spoken to each other apart from Jesus.

Philip

1. **These**. As Jesus was entering Jerusalem, some Greeks among those who were going up to worship wanted to see Jesus.

2. **Philip**. Those Greeks came first to Philip, one of the twelve disciples. We learn certain details about the different disciples in the Gospels.

3. **Bethsaida**. Jesus pronounced woe upon Bethsaida for all the miracles performed there, but producing no response for salvation. Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Jesus took the disciples there when they returned from visiting various cities on a missionary journey.

4. **Greeks**. Here we learn that Philip seemed approachable by the Greeks.

5. **Sir**. They honored him with a title of respect, addressing him as "kurie," translated as "sir" or "lord."

6. **Wish**. Living Godly in the family of God means that we should strive to be approachable, so that strangers can come and ask us about Jesus.

7. **Jesus**. We rejoice today because strangers still love to approach Jesus and we can lead them to Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by accepting the people that God sends to us as they look for Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding the gifts God has given to us, and how to use those gifts to build up believers and help other people come to know Jesus as Savior.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by appreciating the differences between Philip and Andrew and Peter and James and John and Matthew. They came from different backgrounds and functioned differently from each other; yet each disciple had a unique ministry to fulfill for Jesus, just like today.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus that we have Greeks among us today seeking Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and be a Philip for every Greek seeking Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Forty Four

Andrew and Philip Today



Why did Philip go to Andrew? Philip went to Andrew so that they could go to Jesus together.

Many people work better as part of team. Philip did not go directly to Jesus, but he went first to Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Together they could go to Jesus.

We should be prepared for some believers to come to us and go with them to Jesus. At other times, people want to go with us to Jesus. Some people just feel more comfortable going to Jesus with someone else.

Because Jesus indwells each believer, we never really leave the presence of Jesus. He abides with us always. Even so, when it comes to introducing others to Jesus, teams may help some people. Jesus loves ministry teams of two or more disciples.

Told Jesus

1. **Philip**. Jesus found Philip and then Philip found Nathanael and told him about Jesus. Philip invited Nathanael to come and see Jesus.

2. **Came**. Philip did not go directly to Jesus. Philip first went to Andrew and told Andrew that the Greeks wanted to see Jesus.

3. **Andrew**. Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter. Like Andrew, they were from Bethsaida.

4. **Came**. Andrew and Philip together went to Jesus. Apparently Philip did not want to go alone to see Jesus.

5. **Told**. Andrew and Philip told Jesus that the Greeks wanted to see Him. With crowds trying to see Jesus, having disciples bring your request for a personal visit helps us understand how things worked around Jesus.

6. **Jesus**. Living Godly in the family of God means that we have open access to Jesus every day, all day and night. He lives within us and we in Him.

7. **Disciples**. We rejoice today because we see Jesus and talk with Him at all times. He hears every word we speak. We see that Jesus had disciples that functioned differently. Philip talked with Andrew about seeing Jesus. Together they went to Jesus. Today, we talk to Jesus directly.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Philip may walk up to us at any moment, because people walked up to him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we go with people who want us to go to Jesus with them.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we rejoice in the various ministries we perform for Jesus as people seek Him by coming first to disciples like us.**

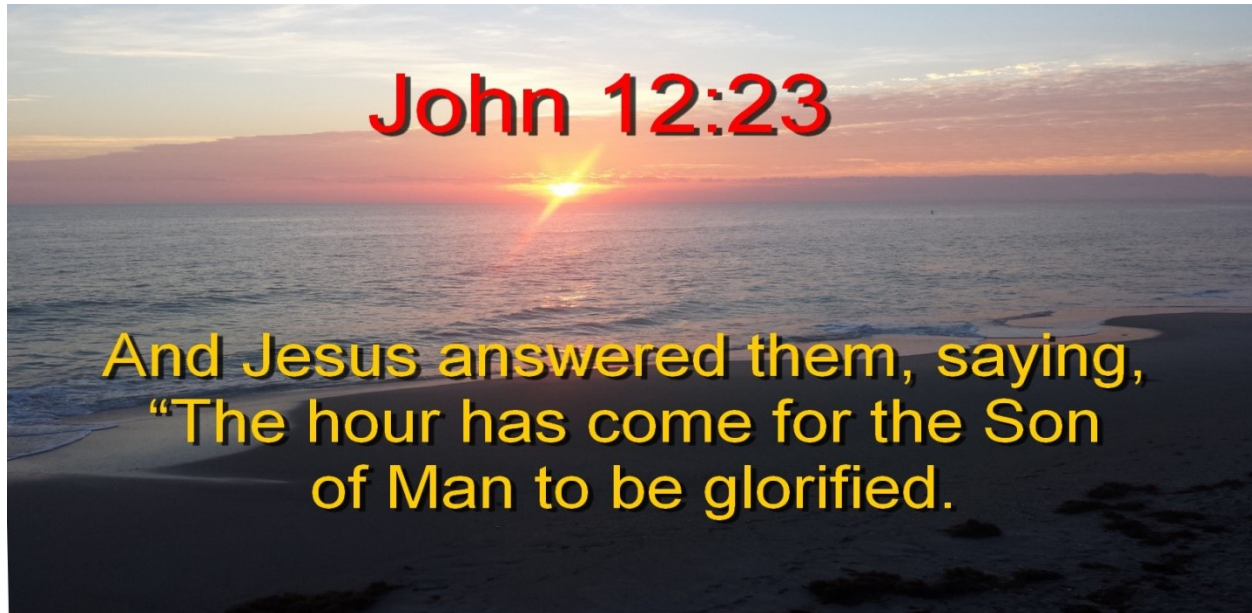
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by helping other disciples lead people to Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by looking for Philip near you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Forty Five

The Hour Today



What did Jesus say to Andrew and Philip? Jesus told Andrew and Philip that the hour had come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Just as Jesus said that the sickness of Lazarus would not end in death, but people who believe would see the glory of God, so also Jesus would be glorified shortly.

Jesus had glorified the Father in all parts of His life and ministry. Now the hour of Jesus was coming where He would be glorified. Those who believe would see His glory.

Jesus did not describe going to Jerusalem as just a time to die, but also a time for the Son of Man to be glorified. Jesus did not seek His own glory. He came to provide the way, the truth and the life, so that people by grace through faith could come to the Father. Without Jesus, people would remain in their sins without eternal life.

Glorified

1. **Greeks.** Philip and Andrew came and told Jesus that the Greeks wanted to see Him.
2. **Answer.** Jesus gave a remarkable answer to them. He said that the hour for the Son of Man (Jesus) to be glorified had come.
3. **Glory.** You may recall that the Gospel of John opened with a statement that we had seen the glory of Jesus, the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
4. **Displayed.** At the wedding of Cana Jesus turned the water into wine and displayed His glory.
5. **Time.** Jesus indicated that a particular time, which He called His hour to be glorified, had arrived. Jesus understood His future.
6. **Hour.** Living Godly in the family of God means that God holds us in the palm of His hand and has a purpose for every hour of our lives.
7. **Glorified.** We rejoice today because the Father glorified Jesus through His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that Jesus was glorified when His hour came.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we recognize that Jesus was glorified through His death, burial, resurrection, ascension and return to heaven.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus suffered with glory to follow, just as the Old Testament prophets described.**

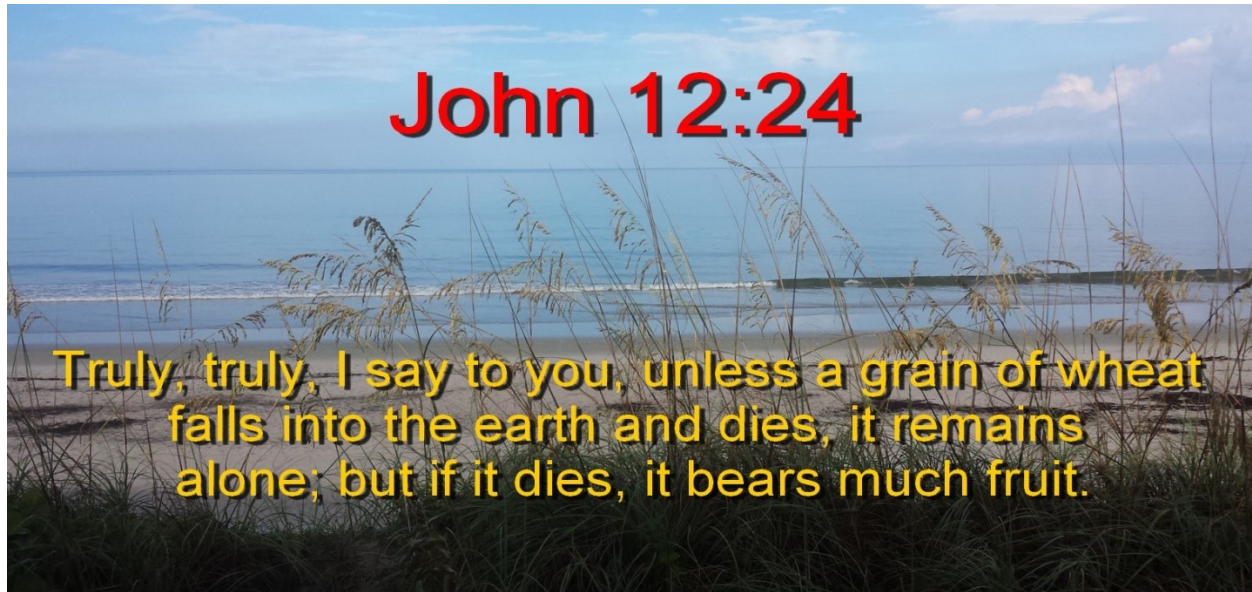
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by looking back upon the hour when Jesus was glorified. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by seeing Jesus glorified?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Forty Six

Grain Today



Why does the grain of wheat have to fall into the earth and die? The grain of wheat must fall into the earth and die so that it bears much fruit.

Jesus explained the purpose of His own impending death. He was the grain of wheat that must fall into the earth and die, so that it bears much fruit.

Jesus told the rich young ruler that God alone is good. So also when Jesus died on the cross, His death bore much fruit, and He was no longer alone, in the sense that only God is good. Now by grace through faith many people become good like God is good.

Jesus taught doctrine. He taught eternal truths that will help us walk in the Holy Spirit and have supernatural lives. We will see God working in our lives each day. Because of Jesus and our faith in Him, we have become good like God is good.

Much Fruit

1. **His Hour.** Jesus explained that His hour had come for Him to be glorified.

2. **Death.** Jesus identified His death with the glory of God. He used the illustration of a grain of wheat falling into the earth.

3. **Wheat.** Jesus said that when the grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, then it bears much fruit.

4. **Fruit.** Jesus meant that He was going to die like that grain of wheat and after His death, that grain of wheat would produce much fruit.

5. **Eternal Life.** Jesus also meant that His death would produce eternal life for many people.

6. **Sacrificial.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know the supreme value of Jesus' sacrificial death for us.

7. **Believers.** We rejoice today because, as believers, we are part of the "much fruit" that Jesus talked about.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus has shared His divine goodness with us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we believe that we are good, like God is good, because Jesus died for us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus that He fell into the ground and died, so that He may produce much good fruit.**

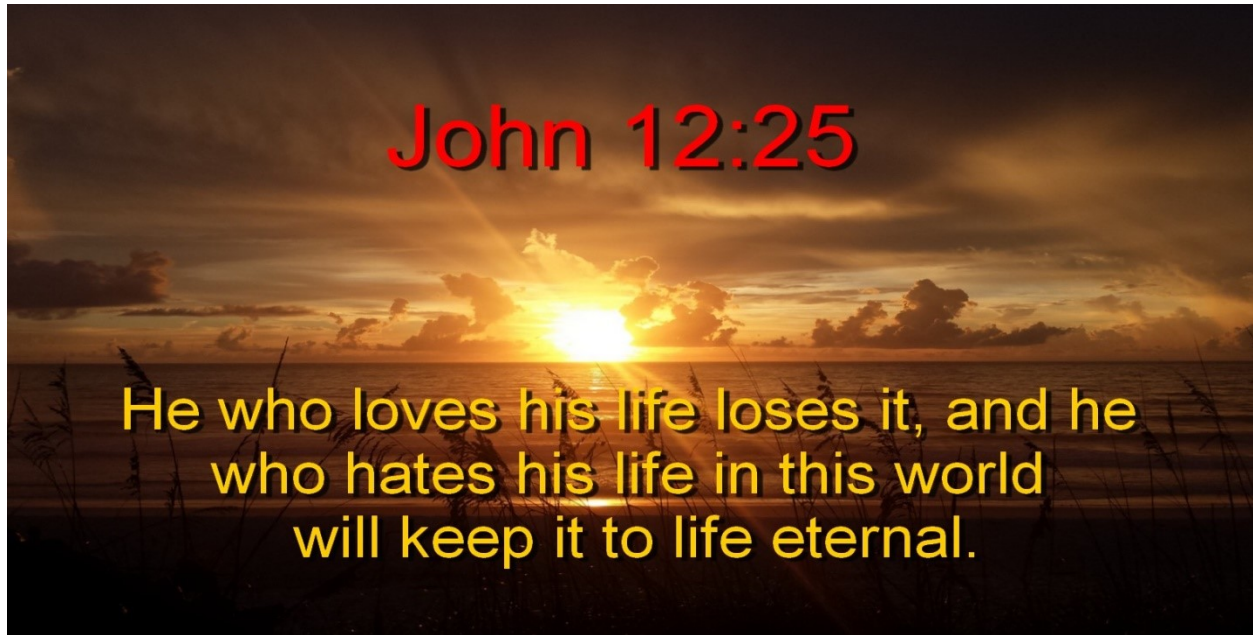
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for falling into the ground and dying for us, so that we became good, like God is good. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing in the divine goodness Jesus gave to you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Forty Seven

Loses It Today



What happens if you hate your soul in this world? Jesus said if you hate your soul in this world, then you will keep it to age life.

Jesus talked about loving your soul. If you love your soul, then you will destroy it. Jesus meant that if you love living without Jesus, then you destroy your soul.

Jesus then explained that if you hate your soul in this world, then you will guard your soul to age life. In this context age life emphasizes that you have spiritual life in this present age, and look forward to a new age of Christ's reign upon earth in the new age.

Guarding your life means that God abides in you and Jesus keeps you. Jesus said He did not lose even one of the people that God the Father gave to Him.

Keeps It

1. **Loves**. Jesus explained that He came to die like a grain of wheat which falls into the ground and then bears much fruit. He then explained if you are the one loving (ὁ φιλῶν) your life, then you will destroy it.

2. **Soul**. Jesus linked loving your soul (τὴν ψυχὴν--not life) in this present world with destroying it. If you love your soul, then you will destroy it.

3. **Lose**. Jesus said you destroy (“ἀπολλύει”) your soul by loving your soul in this life.

4. **Hates**. Jesus then explained that the one who hates (“ὁ μισῶν”) his soul in this world (“κόσμῳ”) to age life (“ζωὴν αἰώνιον”) shall guard (“φυλάξει”) it.

5. **World**. Jesus described hating your soul in this world. The world described the world system, which is generally opposed. God loves the world and gave His only Son so that people may believe on Him and have eternal life.

6. **Age**. Living Godly in the family of God means that we hate our soul in this present world so that we may keep it to age life. The term age may mean eternal life, but it also may emphasize that the nature of life in a particular time period.

7. **Life**. We rejoice today because Jesus promised that everyone who hates his soul in this world may keep it to age life (and beyond). Jesus meant that by grace through faith we have eternal life, and we lay down our souls to serve God.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that hating your soul in this world means that you have age life.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we praise Jesus for giving us age life now because we hate our souls in this life.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we worship Jesus for giving us age life, so that our souls will not be destroyed.**

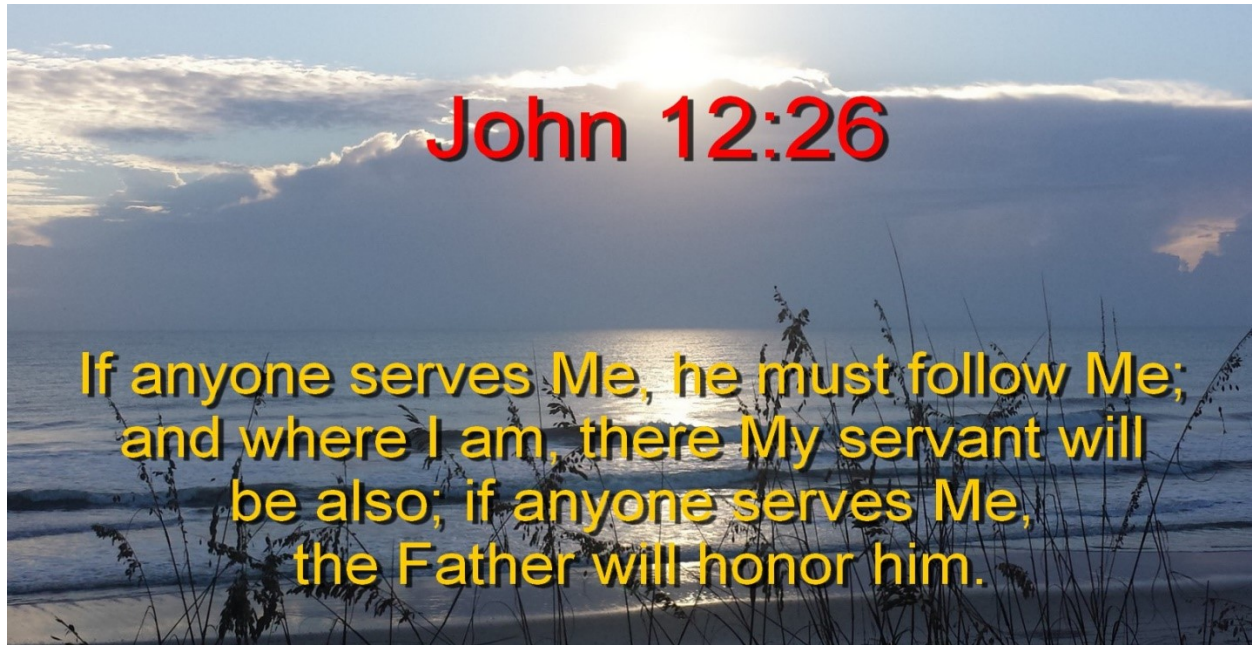
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising God for age life today because we hate our souls in this world. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by hating your soul in this world?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Forty Eight

Follow Me Today



What happens if you serve Jesus? If you serve Jesus, then you must follow Jesus.

Jesus taught that people may serve Him. If they serve Jesus, then they must also follow Jesus. You cannot claim to serve Jesus if you do not follow Jesus. Remember that Jesus said that He calls His sheep by name and they follow Him, because they know His voice.

Jesus also talked about honor. Jesus promised that if anyone serves Him, then the Father would honor Him. Can you imagine the God of all things honoring you? Jesus promised that service to Jesus brings honor from God the Father. God rewards those people who diligently serve His Son. Jesus promised honor to encourage us that God is faithful and righteous in all things.

Honor Him

1. **Attention.** Many people seek their own honor and draw attention to their own works.

2. **Serve.** Jesus invited people to serve Him and follow Him; He also said you cannot serve Him without following Him.

3. **Obey.** For Jesus, the essence of following Him was to serve Him and obey His commands.

4. **Follow.** Jesus also emphasized that as we follow Him, we will remain with Him.

5. **Honor.** Jesus also promised that the Father would honor everyone who serves Jesus and follows Him.

6. **Love.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we love to serve Jesus and follow Him.

7. **Always.** We rejoice today because we know that we will always be with Jesus as we follow Him and the Father will honor us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by serving Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we follow Jesus because we serve Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by expecting that God the Father will honor all people who serve Jesus.**

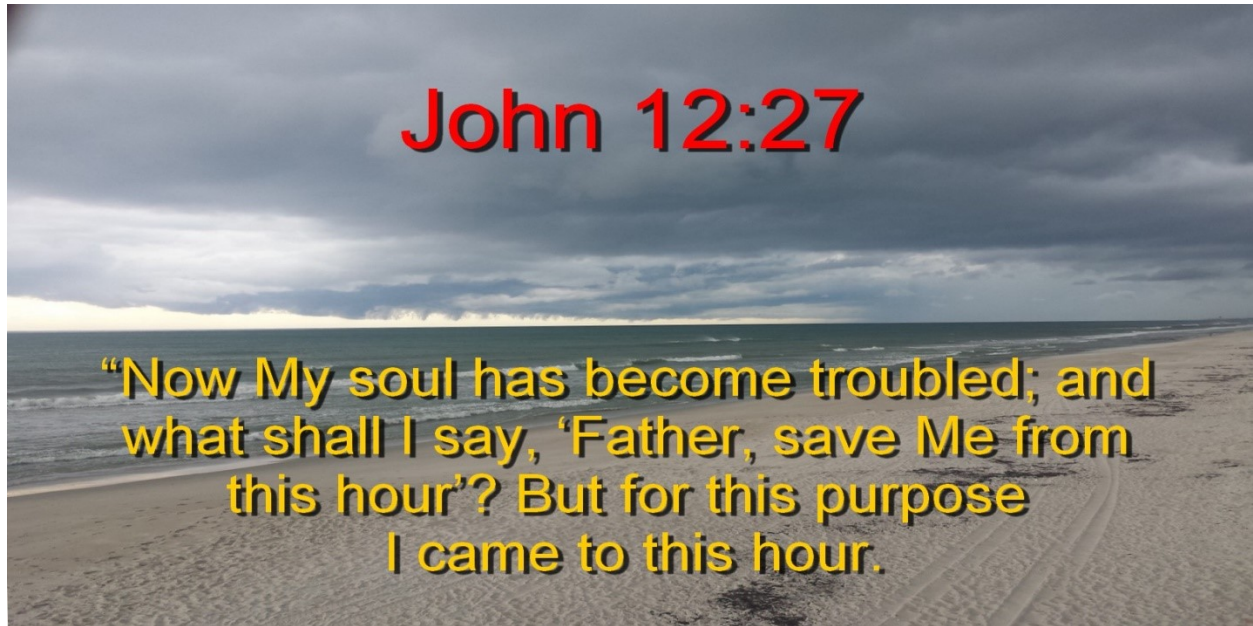
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by following Jesus because we serve Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting that God the Father will honor you for following Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Forty Nine

Troubled Today



What troubled Jesus? The soul of Jesus was troubled as He looked forward to His hour.

Jesus said that He came to that hour for the very purpose of laying down His soul. Jesus emphasized that the Good Shepherd lays down His soul for the sheep. Therefore, because Jesus purposed to lay down His soul for the sheep, so also His soul felt troubled.

Jesus had purpose to His life. He purposed to accomplish His Father's will moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day, year by year. Jesus did works of powers in the Name of God the Father. Jesus said no one took His soul from Him. Jesus laid down His soul so that He may take it up again.

Purpose

1. **Death.** Jesus proclaimed that His death was near. He would be like a grain of wheat, falling into the earth, which died, and produced much fruit.
2. **Troubled.** As Jesus prophesied about His death, He also disclosed that He was troubled.
3. **Suffer.** He knew that He was going to suffer tremendous physical injury, coupled with suffering the spiritual condemnation of our sin in His flesh.
4. **Focused.** Although troubled, Jesus remained focused upon doing the Father's will. He did not pray for the Father to deliver Him from the hour of death.
5. **Purpose.** Instead, Jesus affirmed the purpose for His life: He came to that hour to give His life so that our sins may be forgiven by faith alone.
6. **Glorify.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we remember that Jesus felt troubled, and yet neither sinned nor lost His focus upon His purpose to glorify God.
7. **Serve.** We rejoice today even when we feel troubled by upcoming events, knowing that we serve God according to His good purpose, and not according to our own human desires.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by learning more about the prayer life of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we pray like Jesus prayed.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we consider our purpose for living in constant prayer.**

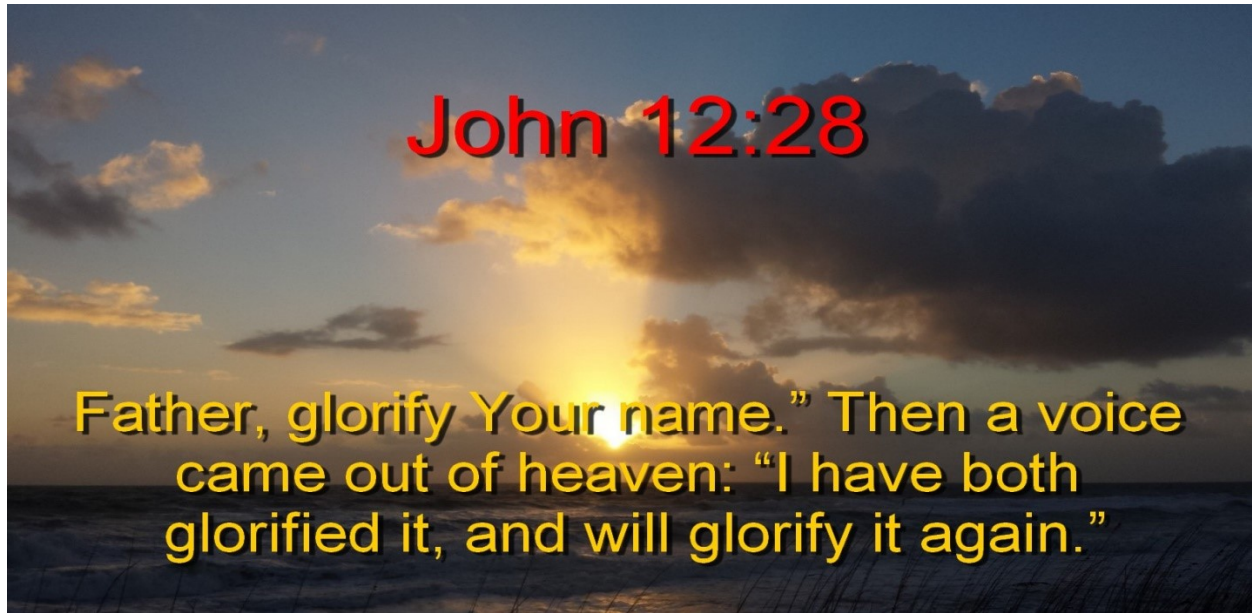
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praying like Jesus prayed. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by learning to pray more like Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Fifty

Glorify Today



Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

What did the voice from heaven say? The voice from heaven said that He had glorified His name and will glorify it again.

Jesus prayed that God the Father would glorify His Name. Jesus understood what it would take to glorify the Name of God. Jesus must lay down His soul so that He may take it up again.

The Father spoke from heaven and said that He had glorified His name. Jesus had been glorifying the Father in everything He did. He did the works of His Father all the time.

The Father uses Jesus to glorify the Father’s Name. The Father will use our lives too to glorify His Name. As we follow Jesus, we do the works of God and He uses our lives to glorify His Name.

Voice

1. **Purpose.** Jesus came to His hour with a specific purpose in mind.
2. **Suffer.** He did not ask for His Father to save Him from that hour of suffering and death.
3. **Prayed.** Jesus prayed out loud: "Father, glorify Your name."
4. **Voice.** A voice from heaven said: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."
5. **Focused.** As Jesus approached death, He focused His prayer upon the glory of God.
6. **Plan.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that Jesus lived and died as part of the Father's plan to glorify Himself and Jesus.
7. **Glorified.** We rejoice today because the life, death and resurrection of Jesus glorified the Name of the Father.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by praying that God would glorify His name.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that God intends to use our lives to glorify His name.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we pray together that God would use our lives each day to glorify His Name.**

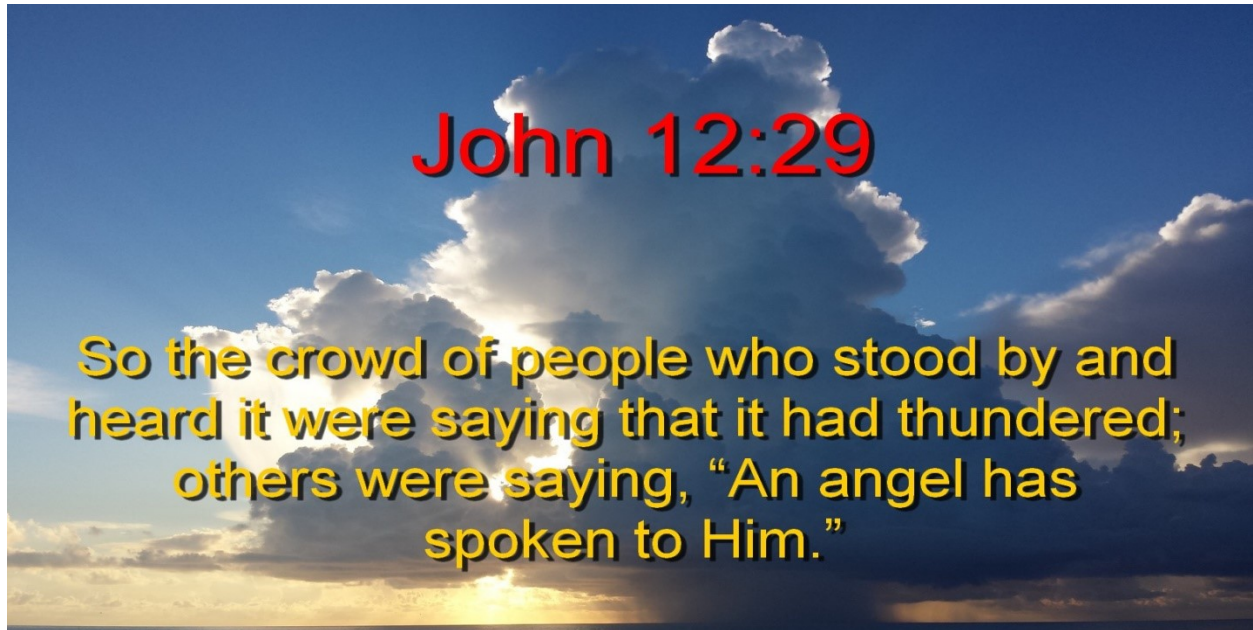
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praying with faith that God would use our lives today to glorify His name. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by believing and praying that God will use your life to glorify Himself?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Fifty One

Heard It Today



What did the crowd hear when God the Father spoke to Jesus? The crowd heard sounds, but they did not agree upon what they heard.

Some people in the crowd said that they heard thunder. Others in the crowd said that an angel had spoken to Jesus. The crowd heard something loud, but they could not distinguish the words.

Jesus understood exactly what His Father had said. God the Father said that He had glorified His Name and would glorify it in the future. Jesus lived His entire life to the glory of God.

Jesus always set a perfect example for us. He seeks for us to follow Him. He hears from the Father, even when others heard loud sounds. Jesus never leads us astray. He always leads us to glorify God with Him.

Thundered

1. **Prayer.** In John 12:28, Jesus uttered a short prayer: "Father, glorify Your name."

2. **Immediately.** A voice immediately came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

3. **Thundered.** Some people in the crowd said it had thundered. Apparently, they did not understand the words from heaven.

4. **Angel.** Others in the crowd thought an angel had spoken to Jesus.

5. **Loud.** The crowd certainly heard something very loud from heaven, but they did not comprehend the exact words.

6. **Blessed.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we are blessed to comprehend the words spoken from heaven about Jesus. The glory of God abounded.

7. **Hear.** We rejoice today because the Father always hears the Son, and they both love us and hear us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that God sometimes speaks with a very loud voice that only Jesus understands.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by hearing God the Father speak to us through the Scriptures.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we praise God that the Father always heard Jesus.**

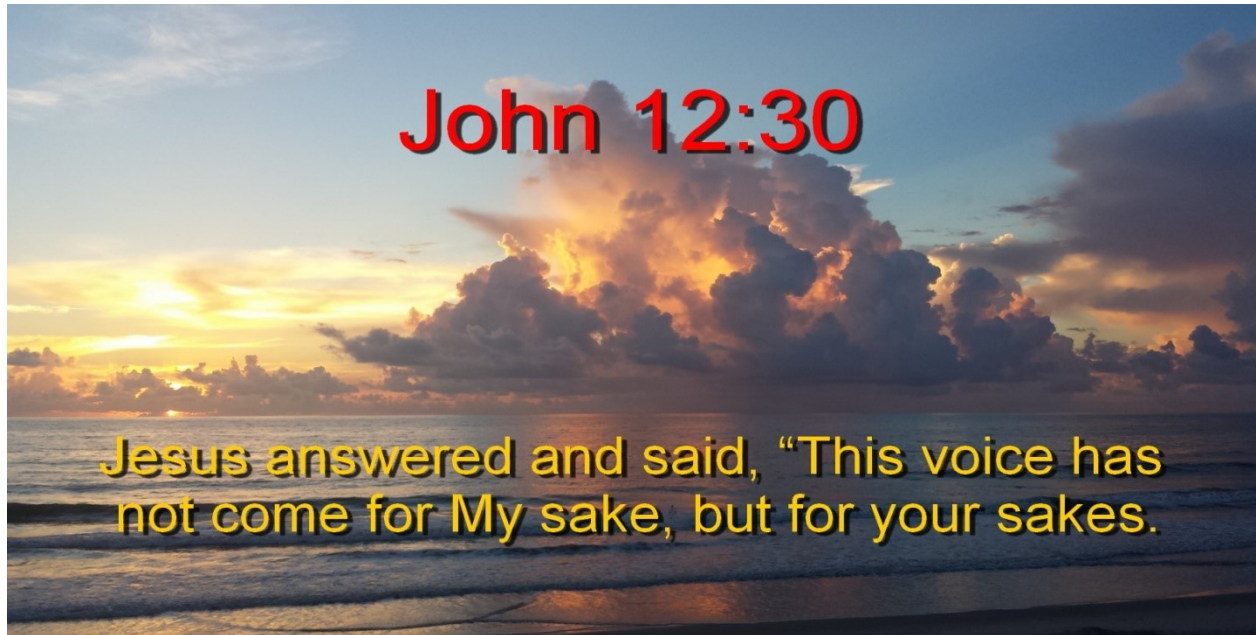
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by listening to the voice of God in the Scriptures. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by hearing God speaking to you through the Bible?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Fifty Two

This Voice Today



What did Jesus say about the voice? Jesus said the voice did not come for His sake, but for their sakes.

Jesus identified the sound they heard as a voice. He also understood the voice and what God had said. Jesus explained that voice came not for His sake, but for the sake of the crowd.

Jesus wanted the crowd to know that God the Father was supporting the ministry of Jesus. He spoke audibly for all the crowd to hear. They did not understand the words of God the Father, but they apparently knew the sound came for Jesus.

God the Father provided clear evidence that Jesus was His Son and they were in continual contact. They were truly one. The crowd did not comprehend that Jesus was both God and Man. He was Messiah, God in the flesh.

Your Sakes

1. **Thundering.** After Jesus prayed: "Father, glorify Your name," a thundering voice came from heaven and said: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."
2. **Loud.** The crowd heard a loud noise, but did not understand the words.
3. **Voice.** Jesus explained that the voice from heaven did not come for His sake, but for the sake of the people in the crowd.
4. **Spiritual.** Jesus always had deep spiritual love and concern for the people around Him, even those people who sought to kill Him.
5. **Confirmed.** The thundering voice from heaven certainly confirmed that God the Father heard God the Son praying and responded immediately and out loud.
6. **Listened.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know when Jesus prayed, the Father listened.
7. **Glorify.** We rejoice today because Jesus prayed very carefully. He did not seek deliverance from the hour of suffering and death awaiting Him, but rather He prayed for the Father to glorify Himself. We should pray likewise for the Father to glorify Himself in our lives.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by listening to Jesus when He explains things to us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we trust Jesus to reveal the Father and His words to us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we worship Jesus for His kindness in letting us hear from the Father.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by listening to Jesus as He explains the Father to us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by listening to Jesus as He explains the Father to us?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Fifty Three

Judgment Today



What happened to the ruler of this world? Jesus said that now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

Jesus explained a two-step process. First, judgment is upon the world. Second, the ruler of this world will be cast out. Jesus explained the future in very few, simple words.

Jesus announced the end results before He explained the details. Jesus indicated that His presence also brought judgment upon this world. Satan rules this world and the people in it who have not been born again.

Jesus came into this world and judgment followed Him. His presence also signaled the end of the devil's rule upon this world. His days will come to an end. Jesus explained that He bound the strong man (the devil), and then He will plunder the evil house. Jesus also gave His disciples power so that even the evil spirits obeyed them.

Ruler of This World

1. **Reply.** Jesus prayed that the Father would glorify Himself. A voice from heaven thundered in reply.

2. **Voice.** Jesus then explained that the voice came not for His sake, but for the crowd's sake.

3. **Judgment.** Jesus had previously stated that the Father had delivered all judgment to the Son, so that people would honor Jesus as they honored the Father.

4. **Freedom.** Jesus also announced that the ruler of this world will be cast out. He meant that satan will not rule this world forever, but Jesus will bring freedom from the slavery of sin and the power of the devil.

5. **Satan Bound.** Satan will also be cast out from the world. In the future there will be a war in heaven and satan and his angels will be cast out of heaven to the earth. Jesus will then come to earth again and establish His millennial reign upon the Earth. Then satan will be bound in the abyss for a thousand years.

6. **Change.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that when Jesus died and rose again, everything changed.

7. **Ruler.** We rejoice today because Jesus will bring judgment upon the world and the devil will be cast out so that he will no longer be the ruler of this world.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that judgment is upon this world.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by recognizing that the devil is the ruler of this world.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus because He will cast out the devil in the future.**

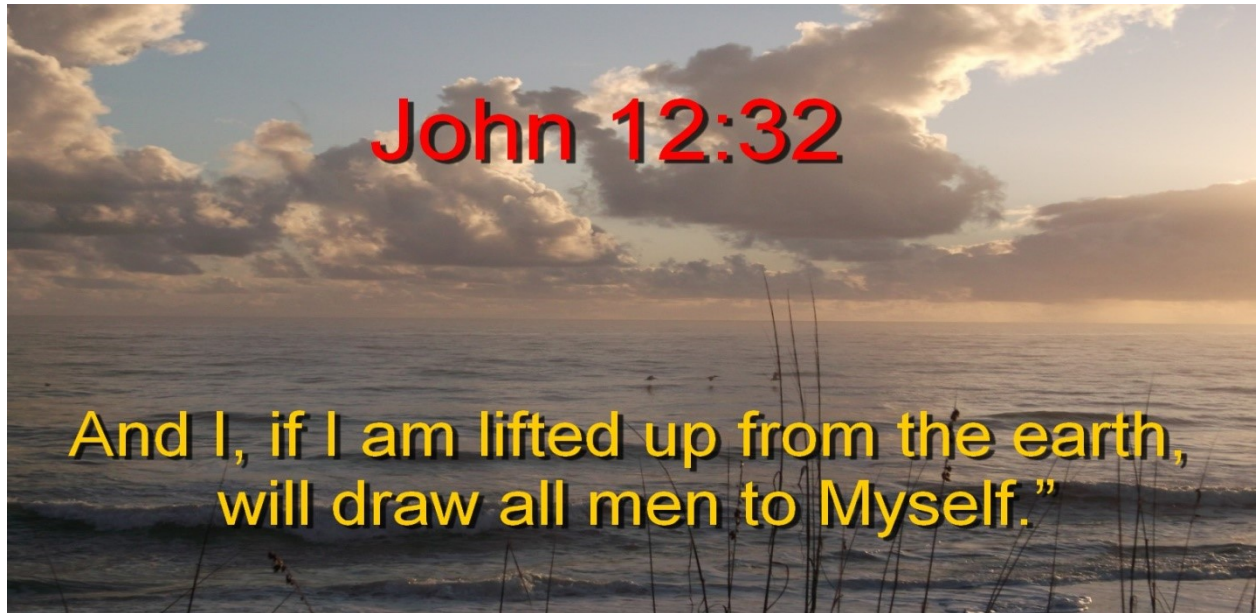
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to plunder the house of the devil. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by following Jesus closely as He leads us to victory over the devil?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Fifty Four

Lifted Up Today



What will happen if Jesus is lifted up? Jesus proclaimed that He would draw all men to Himself, if He was lifted up from the earth.

Jesus promised to draw all men to Himself. Jesus qualified that promise with the fact that first He must be lifted up from the earth. Jesus apparently referred to His crucifixion.

Jesus had already prophesied that He would be lifted up from the earth, signaling what kind of death awaited Him. Jesus knew that He would be crucified and the Jews would hand Him over to death by the Romans.

Death was not the end for Jesus. Jesus would rise from the dead with a resurrected body. He would continue His ministry and draw all men to Himself. Jesus did not promise to save all men, but He did say He would draw all men. Each person would make a decision about saving faith.

Draw

1. **Prophecies.** After the voice thundered from heaven in reply to the prayer of Jesus, Jesus began a series of prophecies.

2. **Judgment.** Jesus first prophesied that judgment is now upon the world and that the ruler of this world will be cast out. Jesus prophesied about the demise of satan.

3. **All Men.** Jesus then prophesied that if He was lifted up from the earth, He will draw all men to Himself.

4. **Context.** Please keep the context of these prophecies in mind.

5. **Hour.** Jesus had reached the hour for the Son of Man (Jesus) to be glorified through His death, burial and resurrection.

6. **Death.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that Jesus really will draw all men to Himself through His death on the cross, lifted up from the earth.

7. **Salvation.** We rejoice today, not because every human being will have eternal life, but because God gives the free gift of eternal life to everyone who believes in Jesus for salvation. Jesus draws all men to Himself, but only some people receive the free gift.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus would draw all men to Himself.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus knew He would be crucified for us and loved us always.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for laying down His life by being lifted up from the earth.**

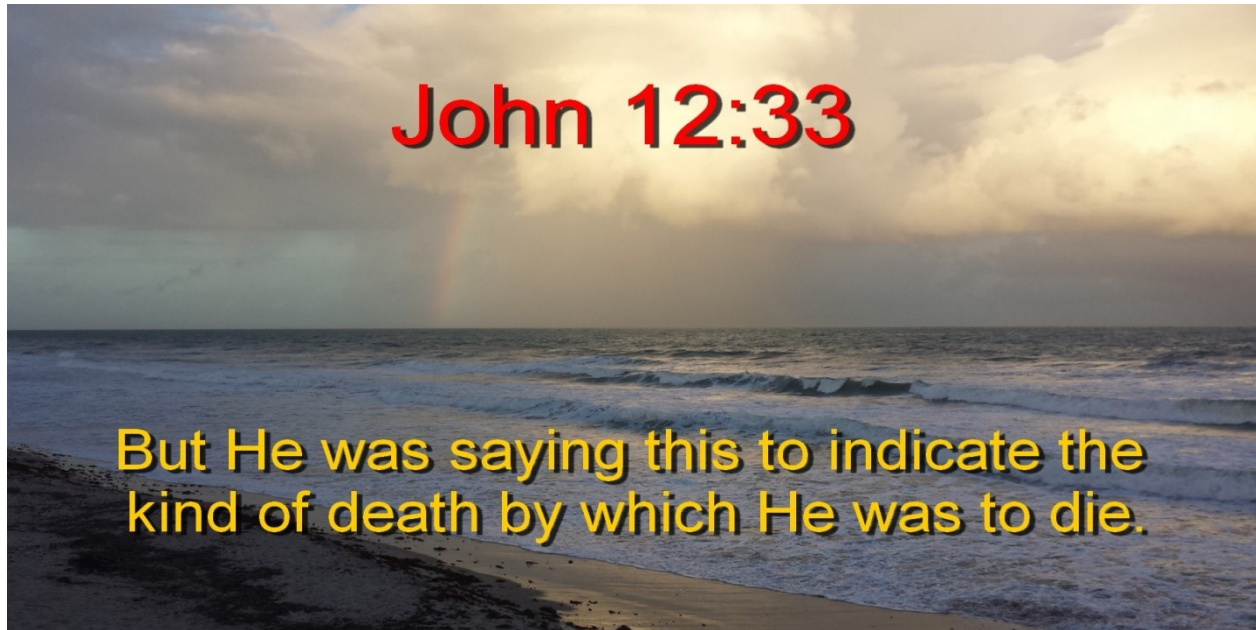
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for drawing us to Himself. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus drew you to Himself so that you would be with Him for eternity?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Fifty Five

Kind of Death Today



What kind of death awaited Jesus? Jesus indicated his death would include being lifted up from the earth.

Jesus revealed the future. As God, He knew all things. He prophesied frequently. He described His death in detail before it happened. Jesus knew the purpose that He came in to the world.

Jesus came to give Himself so that others may live. He came to die for us and then glory to follow. Jesus did not believe that His work would end in His death. On the contrary, His work included His death on the cross. Then He would take up His soul again and carry out His post-resurrection ministry.

Jesus told people about the future so that they would understand the past someday. They would look back and remember what Jesus said before it happened and believe.

To Die

1. **Lifted Up.** Jesus prophesied that if He was lifted up, He would draw all men to Himself.

2. **Explanation.** As we see so often in the Bible, the next verse provides the explanation of the prophecy.

3. **Crucifixion.** Being lifted up from the earth meant that He was going to be raised up on a cross and so die by crucifixion.

4. **Agony.** Jesus knew exactly the kind of death awaiting Him and the agony about to fall upon Him.

5. **Knew.** Jesus knew that by His death, He would draw all men to Himself.

6. **Death.** Living Godly in the family means that Jesus knows all about the death we will die too.

7. **Eternal Life.** Jesus died a horrible death so we will enjoy eternal life with Him for all eternity.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus prophesied about His manner of death.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we love Jesus for fulfilling the purpose of God for His life.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we follow Jesus in laying down His life for others.**

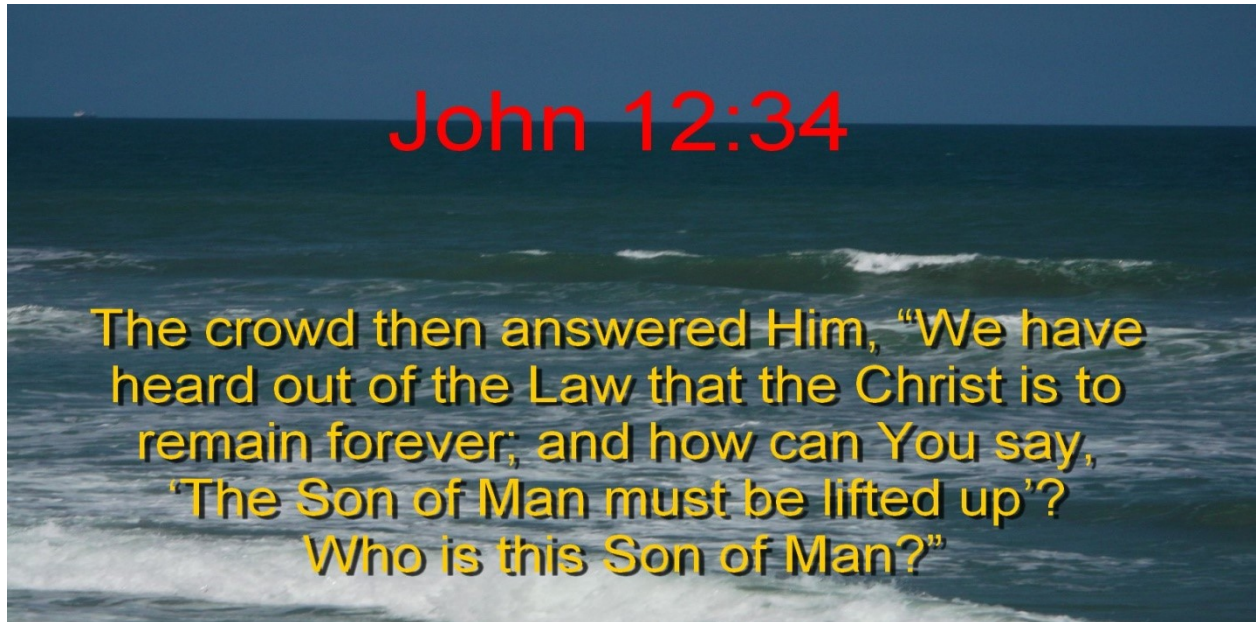
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the planned and purposeful death of Jesus by being lifted up. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving Jesus for being lifted up from the earth?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Fifty Six

Who Is Today



Why did the crowd ask who was the Son of Man? The crowd asked who the Son of Man was because they had heard that the Christ would remain forever.

The crowd understood from the Old Testament that the Christ would come and reign forever. They did not understand the Christ would come first and suffer, die and be resurrected, with glory to follow.

The Old Testament shows that Christ would be born from the line of David the King. The Jews did not understand that the Christ would give His soul a ransom for many. Jesus would lay down His soul and take it up again.

The crowd only knew the Scriptures indicating that Christ would come and reign. They were looking for the Mightiest King, and overlooked the Suffering Servant, because they never knew the God of the Old Testament.

Son of Man

1. **Hour.** Jesus used the title Son of Man when He said that the hour has come for Him to be glorified.
2. **Crucified.** Jesus also said the Son of Man would be lifted up, meaning that He would be crucified.
3. **Christ.** The Jews understood from the Law that when the Christ came, He would remain forever.
4. **Misunderstood.** At times, our own sinful understandings of the Bible hinder us from seeing Jesus standing right before us.
5. **After.** In this case, the Jews did not understand that the Christ would only come and remain after He first gave His life upon the cross with resurrection and ascension to follow.
6. **Accurate.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we labor diligently to show ourselves approved as a workman before God, accurately dividing the word of truth.
7. **Forever.** We rejoice today because Jesus died first with glory to follow. As promised, He certainly will remain forever as Lord, Savior, and Eternal King.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus came to earth as the Suffering Servant, to give His soul a ransom for many.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we remember that Christ will remain forever, for He is always eternal.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by believing that Jesus will always be with us, no matter what people say or teach.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus is the Son of Man, who died like a man, but achieved only what God could achieve with His death. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus will be coming back to reign upon the earth?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Fifty Seven

Little While Today



John 12:35

So Jesus said to them, "For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes."

What people do not know where they are going? The people who walk in darkness do not know where they are going.

Jesus described Himself as the Light that comes into the world and enlightens every man. Because Jesus is the Light, people should walk in the Light while the Light is among them. Jesus said that the Light would be among them for a little while longer.

Jesus then warned about the darkness. Jesus said that the darkness will not overtake you, so long as you walk in the Light. He warned further that everyone who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

Jesus often contrasted two things in the Gospel of John. This theme about Light and darkness illuminated the loving work of Jesus Christ on earth. He came to earth and shone brilliantly the way of God. He alone is the way, the truth and the life.

Overtake

1. **While**. Jesus often spoke about time. Here He said a little while longer the Light is among you.

2. **Light**. Jesus described Himself as the Light which comes into the world and enlightens every man.

3. **Walk**. Jesus then commanded that people walk in the Light while they have the Light.

4. **Darkness**. Jesus said you must walk in the Light or the darkness will overtake you. That implies the darkness follows you.

5. **Know**. Some people walk in darkness. They walk without Jesus and the darkness surrounds them. When people walk in darkness, they do not know where they are going.

6. **Where**. Living Godly in the family of God means that we no longer walk in darkness because the Light of Jesus is within us.

7. **Goes**. We rejoice today because we go where Jesus goes. Unlike walking in darkness, we walk where Jesus goes, and He illuminates the path before us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by walking in the Light.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that people without the Light are walking in darkness.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by walking with Jesus so that the Light guides our way each step.**

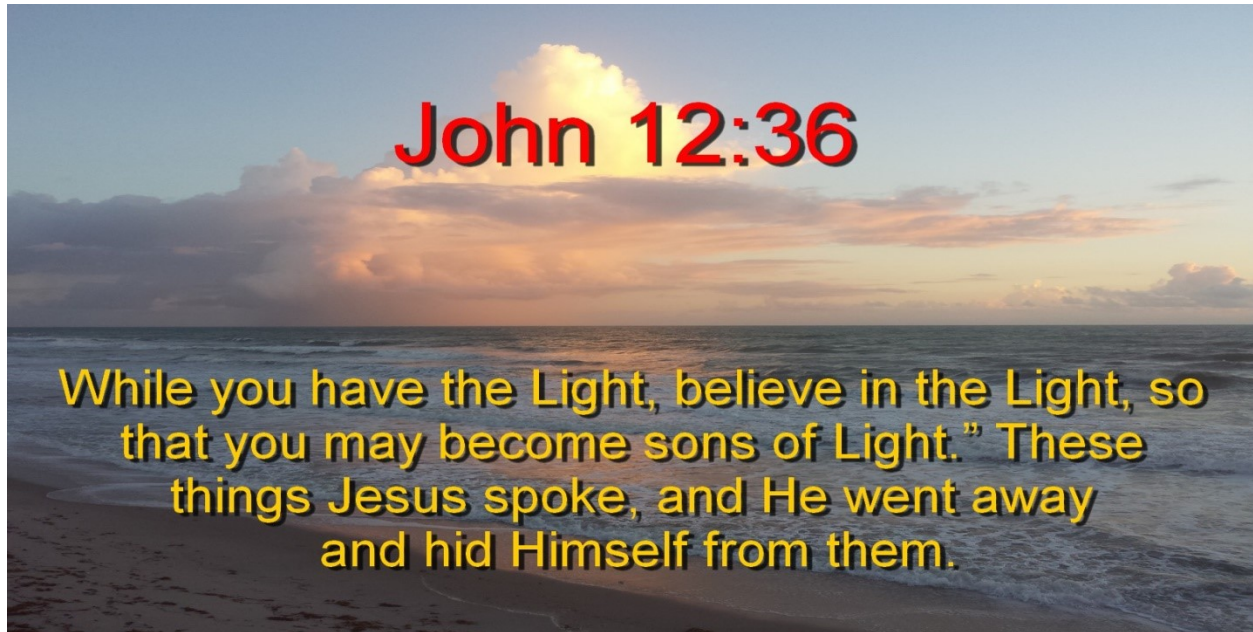
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by walking in the Light. Will you live Godly in the family of God by walking with other believers in the light today?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Fifty Eight

Believe Today



Why did Jesus frequently command people to believe in Him? Jesus commanded people to believe in Him so that they may become sons of Light.

Jesus said He was the Light. By becoming sons of Light, we become sons of Jesus in that sense. We become His children by being born from above.

Jesus sought to transform the crowd hearing Him. He proclaimed salvation to them by faith in Him as the Light. He explained that his hour had come and that He would be going back to heaven. The crowd did not understand what Jesus meant.

Jesus loved the crowd and wanted all of them to receive eternal life by faith in Him. He then went away and hid Himself. Jesus picked just the right time to lay down His soul for the people. He hid at just the right time.

Sons of Light

1. **Believe**. Jesus understood that the hour had come for the Father to glorify His name. Jesus made His Gospel very clear: salvation by faith alone.

2. **Command**. Please take notice that Jesus commanded faith; it was never optional.

3. **Light**. Repeatedly in the Gospel of John Jesus identified Himself as Light. Jesus commanded the people to believe in the Light while the Light was with them.

5. **Become**. Jesus preached the Gospel of Rebirth. At the moment that you believe in the Light, you become a new person.

6. **Sons of Light**. Living Godly in the family of God means that the moment you believe in Jesus for salvation, you become a son of Light and join the other sons of Light.

7. **Hid**. Jesus hid Himself at just the right time and proclaimed salvation in Him. Jesus intended to fulfill the prophecy of crucifixion at just the right time on Passover.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by believing everything Jesus said.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we live among the sons of Light by faith in Jesus as Savior.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by knowing that once born into the sons of Light, we remain in that family forever.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing with all the sons of Light that Jesus loves us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by encouraging all the sons of Light to enjoy walking in the Light with Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Fifty Nine

Many Signs Today



Do signs guarantee belief? Jesus worked many signs before the people, but the crowds did not believe in Him for salvation.

Signs function as stamps of approval. At times, the devil and his minions will be able to work signs and wonders, and would deceive even the elect, if possible.

Just because someone does signs does not mean that God sent them. People will stand before Jesus in judgment and call Him Lord, Lord, and claim they did many miracles in His name. Jesus will tell them to depart from Him because He never knew them.

Jesus did signs that proved God the Father sent Him. Jesus also acted like God sent Him. The fruit that people bear shows whether God is with them. The New Testament provides many tests for determining whether a person loves God or not. Jesus said His disciples continue in His word.

Not Believing

1. **Unbelievers.** Jesus acknowledged previously that unbelievers will perform many signs and wonders.

2. **Test.** The test is not how many signs a person performs, but what did that person teach and say and believe about Jesus.

3. **Taught.** In this case, Jesus taught correctly that He was the Son of God, God in the flesh.

4. **Proved.** Jesus performed many miracles and signs, proving that His Father had sent Him to do the Father's work among men.

5. **Father.** The Father Himself directly testified that Jesus was His Son and people should listen to Jesus.

6. **Identified.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus performed many signs, identifying Himself as the Son of God.

7. **Gift.** We rejoice today because the grace of God opened our eyes and our hearts to receive the free gift of eternal life from Jesus by faith alone.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting that people will not believe the signs that Jesus performed.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by recognizing that faith alone saves people, and that faith is a gift of God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by joining together in the praise and worship of God for making us sons of Light by faith alone.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by recognizing that Jesus performed many signs, but the crowds still did not believe in Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by sharing your faith with people without requiring God to perform signs on demand?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Sixty

Who Today



How did the crowds fulfill Scripture? The crowds fulfilled the prophecies of Isaiah predicting their unbelief.

Isaiah prophesied centuries before Jesus was born that the people would not believe our report and although they saw Jesus perform signs and works of powers, they did not see the arm of Yahweh revealed to them.

Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures regarding His incarnation. The crowds fulfilled the Scriptures concerning their lack of faith in Jesus. God's word never falls flat or becomes void. His words go into all the earth and will always be fulfilled.

The Scriptures contain prophecies of good things and terrible things. They describe good reactions and bad reactions. God revealed many different things in Scripture. He also provided very clear views of the future through the various prophecies in the Bible. Because He revealed the future, He expects us to live for Him in the present.

Fulfill the Word

1. **Crowds.** Jesus performed many signs before the crowds, but they did not believe in Him.

2. **Unbelief.** Their unbelief did not surprise God. In fact God revealed their unbelief through Isaiah the prophet, who wrote hundreds of years before Christ performed the signs.

3. **Report.** The crowds did not believe the report of Jesus Christ.

4. **Revealed.** The crowds also did not see the arm of the Lord revealed to them.

5. **Commanded.** Jesus had commanded the crowds to believe in Him for salvation.

6. **Everybody.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that not everybody will believe the report from God or believe that the arm of the Lord has been revealed to them.

7. **We Believe.** We rejoice today because we believe the report and we have seen the arm of the Lord revealed to us so that we have believed in Jesus for salvation.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by recognizing that the Scriptures will always be fulfilled in every aspect.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding the prophecies so that they affect our daily lives.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we praise God for opening our eyes so that we have seen the arm of Yahweh working miracles recorded in the Bible.**

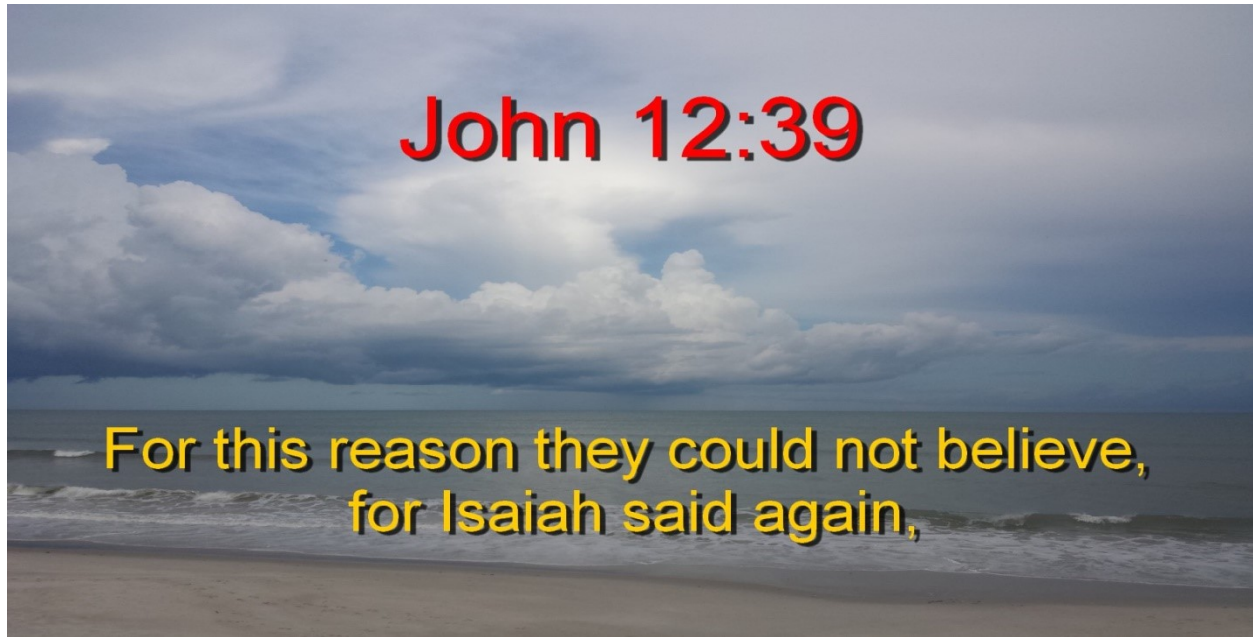
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God as we believe the reports about Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by delighting in the arm of Yahweh revealed to us?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Sixty One

Not Believe Today



Why could the crowds not believe in Jesus? The crowds could not believe because of what Isaiah the prophet wrote.

In the Old Testament God wrote about hard hearts. Once a person hardens their heart, they cannot see with their eyes and perceive with their heart. Salvation comes by grace through faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Centuries before Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Isaiah the prophet wrote about the Suffering Servant of God. He would be pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. Isaiah was writing about Jesus, the Suffering Servant. Isaiah wrote, however, that not everyone would believe the report about Jesus. They would not believe that the arm of Yahweh had been revealed to them.

The Jews saw Jesus and witnessed many of His signs. Even so, they did not believe because they had a hard heart. They did not want to believe in Jesus.

Isaiah Said

1. **Jesus.** Jesus performed many signs, but the people did not believe.
2. **Unbelief.** God knows all about unbelief and explains unbelief to us in this passage.
3. **Signs.** John told us that they did not believe, even though Jesus performed many signs.
4. **Isaiah.** John quoted Isaiah to reveal unbelief.
5. **Prophet.** More precisely, Isaiah the prophet gave the reason for their unbelief.
6. **Understand.** Living Godly in the family of God means that God wants us to understand unbelief.
7. **Grace.** We rejoice today because God brought us to faith in Himself through His grace and mercy.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering what the prophets said about Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by expecting that not everyone will receive the Lord Jesus by grace through faith.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we thank the Lord Jesus that we did not have a hard heart when we heard and believed the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, knowing that some people have a hard heart. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering what Isaiah the prophet said about unbelief?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Sixty Two

Blinded Today



John 12:40

**“HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE
HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT
THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR
EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR
HEART, AND BE CONVERTED
AND I HEAL THEM.”**

Why did so many of the Jews reject Jesus as Savior? God hardened the heart of many Jews so that they would not be converted.

Isaiah, an Old Testament prophet, told us many things about Jesus. He also described the spiritual problems of the people of Israel. They had a hard heart, meaning they were not willing to have faith in God. They chose to worship false gods and live according to their own desires.

Isaiah described Jesus coming as the Suffering Servant. After Jesus was resurrected, He explained from the Old Testament that He must suffer and die and then glory would follow. Jesus emphasized that He had to die to save the world from sin. Isaiah also described Jesus as reigning in His Millennial Kingdom on earth after His suffering. Those events have been separated by at least two thousand years so far. For now, the people of Israel generally have hard hearts and reject Jesus, but a remnant will believe in Jesus.

He Hardened

1. **Many Signs.** Jesus performed many signs and yet people did not believe in Him.

2. **Unbelief.** Hundreds of years before Jesus took flesh, Isaiah the prophet described the unbelief of the people of Israel.

3. **Why.** Isaiah also described why they did not believe the signs.

4. **Unwilling.** People do not believe in Jesus for salvation because they are unwilling to do the will of God.

5. **Hearts.** Because of their unbelief, God blinds their eyes and hardens their hearts so that they do not believe, they do not convert, and He does not heal them.

6. **Explained.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we understand unbelief because Isaiah the prophet explained it to us.

7. **Result.** We rejoice today because God softened our hearts, opened our eyes and gave us the free gift of faith, resulting in salvation.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that hardened hearts refuse faith in Jesus for salvation.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we remember that some people have hard hearts and will not listen to God.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising God that we heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ and believed it, and God converted us.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that God converted us and healed us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praising God that He seeks to heal and convert people around you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Sixty Three

Saw Today



Why did Isaiah speak about Jesus? Isaiah spoke about Jesus because he saw His glory.

Isaiah saw the glory of Jesus. Centuries before Jesus was born in the flesh, He shone with the full glory of God in heaven. He also displayed that divine glory to some of the prophets, like Isaiah.

God used Isaiah to communicate clear pictures of Jesus centuries before He was born in Bethlehem. Jesus was God always and took flesh and walked among men.

Jesus sought to glorify His Father on earth. He did the will of His Father. His Father testified audibly that He would be further glorified by Jesus. Jesus looked forward to returning to His glory in heaven, to be with His Father in heaven.

His Glory

1. **Prophecy.** Isaiah wrote his prophecy approximately 700 years before Christ took flesh and dwelt among men.

2. **Accurately.** As a true prophet, Isaiah recorded accurately what God revealed to him.

3. **Recorded.** Isaiah recorded that God blinded the eyes of the Jewish crowds and hardened their hearts, so that they would not see with their eyes and perceive with their hearts and be converted and God would heal them.

4. **Isaiah Saw.** John offers further revelation about Isaiah: Isaiah wrote because he saw the glory of God.

5. **Glory.** You may recall that John said that we all beheld His glory, the glory of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, referring to Jesus.

6. **Revelation.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Isaiah and John both received revelation from God, and one complemented the other.

7. **Savior.** We rejoice today because we too have seen the glory of Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, our Savior.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that Isaiah saw the glory of Jesus and wrote about it for us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by seeing Jesus in His glory as we read the Old Testament prophets.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus in His glory today, having returned to heaven after suffering for us on the cross.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by seeing the glory of Jesus described in the Old and New Testaments. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by looking for the glory of Jesus in the Bible?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Sixty Four

Rulers Today



John 12:42

Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;

Did any of the rulers believe in Jesus? Many even of the rulers believed in Jesus.

The rulers who believed did not confess Jesus. They were afraid that they would be put out of the synagogue. We know that the parents of Man Born Blind feared the same expulsion from the synagogue. In many ways, the synagogue was the center of Jewish economic, social, and spiritual life. To be put out of the synagogue had far-reaching implications.

The Pharisees in particular were keen on putting people out of the synagogue who believed in Jesus. They were strict in their religious traditions and in their lust for religious power. Both their traditions and their power were squarely opposed to Jesus and His ministry. Jesus called them the blind leading the blind.

Jesus spent time with the Pharisees and even answered their questions. He invited them to trust Him for eternal life, but they declined His offer with violence.

Not Confessing

1. **Explained.** Jesus explained that many people did not believe in Him, even though He did many signs before them.
2. **Rulers.** We learn further that many even of the rulers believed in Him.
3. **Fear.** Fear controlled many people, especially the religious rulers.
4. **Wicked.** The wicked Pharisees put out of the synagogue anyone confessing Jesus.
5. **Silent.** Many people today fear confessing Jesus before men and so stay silent.
6. **Confess.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we happily confess Jesus before people because we love Him more than anything else.
7. **Speak.** We rejoice today because Jesus lives in our hearts and we speak of our love for Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to bring all kinds of people to Himself for salvation.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that fears stop people from confessing their faith in Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by supporting people who confess Jesus as Savior, especially when they face expulsion.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus urged even the Pharisees to trust in Him for salvation. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by urging your enemies to turn to Jesus for salvation?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Sixty Five

They Loved Today



Why did the religious rulers hide their faith in Jesus as Savior? They hid their faith because they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

You may recall that Moses chose to leave the privileges of Pharaoh's house to lead the people of Israel out of Egyptian captivity. He was raised in Egypt and understood the power of the Pharaoh. Moses chose to obey God and to oppose Pharaoh.

When people operate out of fear and hide their faith, they do not seek the approval of God. Fear clouds the judgment of people and drives them into spiritual darkness where they try to hide in the shadows.

Fear today causes many people to hide their faith. They fear losing their job, friends, family, and other positions. They seek the approval of men, while sacrificing their concern for the approval of God.

The Approval of Men

1. **Many.** Many of the rulers believed in Jesus, but would not confess Him before men.

2. **Motivations.** God perfectly knows the hearts and motivations of all people.

3. **Fear.** In this case, God knew the motivation behind the people who believed in Jesus, but would not confess Jesus before men for fear they would be cast out of the synagogue.

4. **Triumphed.** The approval of men in the synagogue motivated them more than the approval of God. Their fear triumphed over their love and faith.

5. **Open.** God wants all people openly to confess Jesus for salvation and live under His loving lordship.

6. **Confess.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we confess Jesus before men.

7. **Approval.** We rejoice today because we love the approval of God more than the approval of men.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by seeking the approval of God.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by not letting our fears guide our decisions about confessing Christ as Savior.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another to seek the approval of God, even if means leaving behind the approval of men.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by seeking the approval of God in all things. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by overcoming your fear of confessing Jesus as Savior before other people?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Sixty Six

Cried Out Today



John 12:44

And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me.

What did Jesus say about believing in Him? Jesus said that He who believes in Me does not believe in Me, but in Him Who Sent Me.

Jesus explained that He and God the Father are One. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are three divine Persons, but One God.

Jesus did the will and works of God the Father at all times. People only believed in Jesus because God the Father revealed Jesus to them. Then Jesus revealed God the Father to them.

Jesus always stressed the importance of faith. When people believed in Jesus, they actually believed in God the Father, because God the Father sent Jesus. No one could say truthfully that they believe in Jesus, but not God the Father. Likewise, no one could say truthfully that they believe in God the Father, but not Jesus.

Sent Me

1. **Relationship.** Jesus explained His relationship to the Father in previous chapters.

2. **Father.** Jesus cried out to the crowd standing before Him and described again His relationship to the Father.

3. **Belief.** Jesus stated that believing in Him meant you also believed in the Father.

4. **Pointedly.** Jesus put it very pointedly: believing in Him meant that you did not believe in just Him, but also in the Father.

5. **Emphasized.** Jesus also emphasized repeatedly that the Father sent Him into the world.

6. **Sent.** Living Godly in the family of God means that when we believe in Jesus, we also believe in the Father who sent Jesus.

7. **One.** We rejoice today because Jesus and the Father are One, so that believing in One is believing in the Other.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that faith in Jesus means faith in God the Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we appreciate the priority of having faith in God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus like we worship the Father and the Holy Spirit.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by believing that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by believing that faith in Jesus is faith in the Father Who sent Him?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Sixty Seven

Sees Me Today



If you see Jesus, Who do you see? Jesus said if people see Him, then they also see the One Who sent Jesus.

Jesus explained that seeing Him meant you also see the Father. Jesus and His Father are both Spirits because God is spirit. No one has seen God at any time. Yet people saw Jesus and He was God.

When people saw Jesus, they were looking at the flesh that Jesus took. He left behind the external glories of heaven and humbled Himself to become a man. He took flesh and revealed the Father.

Jesus meant that seeing Him was seeing the Father because they are identical in purpose and works. Jesus worked the will and the works of His Father. He was God in the flesh.

Sent Me

1. **Belief.** Jesus explained that believing in Him meant that you also believe in the Father Who sent Him.
2. **Here.** We should always remember that Jesus was standing here on Earth while His Father spoke from heaven about glory.
3. **Father.** Jesus proclaimed that He was One with the Father.
4. **Distinct.** Notice that Jesus never claimed to be the Father, but that the Father sent Him. They are distinct People, but one God.
5. **Unity.** When we see Jesus, we see the Father, because of their spiritual unity.
6. **God.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that when we are looking at Jesus, we are looking at the Father, for they are One God.
7. **Looking.** We rejoice today because we love to look at Jesus and know that we are also looking at the Father Who sent Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by seeing Jesus today.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by knowing that when we see Jesus, we also see the Father Who sent Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we look at Jesus in the Scriptures and understand the close connection between Father and Son.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God as we look upon Jesus and see both Father and Son, for they are One. Will you live Godly in the family of God today seeing the Father in Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Sixty Eight

Everyone Today



How do people leave the darkness? People will not remain the darkness once they believe in Jesus.

Jesus described Himself as the Light in different passages in the Gospel of John. Consider the wonderful promise that once we believe in Jesus, then we will not remain in the darkness.

We have the absolute assurance that we will not abide in the darkness, because we have saving faith in Jesus. He comes as the Light to take up residence in our lives. Because He is Light, He shines in us and through us so that we no longer walk in darkness. He lights up everything around Him.

Jesus removes the darkness. His Light flows out from us. He abides in us and will never leave us. Jesus caused us to be born from above, and His presence in our lives shines forth, always.

Darkness

1. **Symbol.** Jesus used symbols to describe Himself. In this case, Jesus described Himself as Light.

2. **Light.** Jesus always chose perfect symbolism. As people walk in Light, they know where they are going and they do not stumble.

3. **Flesh.** Notice that Jesus came into the world. The Father did not come into the world, but Jesus came into the world and took flesh and lived among men as God and man.

4. **God.** Because Jesus is God, to see Jesus is to see God. To see Jesus is to see the Father.

5. **Faith.** Jesus stressed again the priority of faith. At the moment we believe in Jesus, we do not remain in darkness.

6. **Christ.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we do not live in darkness but in Jesus Christ, the Light.

7. **Live.** We rejoice today because we do not remain in darkness, but live in Light.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by recognizing that Jesus is the Light.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we remember that we do not remain in darkness because Jesus is the Light.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the Light that is Jesus within us.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that we do not remain in darkness, because Jesus lives in us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by seeing the Light of Jesus flowing out of you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Sixty Nine

Judge Today



What happens if you hear the words of Jesus but do not keep them? Jesus said He did not come to judge the world.

Jesus came to save the world. Therefore, He came proclaiming salvation by grace through faith in Him. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. He did not come to judge anyone, because they had already been judged for their failure to receive Jesus as Savior.

In the future, Jesus will sit as Judge upon all unbelievers at the Great White Throne Judgment. The books will be opened, and the dead will be judged by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If they believed in Him for salvation, then they will never appear at the Great White Throne Judgment. If they denied Christ as Savior and never had saving faith, then they will stand before the Great White Throne and be judged according to their deeds. They will be sentenced to the Lake of Fire where they will suffer according to their deeds.

Save the World

1. **Purpose.** Jesus repeatedly stated His purpose: He came to save the world.
2. **Salvation.** According to Jesus, salvation comes through hearing and believing His sayings.
3. **Believe.** Jesus proclaimed the words of life. If you believe them, you will not perish, but have eternal life
4. **Not Judge.** If anyone heard the sayings of Jesus and did not keep them, He would not judge them.
5. **Save.** Jesus did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.
6. **We Heard.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know we have eternal life because we have heard and believed the words of Jesus.
7. **No Fear.** We rejoice today because we have passed out of judgment into life and have no fear of judgement concerning eternal life.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus did not come to judge the world.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we appreciate that Jesus came to save the world.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we rejoice together that we have been delivered from judgment because Jesus has saved us.**

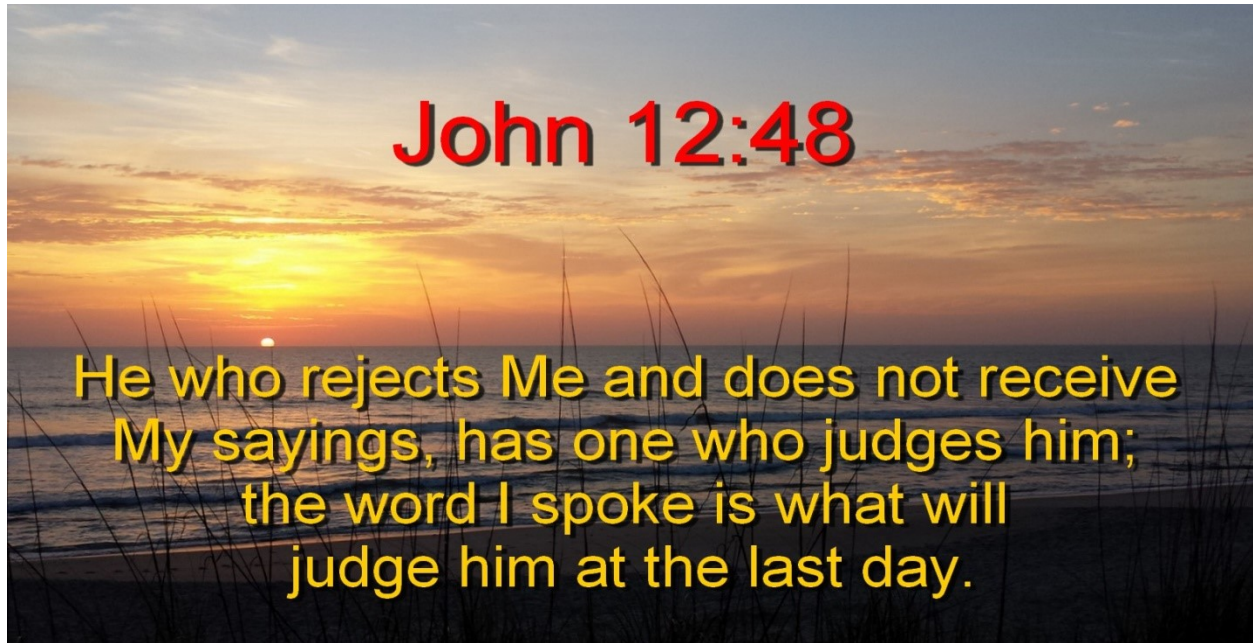
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus because He did not come to judge us, but to save us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by following Jesus as He still seeks to save the lost?

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Day Five Hundred Seventy

My Sayings Today



What will judge the people who reject Jesus and His sayings? The word that Jesus spoke will judge people at the last day.

Jesus did not deny judgment for unbelief, but indicated it would come later, at the last day. After heaven and earth have fled away, Jesus will sit on His glorious White Throne for judgment of unbelievers.

On the last day, when Jesus sits on the Great White Throne, He will judge unbelievers. Jesus will use the words that He spoke as the basis for eternal judgment. When people heard the word of Jesus and rejected Him and His word, then they were rejecting eternal life and opting for eternal punishment.

Jesus did come to judge the world, but to save the world. For everyone who rejected His salvation, then judgment will surely follow on the last day.

The Word

1. **Reject.** Many people believe that you can accept or reject Jesus and it will make no difference.

2. **Penalty.** Jesus dispelled the idea that you can reject Him and His sayings without penalty.

3. **Judgement.** Jesus clearly stated that His word will be the standard of judgment for all people.

4. **Command.** Jesus commanded everyone to believe in Him and to accept His sayings.

5. **Prophecy.** Jesus prophesied that at the last day, everyone who rejected Him and His sayings will be judged by His word.

6. **Eternal.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that no one can reject Jesus and His sayings without facing the penalty of eternal judgment.

7. **Accept Jesus.** We will rejoice today because we have accepted Jesus and His sayings; we have nothing to fear because we have eternal life and have passed out of judgment into eternal life.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by recalling that Jesus will judge all unbelievers.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that everyone who rejects the word of Jesus will be condemned to the Lake of Fire for eternity.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we thank Jesus for delivering us from the Great White Throne judgment because we have believed His word for salvation.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the word of salvation Jesus brought to us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by thanking Jesus that we have passed out of judgment into life by grace through faith in Him?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Seventy One

Commandment Today



What did Jesus say and speak? Jesus said and spoke what the Father commanded Him to say and to speak.

Jesus did not speak on His own initiative. The more we learn to speak like Jesus, the better off we are. The more we learn to control our tongues, the better off we are. Jesus always obeyed the command of the Father.

The Father gave Jesus a commandment about what to say and what to speak. Jesus perfectly kept that commandment. He always spoke what the Father commanded Him to speak. Even when the Pharisees attacked Him, He never lost His cool and never said the wrong thing. Even when the disciples did improper things, Jesus never said the wrong thing. Even when people rejected Him and mocked Him, Jesus never said the wrong thing.

Jesus never spoke on His own initiative. He always spoke and said the things His Father commanded. Perfect obedience, perfect words, always.

Initiative

1. **Purpose.** Jesus revealed many deep things about His purpose in life.
2. **Obedience.** Jesus purposed to do the will of His Father, which included obeying the commands of His Father.
3. **Example.** Jesus revealed that He did not speak on His own initiative. We should follow the example of Jesus.
4. **Commandment.** Notice that the Father gave Jesus a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.
5. **Father.** Jesus said to see Him was to see the Father and now we know that to hear Jesus was to hear the Father.
6. **Jesus.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we hear and see the Father when we hear and see Jesus.
7. **Seen and Heard.** We rejoice today because we have seen and heard Jesus and have come to know Him and His Father.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by listening to the Father before we speak.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we speak more of God's mind than our own.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we speak with one voice from God.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by obeying the commandments of God about what to speak. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by listening to God before you speak?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Seventy Two

Eternal Life Today



What did Jesus know about the Father's commandment? Jesus knew that the Father's commandment is eternal life.

Because Jesus knew that the Father's commandment is eternal life, He spoke just as the Father told Him to speak. Jesus did not speak random words about random things. Jesus spoke the words of His Father, and those were words were eternal life.

One day Jesus asked His disciples if they planned on leaving Him, like many people left Jesus. His disciples decided to stay because Jesus had the words of eternal life. The disciples recognized that Jesus had eternal life and gave eternal life. Jesus gave eternal life based upon the commandment of His Father.

God the Father loved the world and sent Jesus, His only Son, to die for us. Jesus laid down His soul for us and took it up again, all according the loving commandment of His Father.

Commandment

1. **Jesus.** Jesus disclosed that seeing Him was seeing the Father and hearing Him was hearing the Father.

2. **Father.** Jesus further explained that all that He spoke came by commandment from the Father.

3. **Commandment.** Jesus also revealed that the commandant of the Father is eternal life.

4. **Linked.** Jesus repeatedly linked the commandant of His Father to the words that He spoke.

5. **Gift.** Eternal life only comes from the Father through the Son as a free gift received by faith alone.

6. **Embrace.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that the commandant of the Father is eternal life and we have embraced that commandment by faith.

7. **Know.** We rejoice today because Jesus wanted us to know all about why He said what He said; we now know that He spoke according to the commandant of His Father.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus spoke just as the Father commanded Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we speak like Jesus spoke, and He spoke like His Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for speaking the loving words of eternal life to us.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by enjoying the love of Jesus and His Father every day. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praising the Father for giving Jesus the words of eternal life?

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Learning about Godliness and Service Today

Before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knew that His hour had come. Jesus loved His own and loved them to the end.

Jesus and His disciples had a last meal together before He went to the cross. The devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus.

During that supper, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. Peter asked Jesus what He was doing. Jesus told Peter that he would understand later, but not now. Peter then said that Jesus will never wash his feet. Jesus replied that unless He washed his feet, Peter would have no part with Jesus. Peter then requested that Jesus wash not only his feet, but also his hands and head. Jesus said that He only needed to wash Peter's feet, because he who has bathed needs only to wash his feet. Jesus said His disciples were completely clean, but not all of them. He knew the one betraying Him.

When Jesus washed their feet, He asked them what He had done. Jesus explained that they rightly called Him Lord and Teacher. Jesus then told them that because He washed their feet, they should wash one another's feet. Jesus gave them an example of service to the other disciples.

Jesus then identified Judas Iscariot as His betrayer. Jesus quoted the Scripture that said that he who eats His bread has lifted up his heel against Jesus. Jesus told them these things so that when they came to pass, they would believe that Jesus is the I AM. When Jesus has said these things, He became troubled in spirit. He said that one of them would betray Him.

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Seventy Three

Had Come Today

John 13:1

Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

What did Jesus know about His hour having come? Jesus knew the time had come for His departure out of the world.

Directly tied to that knowledge that He was leaving the world, Jesus loved His own who were in the world. Jesus showed love in many different ways. He talked about love and His actions matched His love perfectly.

Jesus commanded love for God and neighbors. Jesus explained that neighbors included even your enemies and people others despise. Jesus loved His enemies and repeatedly explained to them the need for them to repent and accept Him as Messiah by grace through faith.

Jesus also demonstrated permanent love. His love did not fade or grow cold. Jesus loved Mary, Martha, Lazarus and many others. Jesus was love, for God is love. Jesus kept loving His own in the world until the end.

Loved Them

1. **Loved.** Jesus loved His own to the end. That brief statement conveys enormous spiritual truth.
2. **His Hour.** Jesus knew that His hour to depart out of the world had come.
3. **Focus.** Even so, Jesus focused upon loving His disciples and demonstrating that love to them.
4. **Demonstrated.** Jesus had consistently acted in love toward His own throughout His life. He never missed an opportunity to demonstrate His love for His own.
5. **Motivated.** As the Sacrificial Lamb of God was about to offer Himself, love for His own filled His heart and motivated His actions.
6. **Strive.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we strive to be like Jesus Who loved us even to the end.
7. **His Own.** We rejoice today because Jesus always loves us and calls us His own.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving people like Jesus loved people.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving people like Jesus loved them to the end.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by continuing to love people, even as we go through difficult times.**

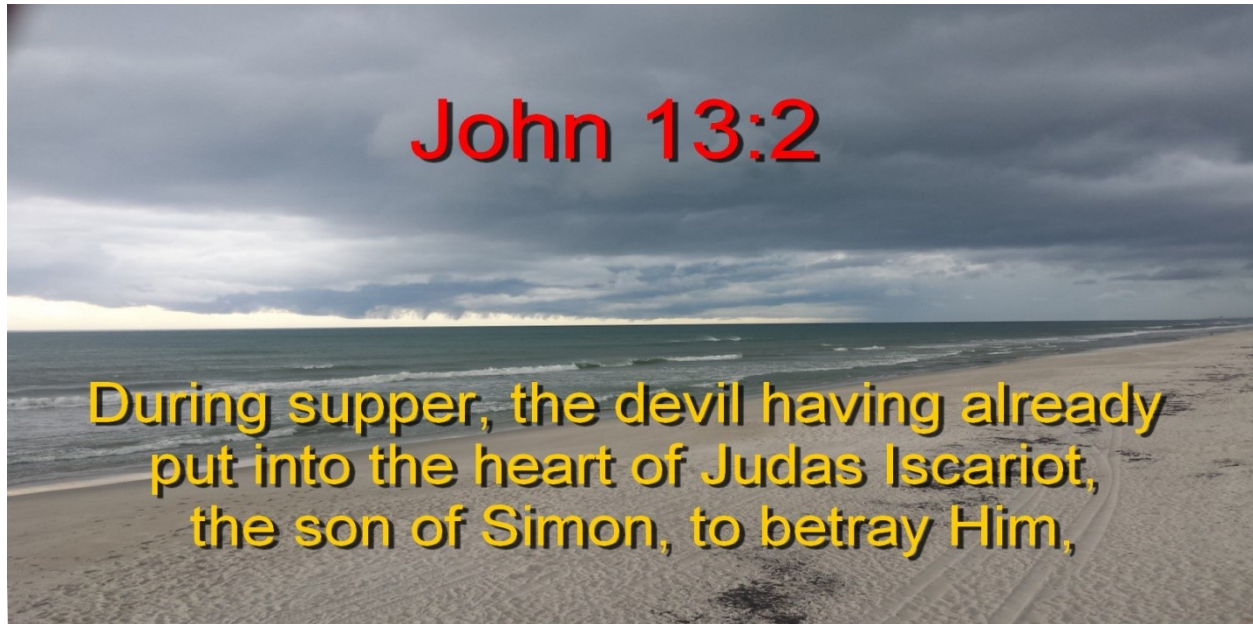
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by focusing upon loving people until the end. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by not giving up on our love for people?

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Day Five Hundred Seventy Four

Supper Today



What did the devil put into the heart of Judas Iscariot? The devil put into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus.

We learn about how the devil works in our lives. He puts things into our hearts that motivate us to do his evil works. The devil works his evil schemes through our hearts. He puts evil thoughts and desires into our hearts.

The devil works on the spiritual side of us, as well on the physical side. Within our spiritual side, our hearts become his target. He motivates us to do his desires through our hearts. Notice that before Judas reclined for supper with Jesus, the devil had already put into the heart of Judas to betray Jesus. He ate that Last Supper with the disciples, but the devil had already been at work in his heart.

Judas

1. **Jesus.** Jesus loved His own to the end.
2. **Devil.** Although many people deny it, the devil controls the hearts of many people so that they do his bidding.
3. **Heart.** Before Judas had the last supper with Jesus, the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus.
4. **Intentions.** The devil puts thoughts and intentions into the hearts of humans so that they will obey him and do terrible things.
5. **Thought.** At times, the devil puts a thought in to the heart of a person and it takes a while for the devil's purpose to be achieved.
6. **Controls.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know the devil controls people so that they obey him and follow the desires he puts in their hearts.
7. **Overcame.** We rejoice today because Jesus has overcome the devil; the power and love of Jesus triumph in our lives.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving people like Jesus loved people.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by being careful about people who want to betray Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we realize that people around us may have desires put into their hearts by the devil.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by realizing that people we know may have evil desires put into their hearts by the devil. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by being on guard against people around you motivated in their hearts by the devil?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Seventy Five

All Things Today



Where was Jesus going? Jesus was going back to God.

Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into His hands. God the Father gave all things to Jesus, because Jesus loved the Father and obeyed the commandment of His Father.

The Father loved the world and intended for Jesus to carry out His commandment. The Father gave Jesus the words of eternal life to share with people.

Jesus always spoke the words of His Father. The time was rapidly approaching to go back to God. Jesus knew that terrible suffering and death awaited Him, but they were a necessary part of God's plan.

Back To God

1. **Mind.** Writing under the inspiration of God, John revealed the mind of Jesus Christ to us.

2. **Knowledge.** We see what Jesus knew and how that knowledge affected His life.

3. **Authority.** Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into His hands. Therefore, Jesus had absolute authority over all those things.

4. **God.** Jesus also knew that He had come forth from God and was going back to God.

5. **Crowds.** The crowds rejected Jesus and His words because, in part, they did not know where He was from or where He was going.

6. **Returned.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus came from heaven and then He returned to heaven; He now sits at the right hand of God the Father.

7. **Reward.** We rejoice today because we know Jesus is coming back and He will bring His reward with Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus went back to God.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by knowing that the Father gave all things into the hands of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for going back to God after accomplishing the work of salvation.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the knowledge that the Father gave all things into the hands of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by trusting that Jesus always has us in His hands?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Seventy Six

Supper Today



Why did Jesus lay aside His garments at supper? He laid aside His garments so he could take a towel and gird Himself.

Jesus demonstrated what it meant to love His disciples. He gave us a perfect example of humility to demonstrate true love. Jesus loved His disciples to the end.

Jesus got up from supper and laid aside His garments. The disciples must have understood that Jesus was doing something unusual. He was acting like a servant.

Jesus acted like a servant to display God's love for His children. Jesus served His Father every day, by doing the commands of His Father. So, when Jesus laid aside His garments, He was obeying the command of His Father.

Towel

1. **Loved.** Jesus loved His own to the end, knew that Judas was going to betray Him, and proclaimed that He was going back to God.
2. **Knew.** Knowing all those things, what would Jesus do?
3. **Servant.** Jesus got up from supper, laid aside His garments, took a towel, and girded Himself. Jesus looked just like a supper servant.
4. **Apparel.** Jesus was assuming the apparel of a slave about to serve the dinner guests.
5. **Displayed.** Jesus displayed His love by serving His disciples even though He was the Lord and Master of all things.
6. **Examples.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we love Jesus and His examples of love and service, especially at critical moments.
7. **Humility.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves us and commands us to love others and serve them in humility, just as He did.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by preparing ourselves to serve other disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we demonstrate our love by serving other people.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we serve one another and so demonstrate our love for people and for God.**

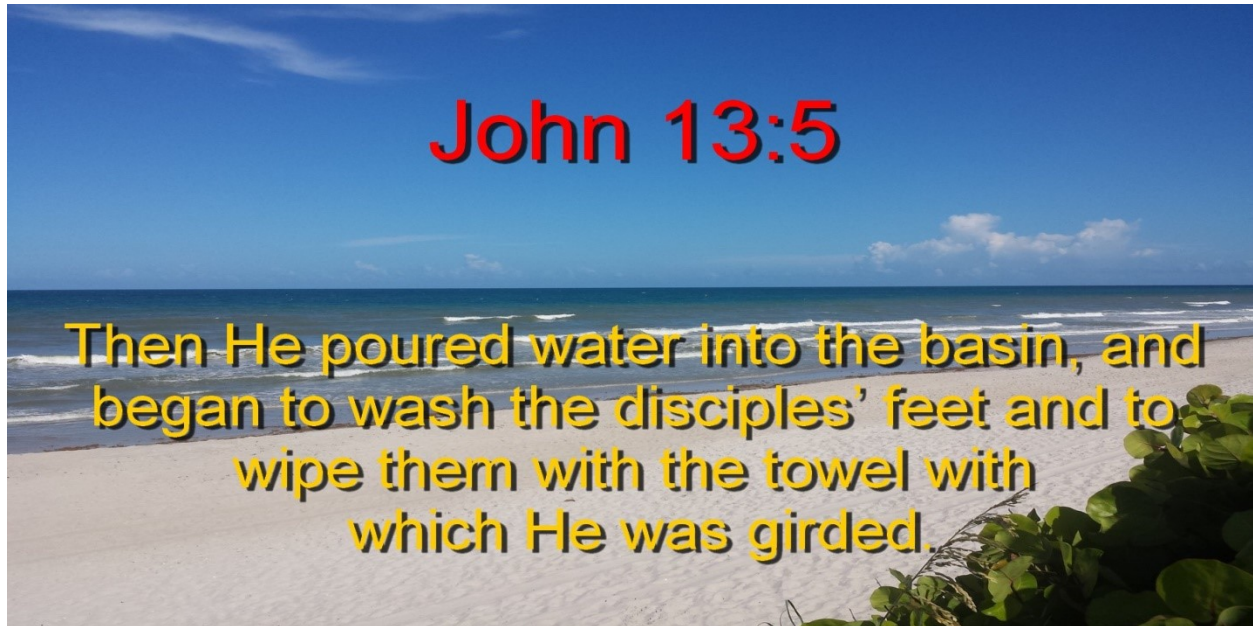
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by serving other people. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by preparing yourself for service?

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Day Five Hundred Seventy Seven

Wash Today



What did Jesus do for His disciples at supper? Jesus washed the disciple's feet.

Jesus loved the disciples and loved them to the end. Jesus demonstrated love by pouring water into a basin. He was acting like a servant attending the needs of a master. Yet, Jesus was the master and the disciples were His servants.

Jesus did things the disciples did not expect. He illustrated His teachings with actions. He learned from God the Father and then did the things commanded by His Father.

Jesus washed their feet and then wiped them with the towel girded around Him. Jesus humbled Himself and provided a great example for all of us.

Girded

1. **Feet.** During the last supper, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples.
2. **Washed.** Like a servant, Jesus poured water into the basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples.
3. **Wiped.** After washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus also wiped them with a towel with which He Himself was girded.
4. **Remember.** The next day, Jesus was going to be crucified. So, at this last supper with His disciples, He left them something to remember always.
5. **Demonstrated.** Jesus demonstrated that true love requires faithful service.
6. **Serve.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we follow the example of Jesus and serve other disciples.
7. **Lord.** We rejoice today because Jesus wanted us to know that He was both Servant and Lord.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by humbling ourselves in service to others, just like Jesus did for His disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God humbling ourselves to demonstrate our love for other disciples.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising God that we know the love of Jesus, Who humbled Himself by taking the form of a servant and giving His life for us.**

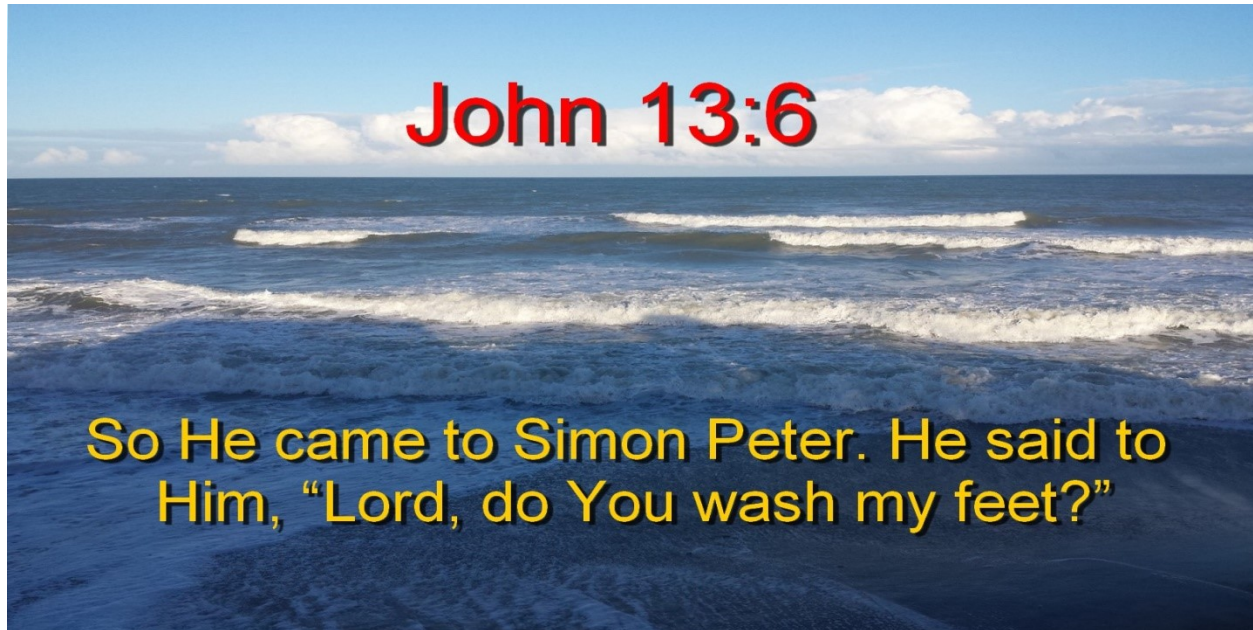
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by following the example of Jesus in humbly serving disciples. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by demonstrating your love for disciples?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Seventy Eight

You Wash Today



What did Simon Peter say to Jesus about his feet? Simon Peter asked Jesus "Lord, do You wash my feet?"

Simon Peter realized that Jesus was doing something special. He had assumed the position of a servant, and was preparing to wash the disciples' feet. When Simon Peter saw what Jesus was about to do, he asked a question.

Simon Peter did not understand the significance of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. Jesus was about to leave and go back to His Father. He loved His disciples to the end. Simon recognized Jesus as Lord, making the contrast even sharper.

Jesus intended to leave the disciples with a special lesson about love and humble service. If you love people, then you serve them with humility. Jesus had a marvelous way of demonstrating God's love. He raised the dead one day and then washed the feet of His disciples not long after.

My Feet

1. **Peter.** At times, Simon Peter questioned and opposed what Jesus wanted to do.
2. **Questioned.** As Jesus prepared to wash Simon Peter's feet, Simon Peter questioned what Jesus was doing.
3. **Lord.** Notice that Simon Peter addressed Jesus as Lord.
4. **No Qualms.** Even so, Simon Peter still had no qualms about questioning Jesus.
5. **Lessons.** Jesus always had a purpose for doing the things that He did. Jesus often taught His disciples valuable lessons by His actions.
6. **Recognize.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we always recognize Jesus as Lord.
7. **Patience.** We rejoice today because Jesus, our Lord, displays great patience with all our questions.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by humbling ourselves to serve the disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by washing the feet of the disciples, just like Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we serve the needs of the family of God with all humility.**

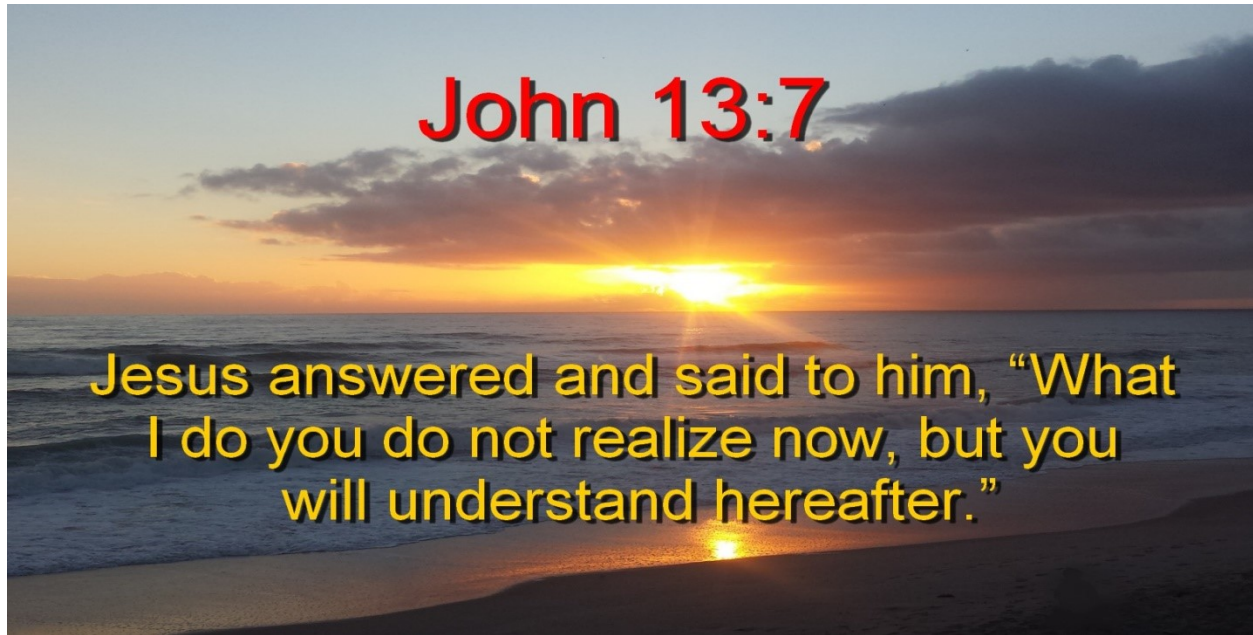
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by humbling yourself to take care of the ordinary needs of other disciples. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by serving the other disciples by humbling yourself first?

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Day Five Hundred Seventy Nine

Not Realize Today



When would the disciples realize what Jesus had done? The disciples would understand later what Jesus had done by washing their feet.

Jesus taught lessons in many different kinds of ways. He also taught things one day that the disciples would not understand until later. Jesus had very long-range plans.

Jesus left the disciples with certain images in their mind. Jesus told Simon Peter that he would not understand what Jesus was doing right away, but he would later.

Simon Peter did not listen well at times. He asked his question, received a reply from Jesus, telling him that he would not realize what Jesus had done right away.

Hereafter

1. **Served.** After the last supper Jesus served the disciples by washing their feet.
2. **Why?** Simon Peter questioned why Jesus the Lord washed his feet.
3. **Understand.** Jesus replied and said that Simon Peter did not understand now, but he would understand later.
4. **Later.** In our lives Jesus does things today that we will not realize what He did until later.
5. **Time.** Jesus does things in our lives that take some time to sink in.
6. **Appreciate.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we appreciate what Jesus does in our lives today, and we appreciate it even more later.
7. **Realize.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves for us to realize what He has been doing in our lives.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by realizing we may not understand right away all the things Jesus does.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by looking back with greater understanding of what Jesus did in the past.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we trust Jesus to help us understand the great things He has done for us and continues to do for us, even when we do not realize it right away.**

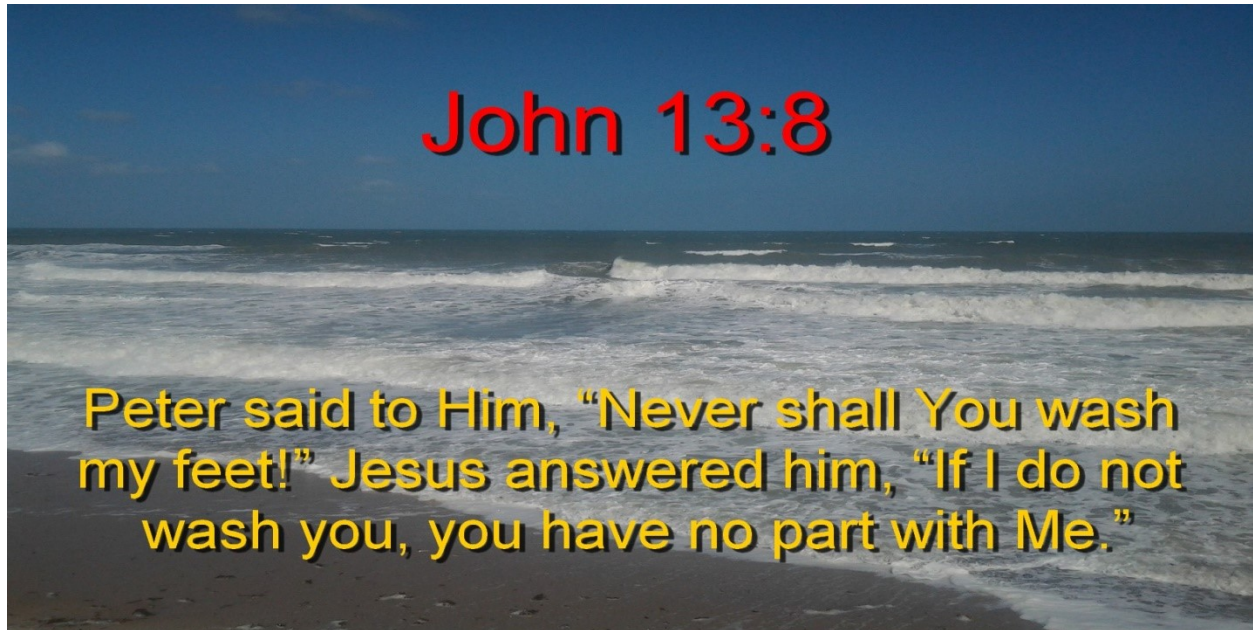
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by realizing what Jesus has done for us, past, present and future. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by appreciating the timing of Jesus in teaching us things?

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Day Five Hundred Eighty

Never Wash Today



How did Peter answer Jesus about washing his feet? Peter said that the Lord would never wash his feet.

Peter heard Jesus say that Peter would not understand then what Jesus was doing for him. Peter spoke before he comprehended what Jesus was saying to him. Jesus was teaching Peter a lesson, but Peter was too caught up in the moment to hear Jesus and obey Jesus.

Anytime we oppose what Jesus is doing we must know instantly that we are wrong and Jesus is right. Jesus does not make mistakes of any kind. If He humbles Himself and wants to wash our feet, we should never stop Jesus.

Jesus told Peter that if Jesus did not wash his feet, then Peter had no part with Jesus. Jesus made it absolutely plain that Peter should agree to Jesus washing His feet.

Wash You

1. **Towel.** At the last supper, Jesus took a towel and began washing the feet of His disciples.

2. **Peter.** Peter asked Jesus what He was doing and Jesus replied that Peter would understand it later.

3. **Commanded.** Peter then said: "Never shall you wash my feet!" Peter just commanded Jesus not to wash his feet. Issuing commands to Jesus is always a bad idea.

4. **Replied.** Jesus replied that if He did not wash Peter's feet, then Peter had no part with Jesus.

5. **Patient.** Jesus remains very patient with all kinds of stupid things that we say to Him.

6. **Accept.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we accept what Jesus wants to do without commanding Him to do what we want Him to do.

7. **Perfect.** We rejoice today because Jesus set the perfect example of being a servant.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus does things to make us part of Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by not resisting what Jesus wants to do for us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by joining together to follow Jesus, even when He does stuff we do not like initially.**

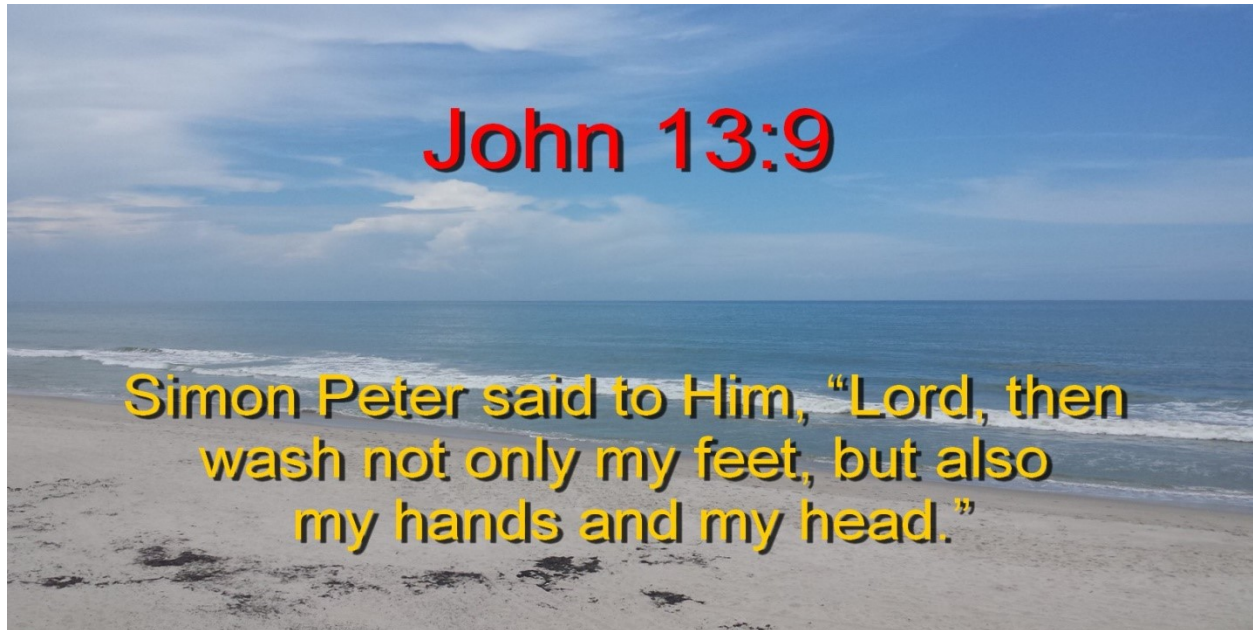
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by accepting what Jesus does for us, even when we do not understand it at first. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting Jesus will do things for you that will stretch your comfort zone?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Eighty One

My Hands Today



What did Simon Peter want from Jesus? Simon Peter wanted Jesus to wash his feet, his hands and head.

Simon Peter swung like a pendulum. First he told Jesus that he would never allow Jesus to wash his feet. When Jesus said if He did not wash Peter's feet that he would have no part with Jesus, then Peter swung the other way and said wash his feet, hands and head.

Simon Peter loved to give commands and talk, instead of obey and listen. We should learn from Simon Peter to let Jesus lead us, instead of us directing Him. Jesus knows which parts of us need washing. We can always trust Him to do the right things.

Jesus wanted to teach a lesson about humility and service. Peter had to learn also about listening and following Jesus. Jesus does not need for us to provide direction. He follows perfectly the directions of His Father.

My Hands and My Head

1. **Feet.** As Jesus washed the feet of the disciples at the last supper, Peter first commanded Jesus not to wash his feet.

2. **Also.** After Jesus told him that if He did not wash him, he would have no part with Him, Peter then said wash not only my feet but also my hands and my head.

3. **Commanded.** First, Peter commanded Jesus not to wash Him. Second, Peter commanded Jesus to wash not only his feet, but also his hands and his head.

4. **Illustration.** Peter illustrates how we command Jesus what to do and then how to do it to suit us.

5. **Intentions.** Peter may have had some good intentions, but commanding Jesus what and how to do things is always a bad idea.

6. **Avoid.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we avoid commanding Jesus what to do and then how to do it.

7. **Perfect.** We rejoice today because Jesus knows perfectly what to do and how to do it without any help or direction from us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by letting Jesus wash us every day, without our interference.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we listen and obey, rather than try to lead and direct Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to clean us up every day.**

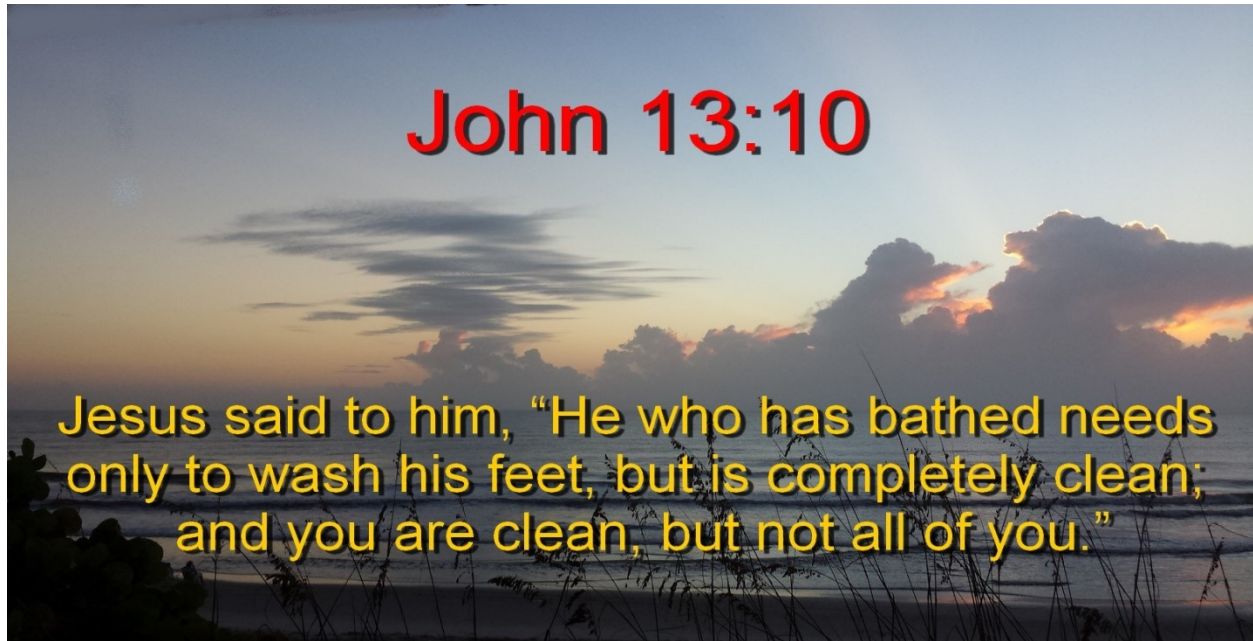
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by trusting the cleansing power of Jesus in our lives each day. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by watching Jesus serve us every day?

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Day Five Hundred Eighty Two

Bathed Today



What happens when you bathe? After you bathe, you only need your feet cleaned.

Jesus explained that the disciples had all been bathed. He contrasted the bathed disciples with the unclean Judas Iscariot. The eleven disciples truly believed in Jesus for salvation.

Jesus only needed to clean their feet. Jesus explained deep theological truths in simple terms using beautiful symbols. Jesus was moving among the disciples, washing their feet just before He was going to be arrested, tried, crucified and buried. Jesus was not distracted from redeeming every moment of time and using it to the glory of God and showing the disciples what real love looked like.

Jesus did things that night that we still read about nearly two thousand years later. Jesus was always following the Father's loving plans.

Completely Clean

1. **Washed.** At the last supper Jesus washed the feet of His disciples.
2. **Peter.** Peter first objected to Jesus washing his feet, and then told Jesus how to wash him.
3. **Clean.** Jesus explained that Peter was already completely clean, but his feet required washing.
4. **Except.** Jesus further said that all of His disciples were clean, except one.
5. **More.** Jesus was obviously doing much more than just putting some water on some dirty feet.
6. **Dirty Feet.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that Jesus has cleansed us, even if we get our feet dirty at times.
7. **Example.** We rejoice today because Jesus knows how to clean dirty feet and set the perfect example for all of us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that we are completely clean in Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as clean children, who get their feet dirty, and Jesus cleanses them.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by following the example of Jesus by serving the family of God like Jesus served.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by watching Jesus clean our feet every day. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by following the example of Jesus today by serving the family of God in humility?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Eighty Three

He Knew Today



John 13:11

For He knew the one who was
betraying Him; for this reason
He said, “Not all of
you are clean.”

Why did Jesus say that not all of you are clean? Jesus said that not all of His disciples were clean because He knew that Judas Iscariot was betraying Him.

Jesus chose Judas Iscariot to be one of the twelve disciples knowing that Judas was going to betray Him. Judas did not surprise Jesus. Jesus had described Judas as the son of destruction.

Jesus knew that Judas did not have saving faith and never would. Judas was chosen to be the betrayer of Jesus. Judas made his own choices to betray Jesus. The devil put it into his heart to betray Jesus. Jesus never forced Judas to betray Him. Judas did not believe, and ultimately his lack of faith and loyalty caused his eternal destruction.

Jesus was not surprised by Judas. What Judas thought he had done in secret would be known to everyone who reads the Bible. Jesus knew the evil

within Judas. Even so, Judas walked in the company of the disciples for years. At the supper, none of them suspected that Judas was the betrayer of Jesus.

Clean

1. **Knew**. Jesus knew all things as God. At times, He expressed that divine knowledge.

2. **Betraying**. Jesus described Judas with a participle. Judas was the one betraying Him. Imagine your entire life summarized as one participle: the one betraying.

3. **Reason**. John, like many other writers of the Bible (God is the author), provided reasons for the things Jesus spoke.

4. **Said**. Jesus spoke according to the commandment of His Father. Every word Jesus spoke, He spoke according to the plan of His Father.

5. **Not**. The small, simple word “not” was a terrible word for Judas Iscariot. Unlike the other disciples, Judas was not.

6. **All**. Living Godly in the family of God means that not all of us are the same. Some people counted as disciples of Jesus are actually betrayers of Jesus.

7. **Clean**. John used the idea of “clean” to describe the spiritual condition of Judas. Judas, unlike all the other disciples, was not clean. He was the son of destruction and to destruction he would go.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus knows all things, and loves us just the same.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we remember that some disciples are not disciples as all, but betrayers of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we watch carefully for the betrayers among us, for Jesus knows them and will expose them.**

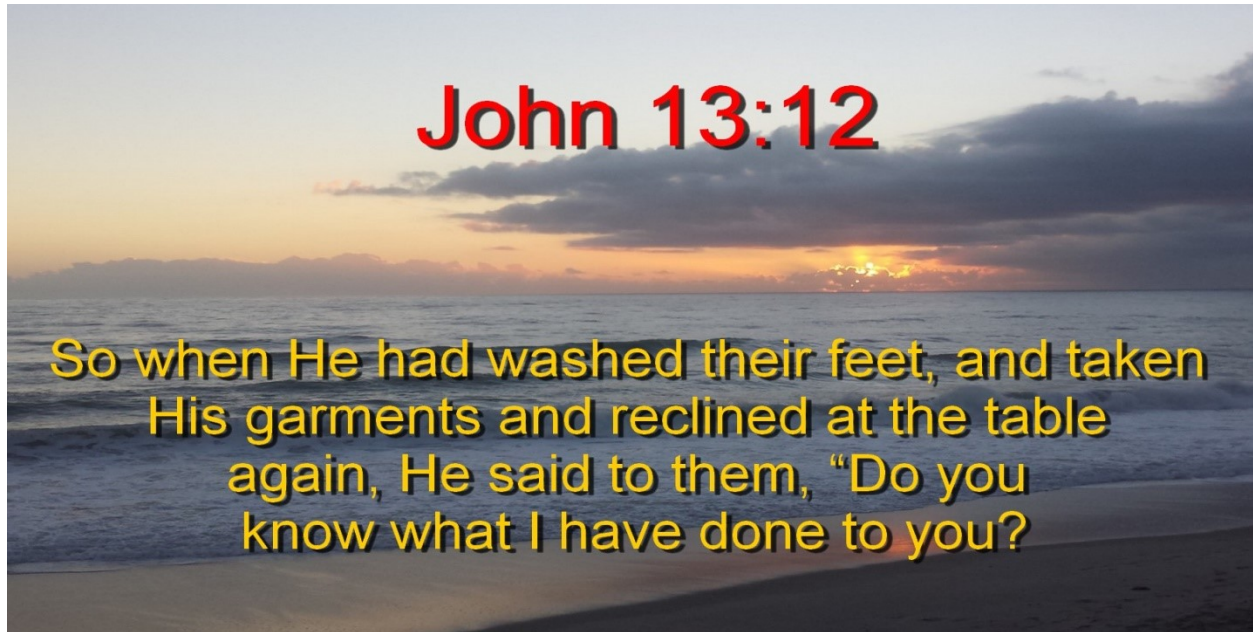
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by watching carefully for the betrayer standing next to us in the congregation of the disciples of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing that no betrayer will ever overcome the plans of Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Eighty Four

Do You Know Today



Why did Jesus ask great questions? Jesus asked great questions so that people would know what He has done.

When Jesus had finished washing their feet, He did not expect them to know what He had done. To make His point very clear, He asked the disciples if they knew what He had done for them.

When Jesus asked questions, He often intended to make a particular point to someone else, and that point often had a definite purpose. Rather than just telling the disciples, Jesus used a question to stimulate their attention and cause them to focus upon His words.

Jesus worked to clean the feet of His disciples so that they would learn truths about being a disciple of Jesus Christ. He set the perfect example, day in and day out, all day, every day, for His entire life in the flesh.

I Have Done

1. **Concrete.** Jesus often provided concrete examples of the great truths He was teaching to His disciples.
2. **Lessons.** Because Jesus loved His disciples to the end, He also taught them important lessons to the end. He washed their feet.
3. **Asked.** After Jesus finished washing the feet of His disciples at the last supper, He asked them if they knew what He had done.
4. **Do We Know?** Jesus still asks us that question today: Do we know what He has done?
5. **Apply.** Jesus always wanted to be sure that His disciples understood and applied His teachings.
6. **Understand.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we really want to understand what Jesus has done.
7. **Comprehend.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves us and wants us to comprehend what He has done for us in His love.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by listening to the questions Jesus asked in the Bible.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we give careful thought to what Jesus has done to us each day.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we watch Jesus work in the lives of the family of God every day.**

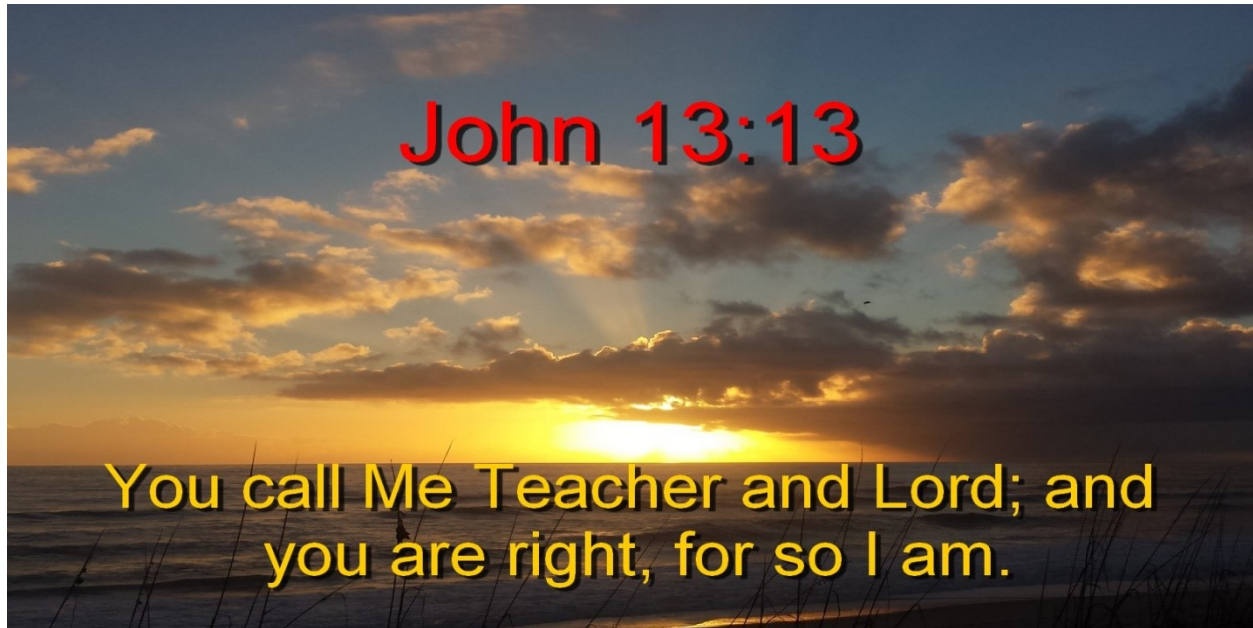
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by enjoying what Jesus does for us each day. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by learning what Jesus has done for you today?

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Day Five Hundred Eighty Five

Teacher Today



Was Jesus both Teacher and Lord? Jesus said He was both Teacher and Lord and people rightly used those titles of Him.

As Jesus explained what He had done to the disciples by washing their feet, He started His explanation with what they called Him: Teacher and Lord. Therefore, we know that Jesus wanted the disciples to know what the Teacher and Lord had done for them by washing their feet.

Jesus washed their feet, doing the work of a servant, as Teacher and Lord. Jesus combined very dissimilar ideas about positions and duties and privileges. The slave usually serves the master. In this case, the Master was clearly serving the slaves.

Jesus wanted the disciples to learn many lessons on that last night He had with them. He would speak to them about many new things that night, but before He began His sermon, He first washed their feet.

Right

1. **Washed.** At the last supper, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples.
2. **Question.** After washing their feet, Jesus asked them a rhetorical question: 'Do you know what I have done to you?'
3. **Answer.** Jesus then answered His own question. He started His answer with a declaration that they call Him Teacher and Lord.
4. **Titles.** Jesus accepted both titles because He was both their Teacher and Lord.
5. **Teacher.** As the greatest and most amazing Teacher Who ever walked the earth, Jesus not only asked the best questions, but He also gave the best answers.
6. **Recognize.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we recognize Jesus as both Teacher and Lord.
7. **Perfect.** We rejoice today because Jesus as Teacher and Lord set the perfect example of serving one another.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by calling Jesus Teacher and Lord.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding the significance of the Teacher and Lord washing our feet.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by exercising our spiritual gifts as servants washing the feet of other disciples.**

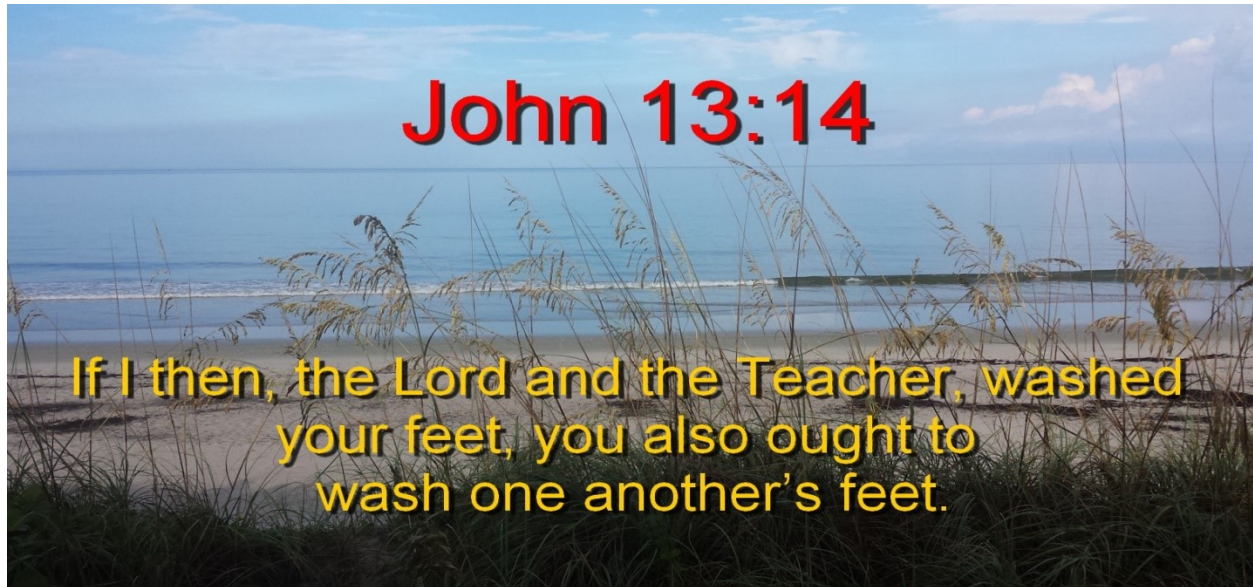
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by recognizing that our Teacher and Lord washed the feet of the disciples. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by never being too proud to stoop down and serve the family of God?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Eighty Six

Wash Today



Why did Jesus wash the feet of the disciples? Jesus washed the feet of the disciples so that they would follow His example and wash one another's feet.

Jesus mentioned that He was called Lord and Teacher. He accepted those titles. Jesus taught that His disciples should call no one else "teacher," "rabbi," or any other title. Today, many people in the church love titles like "reverend," "doctor," "lead pastor," "pastor," "bishop," "apostle," and on and on. They completely ignore the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 23.

Jesus made the point that the Lord and Teacher washed the feet of the disciples. He washed so that the disciples should do likewise. Jesus was not just talking about washing feet, but rather serving the disciples. He intended that they set aside their pride and do service to other disciples. No one is above the lowliest of jobs in service to other disciples.

Great leaders for Jesus are great servants of the disciples, like Jesus.

Feet

1. **Disciples.** At the last supper Jesus washed the feet of His disciples.
2. **Jesus.** After washing their feet, He described Himself as The Lord and The Teacher.
3. **Command.** Jesus commanded His disciples to do what He did as The Lord and The Teacher.
4. **Demonstration.** Jesus frequently taught by example, demonstrating love and humility.
5. **Today.** Some denominations still practice foot-washing today.
6. **Service.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we obey Jesus and follow His example of service, demonstrating love and humility for one another.
7. **Humility.** We rejoice today because Jesus was The Lord and The Teacher, humbly serving all His disciples.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by calling Jesus Lord and Teacher.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by following the example of Jesus in serving the disciples.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by serving one another in the family of God.**

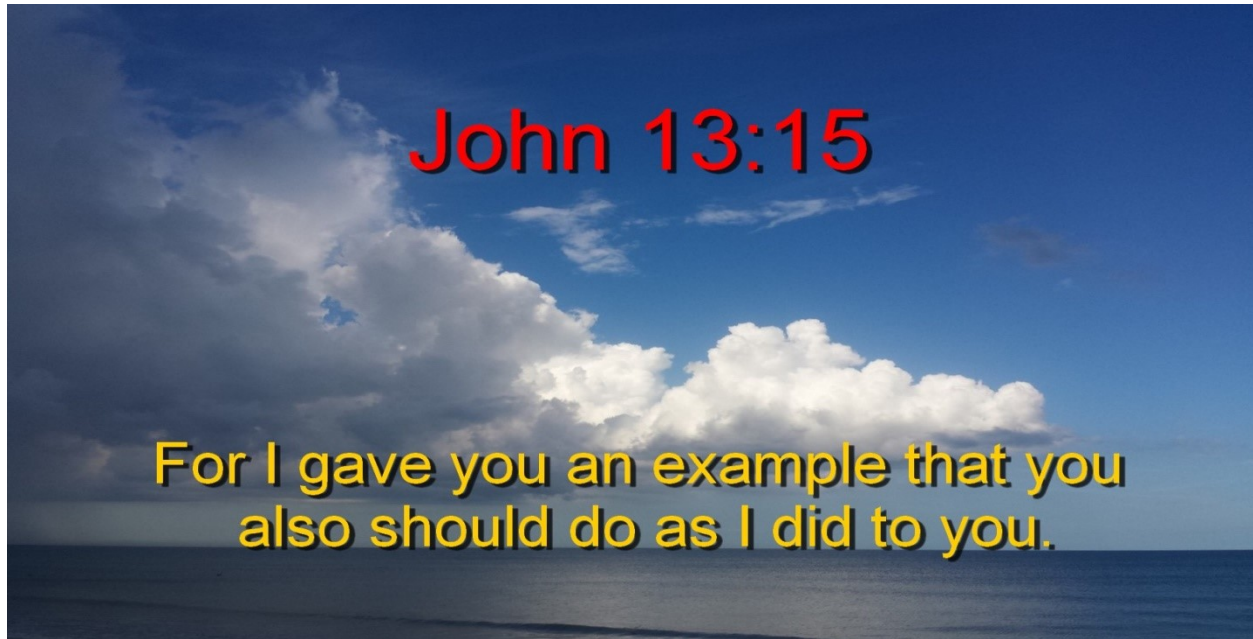
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by bending over in service to other disciples for the sake of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by acting like a servant and following the command of Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Eighty Seven

Example Today



What did Jesus give to the disciples at supper? Jesus gave them an example of service.

Jesus did many things so that His disciples would do what He did. Jesus modeled servant leadership. He served His disciples in very humble ways, demonstrating His great love for them. He loved them to the end and gave them examples to the end.

Jesus said His disciples should do what He did. Many people tell you to do what they say, not what they do. Jesus said and did the same thing. He demonstrated love and righteousness in all things.

Jesus never sinned and never needed forgiveness. He was perfect in all things, yet tempted as we are. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples on the night before His crucifixion so that they would remember what He had done and do likewise for one another.

Do as I Do

1. **Say.** Many people want you to do what they say. Jesus told people to do what the Pharisees said, but do not act like them.
2. **Deeds.** Jesus taught by example. His deeds matched His words.
3. **Example.** His example of humble, loving service shines just as brightly today as the night He washed the disciples' feet.
4. **Command.** Notice too that Jesus issued a command. He commanded His disciples to do what He did.
5. **Wash.** Jesus commanded His disciples to wash one another's feet.
6. **Follow.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we wash one another's feet, following the example of Jesus.
7. **Serve.** We rejoice today because we have the joy of serving others like Jesus serves us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by following the example of Jesus in serving the disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by seeing the many examples Jesus left for us to follow.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we act like Jesus towards one another.**

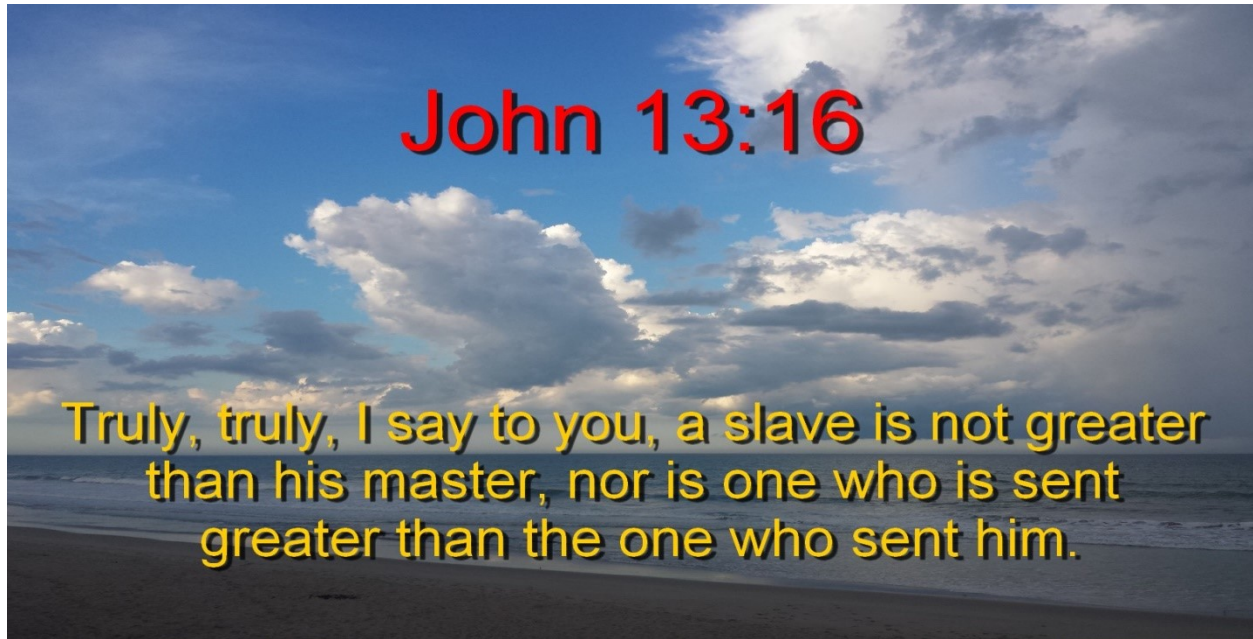
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by appreciating the examples Jesus left for us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and learn from the examples Jesus gave to us?

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Day Five Hundred Eighty Eight

Greater Today



What did Jesus teach the disciples about greatness? Jesus taught His disciples that a slave is not greater than his master and the one sent is not greater than the one who sent him.

Jesus wanted the disciples to understand true greatness. Jesus had modeled greatness for them by washing their feet. Jesus has said the greatest among his disciples would be their servant.

Jesus said that a slave is not greater than his master. Jesus was the Master and greater than the disciples. Even so, Jesus acted like the slave and washed their feet. Likewise, Jesus had sent out the disciples, and would send them out again, just as the Father sent Jesus into the world.

Jesus taught that greatness involved loving service towards other people, particularly believers. We serve others because we are not greater than Jesus, but we are like Jesus in humbling ourselves to act like a slave.

Not Greater

1. **Example.** At the last supper, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and left them an example they had to follow.
2. **Relationship.** Jesus explained the relationship between the master and the servant.
3. **Commands.** The master commands the servant's obedience.
4. **Not Greater.** Likewise, the one who is sent is not greater than the one who sent him.
5. **Master.** Jesus taught His disciples that He was their Master and He was sending them out just as His Father had sent Him out.
6. **Humble.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we understand the relationship of humble service to being sent out by God.
7. **Servants.** We rejoice today because Jesus, our Master, sends us out to serve Him and one another as His humble servants.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that a slave is not greater than his master.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we believe that we act more like our Master when we act like a slave.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we serve one another knowing that the one sent is not greater than the One sent from God.**

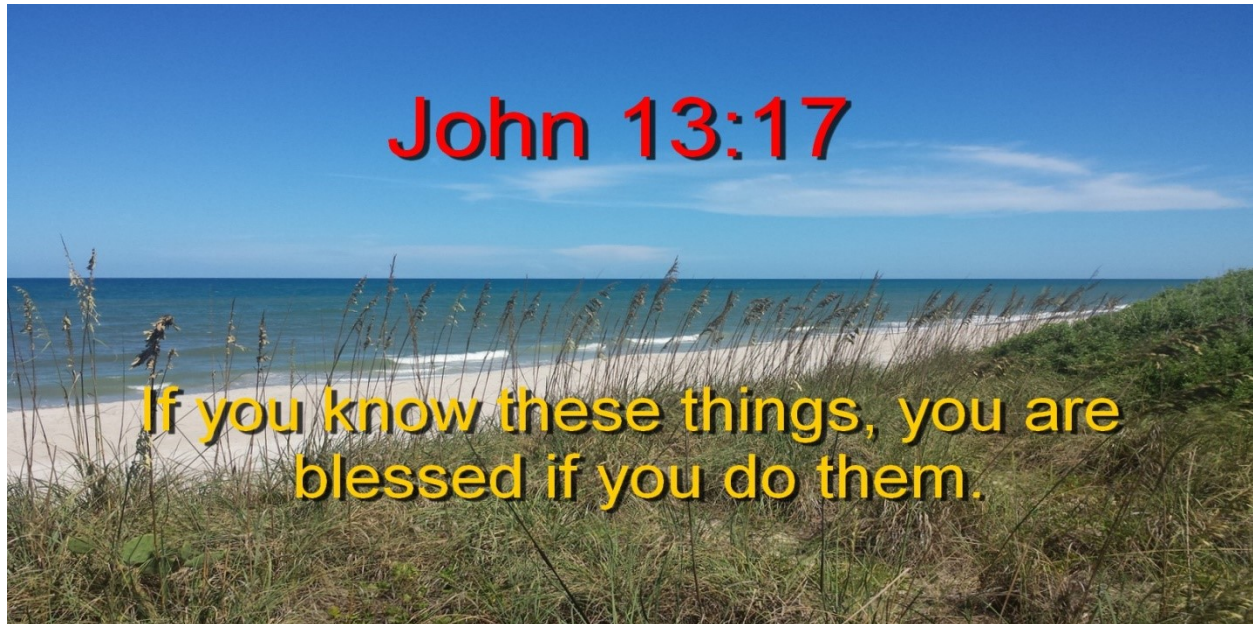
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by acting like a slave in service to the family of God and so prove to be like our Master. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and act like a slave?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Eighty Nine

Know Today



How is what you know tied to what you do? Jesus blesses us when we do what we know.

Jesus understood the difference between knowing the deep things of God and doing the will of God. We may learn many things about the many examples Jesus gave to us. We may even know we should follow His examples in all things.

Even if we know all about Jesus and His teachings, we are blessed when we know what He wants and then we actually do those things. Like a car with no wheels, the engine may run great, but we are going nowhere without putting that power to work by moving us forward in the car. Otherwise, we are just revving the engine for nothing.

Do Them

1. **Follow.** At the last supper Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and commanded them to follow His example.
2. **Distinction.** Jesus drew a crucial distinction between knowing something and doing something.
3. **Know and Do.** Jesus meant that you can know all about the example He set and do nothing about it.
4. **Promised.** Jesus promised His blessings upon everyone who follows His example.
5. **Command.** Jesus commanded His disciples to be servants rather than masters.
6. **Blessing.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we count upon the blessing of Jesus when we follow His example.
7. **Obedience.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves to bless us as His children as we live in obedience to Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by knowing the things Jesus did and said.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by doing the things we know about Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we join together in learning about the things Jesus did and doing the things we know.**

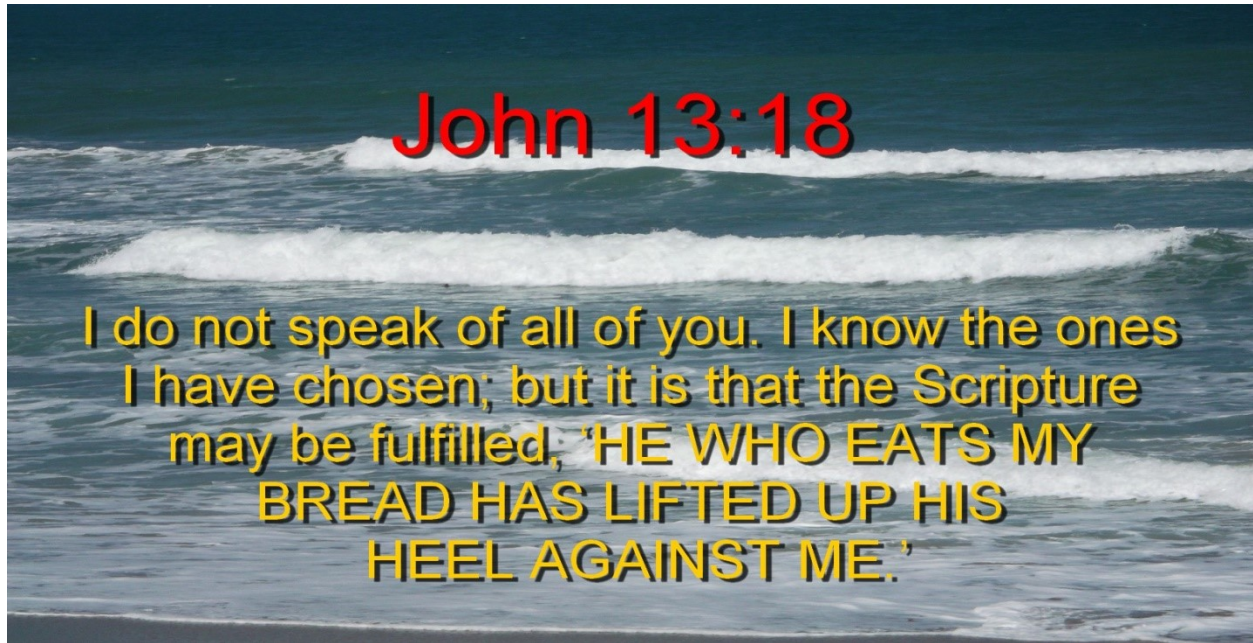
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by learning the things Jesus did as an example for us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by doing the things you learn about Jesus?

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Day Five Hundred Ninety

The Ones Today



What did Jesus know about the disciples He chose? Jesus knew that not all of them were clean.

Jesus knew that Judas Iscariot was not blessed. Judas Iscariot was not going to follow the example of Jesus. Judas Iscariot was intent upon betraying Jesus.

Jesus applied the prophecy about betrayal to Judas Iscariot. Jesus quoted the prophecy indicating that one who eats my bread lifts up his heel against me. Jesus meant that Judas Iscariot ate the bread of Jesus and lifted up his heel against Jesus.

Jesus perfectly fulfilled Scripture and perfectly applied Scripture. Many times Jesus described the fulfillment of Scripture. Even today, the Scriptures are fulfilled about how people react to Jesus and how they reject God.

Not All

1. **Revealed.** After Jesus washed the feet of His disciples at the last supper, He revealed that one of them was a traitor.
2. **Disciples.** Jesus chose twelve men to be His disciples. At times they were referred to as simply "the Twelve."
3. **Twelve.** Those twelve men followed Jesus, ate with Jesus and lived with Jesus as He traveled through Israel.
4. **One.** As the Psalmist prophesied centuries before Jesus was born in Bethlehem, one of those twelve men who regularly ate bread with Jesus lifted up his heel against Jesus and betrayed Him to death.
5. **Scripture.** Jesus had a very high view of Scripture. He considered every word breathed out by God. Every prophecy would be fulfilled just as it was presented.
6. **Traitor.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus knows all about traitors among His disciples.
7. **Knew.** We rejoice today because traitors never surprised Jesus because He knew all about them all along.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting that people will oppose Jesus, even in gatherings of disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that some people assemble with disciples, but they were never disciples, but sons of destruction.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by learning from the example of Jesus about the fulfillment of prophecy.**

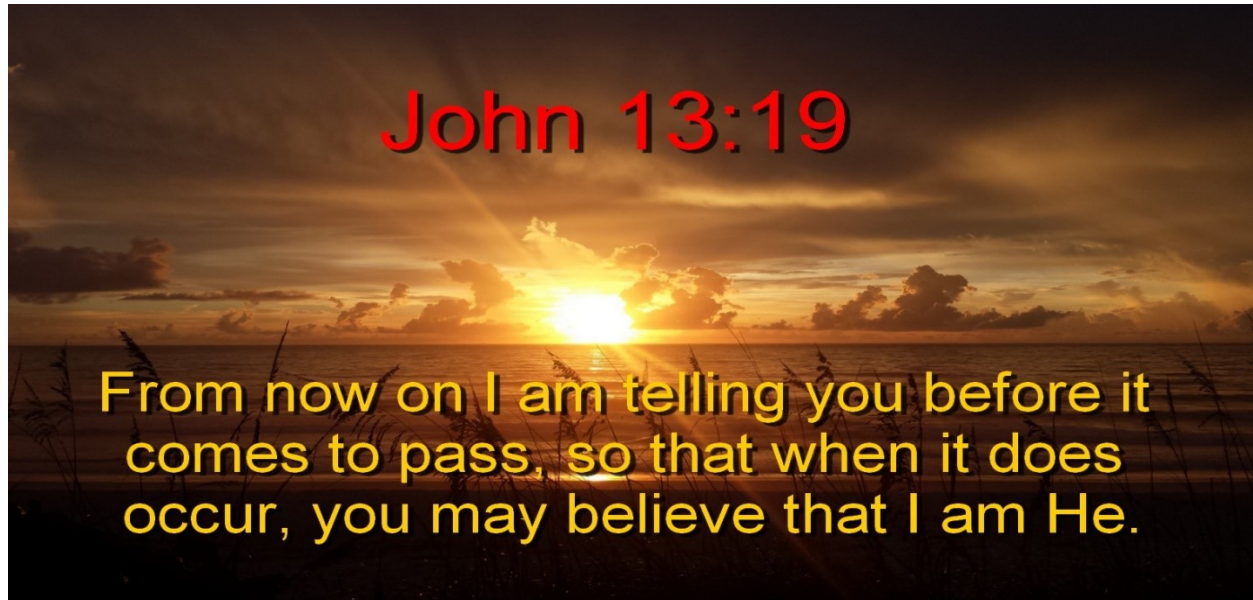
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by taking care that we are not deceived by sons of destruction betraying Jesus even today. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting Jesus to identify betrayers even today?

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Day Five Hundred Ninety One

Before Today



Why did Jesus talk about the future? Jesus revealed the future so that when it came to pass, His disciples would believe that Jesus was the I AM God and Savior of the world.

Jesus at supper told His disciples about things they would see in the future. Jesus had a distinct purpose in revealing the future to them. He wanted them to believe that I am He.

When the disciples saw the fulfillment of His words in the future, then they would remember what Jesus had said and so believe that Jesus was the one He spoke about. Jesus did things today to build faith tomorrow.

Jesus spoke the truth about tomorrow. Jesus never failed to tell the truth. So many people do not tell the truth. When people do not tell the truth, then other people have a very difficult time believing what they say. Jesus always told the truth so that people would see that He revealed the truth.

You May Believe

1. **Taught.** After the last supper, Jesus taught His disciples about the things to come.
2. **Future.** Jesus disclosed the future to them so that they would believe that He is "I AM."
3. **I AM.** At times our English translations let us down. Please recall that Jesus made Himself known as the "I AM" God of the Old Testament.
4. **Believe.** Therefore, I would prefer the English translation to read: "that you would believe I AM."
5. **Develop.** Jesus shaped and developed the faith of His disciples.
6. **Faith.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus told us the future so that we too would believe that He is the I AM God of the Old Testament.
7. **Changeless.** We rejoice today because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow--believe it.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to truth us the truth, always.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by seeing the fulfillment of the prophecies of Jesus and so increasing our faith in Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering the words of Jesus as they come true among us.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by believing the prophecies of Jesus that came true and having greater faith in Him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by watching Jesus increase your faith in Him?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Ninety Two

Send Today



What happens when you receive people Jesus sent? When you receive people Jesus sent, then you receive Jesus.

Jesus created a wonderful chain of events. Jesus said He sends people. If you receive the people Jesus sends, then you receive Jesus. The Father sent Jesus. Whoever receives Jesus receives the Father Who sent Jesus. Therefore, we receive the Father when we receive Jesus and anyone Jesus sends.

Jesus wanted people to believe that the Father sent Jesus into the world to save sinners from eternal destruction. Jesus encouraged faith and built faith in Him in many ways, including revealing the future. Jesus also planned for the future in sending the Holy Spirit. When believers receive the Holy Spirit, they receive Jesus. When you receive Jesus, you receive the Father. Therefore, we have greater understanding and love for God.

Receives Me

1. **Send.** After Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He explained that He was going to send them out in His name.
2. **Receive.** Jesus said that whoever receives the one He sends out receives Him.
3. **Goes.** In other words, when Jesus sends us out, He goes with us.
4. **Jesus.** If people receive us, then they receive Jesus too.
5. **Father.** Not only do they receive us and Jesus, they also receive the Father Who sent Jesus.
6. **With Us.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus sends us out, but He and the Father are with us.
7. **Both.** We rejoice today because Jesus never leaves us and the Father never leaves Him; so receiving us means they receive both the Father and Son as well.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by receiving whomever Jesus sends to us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that receiving whomever Jesus sends means we receive Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we rejoice in having received the Holy Spirit, sent from Jesus and His Father.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by receiving whomever Jesus sends to us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by receiving people Jesus may send to you?

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Learning about Godliness And Betrayal Today

The betrayal of Jesus started long before the kiss in the Garden. Jesus chose twelve disciples. When Jesus chose Judas Iscariot as one of those twelve, Jesus knew that Judas Iscariot was the son of destruction and would betray Jesus. Jesus also knew the time of betrayal and how things would happen. The Scriptures contained many prophecies about the betrayal.

The night before His crucifixion, Jesus was at supper with the disciples. He said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.” The disciples did not know who the betrayer was. One of them asked that Jesus identify the betrayer. Jesus dipped the morsel and handed it to Judas Iscariot, and so identified the betrayer. After Judas Iscariot received the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you do, do quickly.” Judas Iscariot left the supper and it was night.

When Judas Iscariot went out, then Jesus said that now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. He then explained to the “little children” that they will seek Him and not find Him. Where He was going, they could not follow now, but would follow later. Jesus commanded them to love another, so that all men will know that they are His disciples by their love for one another. Jesus then prophesied that Peter would deny Him three times before the rooster crows. Peter had just boasted that he would lay down his life for Jesus. Jesus then commanded the disciples not to let their hearts be troubled. He commanded them to believe in God and believe in Him.

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Ninety Three

Troubled Today



John 13:21

When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.”

When Jesus became troubled in spirit, what did He say? Jesus said that one of those with Him was going to betray Him.

Jesus knew what the disciples did not know. Jesus knew He was going to be betrayed that same night and He knew that Judas Iscariot was going to betray Him.

Jesus testified with the words “Truly, truly.” Jesus meant that those words were true and should be believed and accepted as true. Jesus was in the process of identifying Judas Iscariot as the betrayer.

From the beginning, Jesus knew that Judas Iscariot was going to betray Him. The hour of betrayal was near and Judas would be leaving shortly to make final arrangements for betraying Jesus later that night.

Betray Me

1. **Betrayal.** After Jesus explained to His disciples that He was sending them out in His name, He then detailed His betrayal.

2. **Troubled.** Jesus became troubled in spirit. This same Greek term for troubled is used to describe how King Herod and all Jerusalem reacted when the Magi told him that the King of the Jews had been born and they were looking to worship Him.

3. **No Fear.** The only other use of the Greek term for troubled informs us that fear is not a part of troubled. When Zacharias saw the angel of the Lord in the temple, he became troubled and fear gripped him.

4. **Proximity.** Jesus was troubled by the knowledge and proximity of His betrayal. Judas was going to betray Him that same night.

5. **Identity.** Jesus apparently took no pleasure in identifying Judas as the betrayer. Jesus did not fear betrayal or death.

6. **Real.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus experienced real strong emotions and real strong reactions.

7. **Allowed.** We rejoice today because Jesus allowed Himself to be betrayed so that we would go free for eternity.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by believing every word which Jesus says to us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by heeding the words that Jesus speaks to us, particularly about betrayers among us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God knowing that just as Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus, so also evil disciples are at work today.**

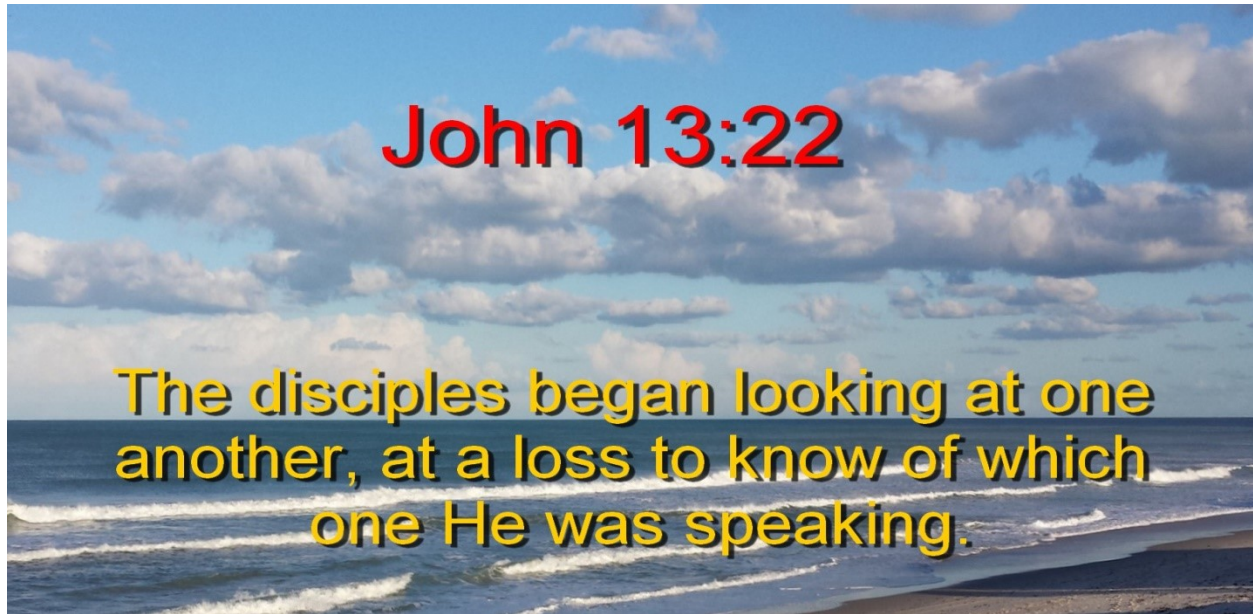
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that betrayers hang out with believers. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by watching out for people who assemble with disciples, but actually intend to oppose and betray Jesus?

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Day Five Hundred Ninety Four

Looking Today



Why were the disciples looking at one another? The disciples were perplexed over the testimony of Jesus about betrayal.

When Jesus told them that one of them would betray Him, they began looking at one another. Jesus had said something that they could not understand.

The disciples did not know it was Judas Iscariot. Apparently Judas Iscariot did not stand out as the leading candidate to betray Jesus. Judging by their reaction of looking at one another, Judas Iscariot had hidden his tracks well; only Jesus knew the truth.

Judas Iscariot knew that Jesus expected Judas Iscariot to betray him. Now Jesus was telling everyone at supper. Judas Iscariot would have to leave soon and finalize arrangements for betraying Jesus.

Perplexed

1. **Identify.** Jesus told His disciples that He would identify which one of them was going to betray Him.
2. **Looked.** The disciples immediately began looking at one another.
3. **Reaction.** Judging from the reaction of the disciples, Judas Iscariot had not distinguished himself as a likely betrayer.
4. **Motives.** Unbelievers with evil motives often mix right in with believers.
5. **Betray.** Satan first put into the heart of Judas Iscariot the desire to betray Jesus. As we will see, then Satan actually entered into Judas Iscariot.
6. **Masqueraders.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we live among believers and non-believers masquerading as believers.
7. **Unsurprised.** We rejoice today because no betrayer ever surprised Jesus; He chose the twelve, and yet one of them was a devil.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus knows all the people who will betray Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus chose the betrayer to be His disciple.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we remember that someone meant for evil can be part of God's greater plan to accomplish redemption.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by relaxing and knowing that no one will ever surprise Jesus or take Him unaware. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by following Jesus, knowing that He sees all the dangers?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Ninety Five

Reclining Today



Whom did Jesus love? Jesus loved the disciple reclining on His bosom.

Jesus loved everyone, including Mary, Martha, Lazarus and every person on earth. Jesus loved sinners and laid down His soul for them and then took up His soul again.

Many people speculate that John was reclining on the bosom of Jesus. The text, however, does not clearly identify John as that person. We should be very careful about going beyond what the Scripture said. Because that disciple reclining on the bosom of Jesus was not clearly identified, we know that it could have been any one of the eleven disciples.

Jesus had very close relationships with people. Notice that Jesus was troubled over the betrayal, but still kept His friends close. Jesus loved His friends and kept them close to the end.

Jesus Loved

1. **Disciple.** Jesus loved His disciples. As Jesus described His impending betrayal, one of His disciples leaned on His bosom.
2. **Image.** Consider that image for a moment. After the last supper, Jesus is reclining by the table.
3. **Bosom.** As Jesus reclined with one of His disciples leaning on His bosom, He explained that He was about to be betrayed.
4. **Comfortable.** Jesus seemed perfectly comfortable with one of His disciples leaning on His bosom as everyone gathered together.
5. **Love.** Although Jesus was troubled in spirit, He still had time to spend with His disciples, showing His love for them.
6. **Lean On.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus loves for us to lean on His bosom as He explains life and death to us.
7. **Room.** We rejoice today because Jesus has plenty of room for every believer to lie on His bosom at the same time. He loves us all.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that a disciple reclined on the bosom of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we remember that Jesus loved that disciple, and many others.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we love the disciples of Jesus like Jesus loved His disciples.**

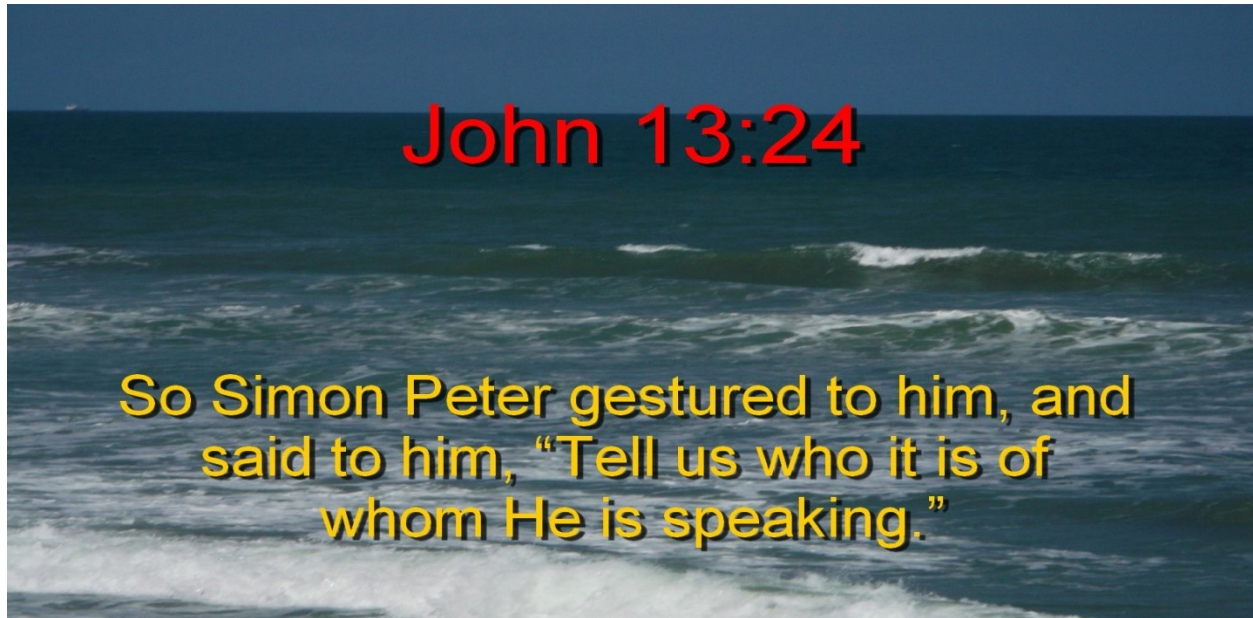
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving the disciples like Jesus loved people. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by holding someone close in the love of Jesus?

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Day Five Hundred Ninety Six

Tell Today



Why did Simon Peter gesture to the disciple? Simon Peter wanted the disciple reclining on the bosom of Jesus to identify the betrayer.

Simon Peter always wanted things done in a hurry. He often opposed Jesus by trying to protect Him or lead Him. Simon Peter had some impetuous qualities.

Not wanting to wait any longer, Simon Peter thought that maybe the disciple reclining on the bosom of Jesus may know something about the betrayer. Judas Iscariot was not known as the betrayer before Jesus identified him.

Simon Peter had no patience for waiting for the identification of the betrayer. He wanted to know right away. Sometimes waiting pays higher dividends, especially when you wait for Jesus to reveal something at the right time.

Gestured

1. **Simon Peter**. Simon Peter had already given Jesus directions on how to wash. Now Simon Peter wanted to know who was the betrayer. He apparently had no idea.

2. **Gestured**. Simon Peter gave a nod or motion to the disciple reclining on the bosom of Jesus. Apparently, Simon Peter thought that disciple may know more about the betrayer.

3. **Said**. Simon Peter liked giving commands. Here he inquired of the disciple to identify the betrayer.

4. **Tell**. Simon Peter issued an inquiry. He wanted to know about the betrayer. The fact that none of the disciples, except Judas Iscariot, knew the identity of the betrayer indicates Judas Iscariot was fairly careful about concealing his true intentions.

5. **Who**. Simon Peter hoped the disciple reclining on the bosom of Jesus knew the identity. Notice that Simon Peter did not command Jesus, and was not content to wait for Jesus to identify the betrayer.

6. **He**. Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus knew the betrayer. Jesus let everyone know that He knew the betrayer. Jesus had known all along who was going to betray Him. He had not identified him by name before this supper.

7. **Speaking**. Jesus was in the process of identifying Judas as the Betrayer. Things moved quickly here, but Simon Peter wanted to know immediately and not wait for Jesus to reveal the betrayer.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by knowing that Jesus knows every betrayer.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we trust Jesus to reveal the betrayer at the right time and right place.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we relax and wait for Jesus to tell us the things we need to know when He wants to tell us.**

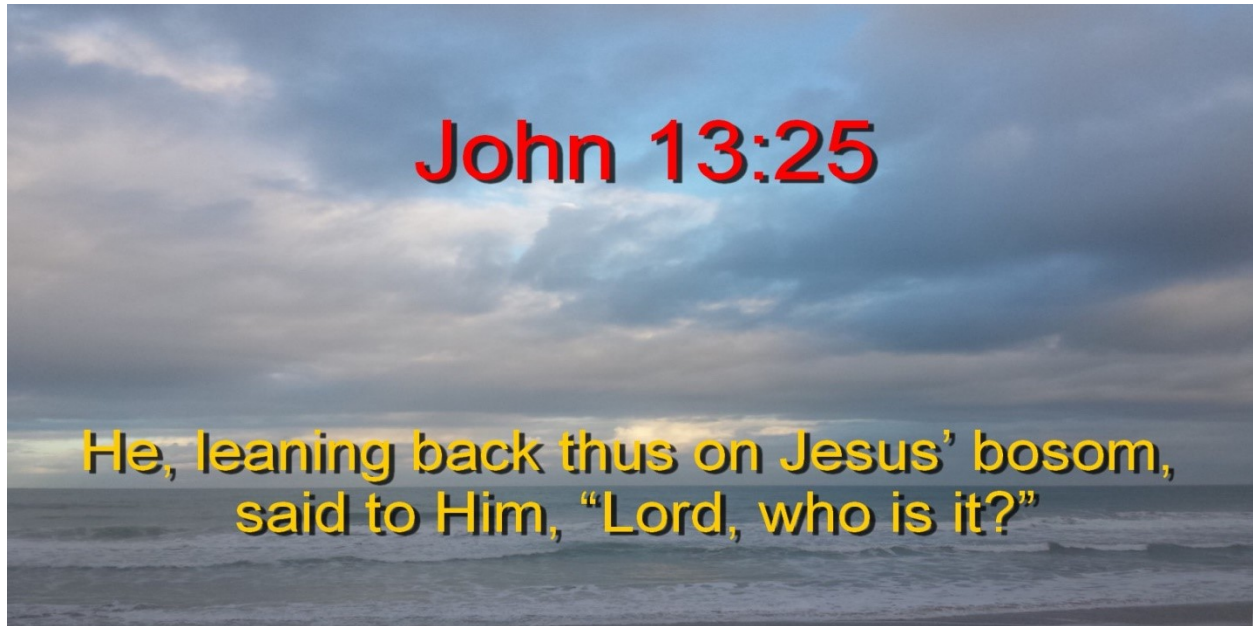
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by waiting for Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by not rushing before Jesus, but following behind Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Ninety Seven

Leaning Back Today



What did the disciple ask Jesus? The disciple reclining on the bosom asked, “Lord, who is it?”

The disciples felt very comfortable with Jesus, but not so comfortable that they stopped calling Him Lord. Jesus commanded their respect and worship.

By calling Jesus Lord, they recognized Him as God in the flesh, the Messiah of Israel. Jesus accepted the titles of Teacher and Lord. He acknowledged that those titles rightly belonged to Him.

We should learn the valuable lesson that being close with Jesus does not mean you no longer respect Jesus as God. Indeed, calling Jesus Lord indicates that this friendship transcended normal human friendships, but became a friendship with God in the flesh.

Who Is It?

1. **He**. The disciple whom Jesus loved reclined on His bosom.
2. **Leaning**. Following the custom of reclining while eating, the disciple reclined on the bosom of Jesus.
3. **Jesus**. Jesus had a very close relationship with His disciples. He had no problem with one of them reclining on Him while He reclined Himself.
4. **Bosom**. Jesus had a chest, just like every human. You may recall that the poor man Lazarus went to the bosom of Abraham after death. The bosom was a place of comfort and rest.
5. **Lord**. Even though the disciples had a close relationship with Jesus, they still called Him Teacher and Lord, for such He is.
6. **Who**. Living Godly in the family of God means that only Jesus and Judas Iscariot in that room knew for sure that Judas Iscariot was going to betray Jesus. The time had come for Judas Iscariot to act and for Jesus to reveal his identity before he betrayed Jesus, so that everyone would know it did not take Jesus by surprise.
7. **It**. We rejoice today because Jesus forgives sinner by grace through faith. We were all “it” in the sense that we all betrayed God and sinned; we all fall short of the glory of God. We all sent Jesus to the cross. We cannot look down on Judas Iscariot, because we are all guilty of the death penalty, the wages of sin.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by calling Jesus Lord.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we honor Jesus in all things, especially in the ways we address Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by expecting that Jesus will tell us what He wants us to know, without our nodding to our friends to tell us what Jesus has not said.**

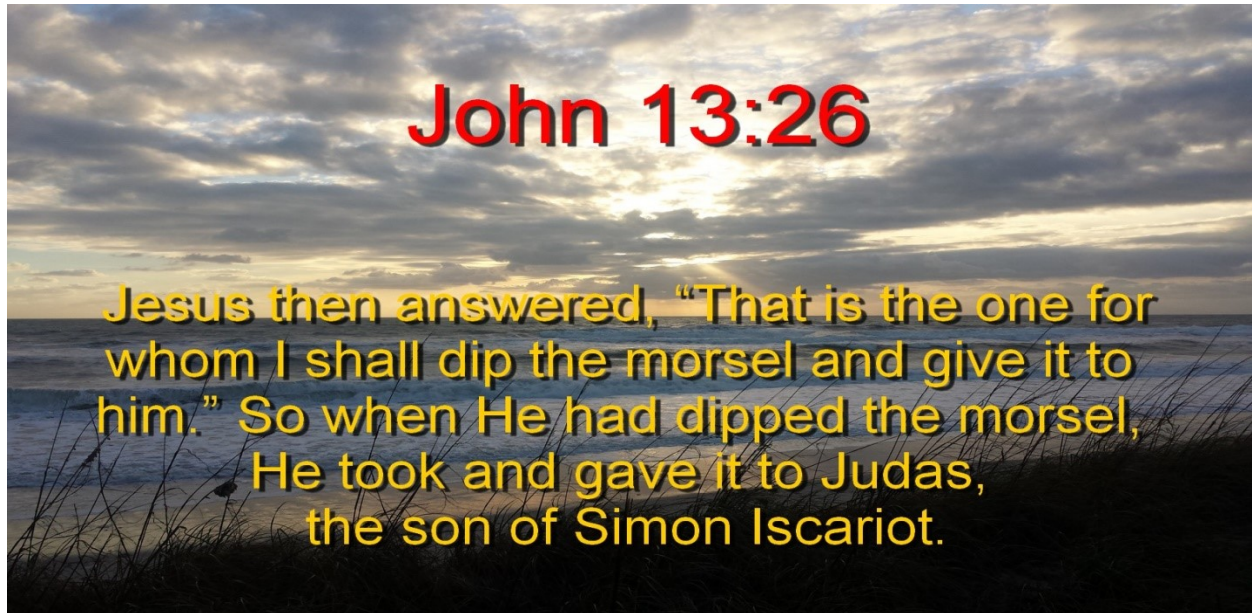
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by calling Jesus Lord. Will you live Godly in the family of God today but realizing that Jesus has perfect timing on everything He says?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Ninety Eight

Morsel Today



To whom did Jesus give the morsel? Jesus gave the morsel to Judas Iscariot, signifying that he was the betrayer.

While Simon Peter anxiously asked another disciple to reveal the identity of the betrayer, Jesus continued with His revelation of the betrayer. Jesus often illustrated a truth rather than just to say the words. In this case, Jesus said He would hand the morsel to the betrayer.

Jesus said He would reveal things today so that when they came true later, the disciples would believe in Him. Today was the day that Jesus revealed His betrayer as Judas Iscariot.

Jesus wanted everyone at the supper to know that Judas Iscariot received the morsel and so was the betrayer. The disciples of Jesus had no idea Judas Iscariot was the betrayer. Jesus plainly identified His betrayer even before Judas acted.

Gave It

1. **Identified.** After the last supper, Jesus identified Judas Iscariot as His betrayer.
2. **Image.** Jesus frequently used very graphic images to make His points.
3. **Morsel.** In this case Jesus took a morsel and said He would dip it and give it to His betrayer.
4. **Judas Iscariot.** Using that morsel, Jesus clearly identified Judas Iscariot as His betrayer.
5. **Betrayer.** Before Judas betrayed Jesus, Jesus showed all of His disciples that Judas was the betrayer.
6. **Known.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus knew His betrayer, but did not stop Judas from betraying Him.
7. **Allowed.** Because Jesus loved us and gave Himself for us, He allowed Judas to betray Him to death, with glory and resurrection to follow for Him, and salvation for us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by watching Jesus identify the betrayer.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus uses symbols to communicate serious truths.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by understanding the people who break bread with Jesus may still betray Him.**

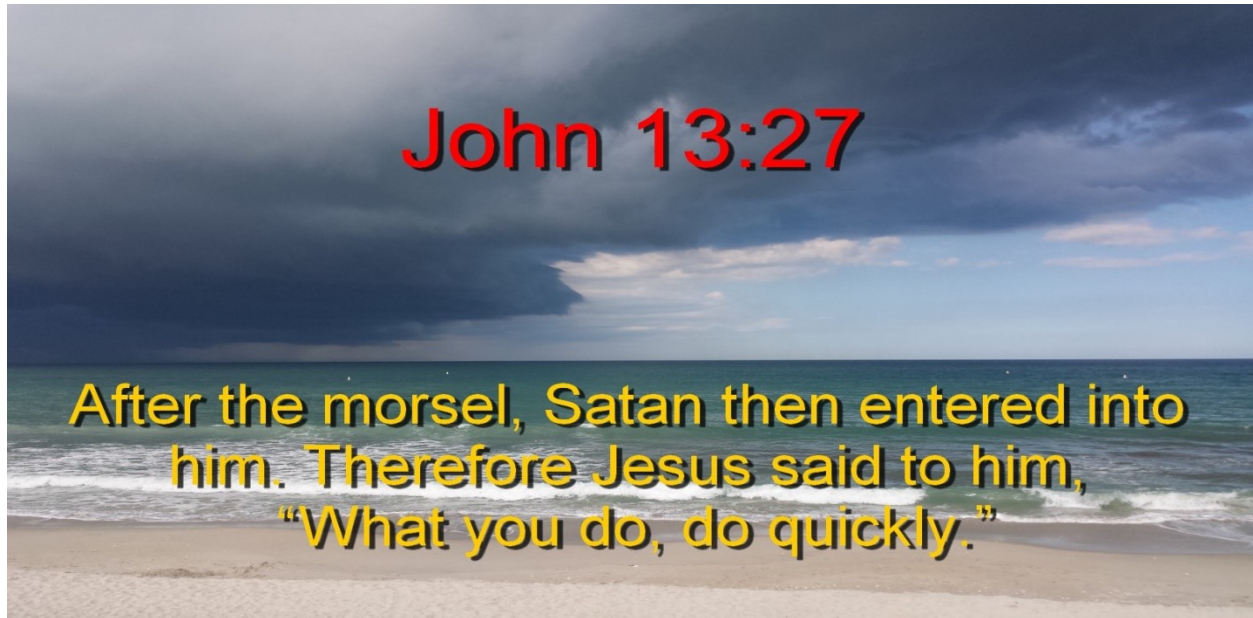
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that people who eat bread with Jesus can also betray Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by watching for the person Jesus identifies as the betrayer?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Five Hundred Ninety Nine

Entered Today



What happened after Jesus gave the morsel to Judas Iscariot? After the morsel, the devil entered into Judas Iscariot.

Jesus knew that Judas Iscariot was carrying out the desires of his father, the devil. Jesus understood the spiritual battle at work around Him. The devil would do anything to frustrate the plans and purposes of God. Yet, no matter what the devil did, God's plans remained unchanged. Jesus fulfilled the plans of God the Father.

The devil can enter into unbelievers. Judas Iscariot presents a perfect study in how the devil enters people and motivates them to do evil. The devil delighted in the death of Jesus and His betrayal. The plans of Jesus always triumph over the plans of the devil.

Jesus willingly laid down His life. He acted on His own initiative. No one took His life from Him. He laid down His soul and took it up again.

Do Quickly

1. **Betrayer.** Jesus used a morsel to identify Judas Iscariot as His betrayer.
2. **Satan.** Satan then entered into Judas Iscariot. Satan took personal charge of Judas and the betrayal of Jesus.
3. **Entered.** We know that Satan and his demons can enter into living people.
4. **Bound.** Jesus has absolute power over Satan. Jesus bound Satan, and then plunders his house at will.
5. **Quickly.** Jesus also commanded Judas to act quickly. Judas would betray Him that same night.
6. **Possess.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Satan and his demons possess people around us.
7. **Command.** We rejoice today because Jesus has all power over Satan and his demons. Jesus commanded us not to fear Satan or his demons.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding the spiritual forces opposing the work of Jesus and His disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we rely upon Jesus to protect us from the evil one.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus talks directly to the devil and issues commands to him.**

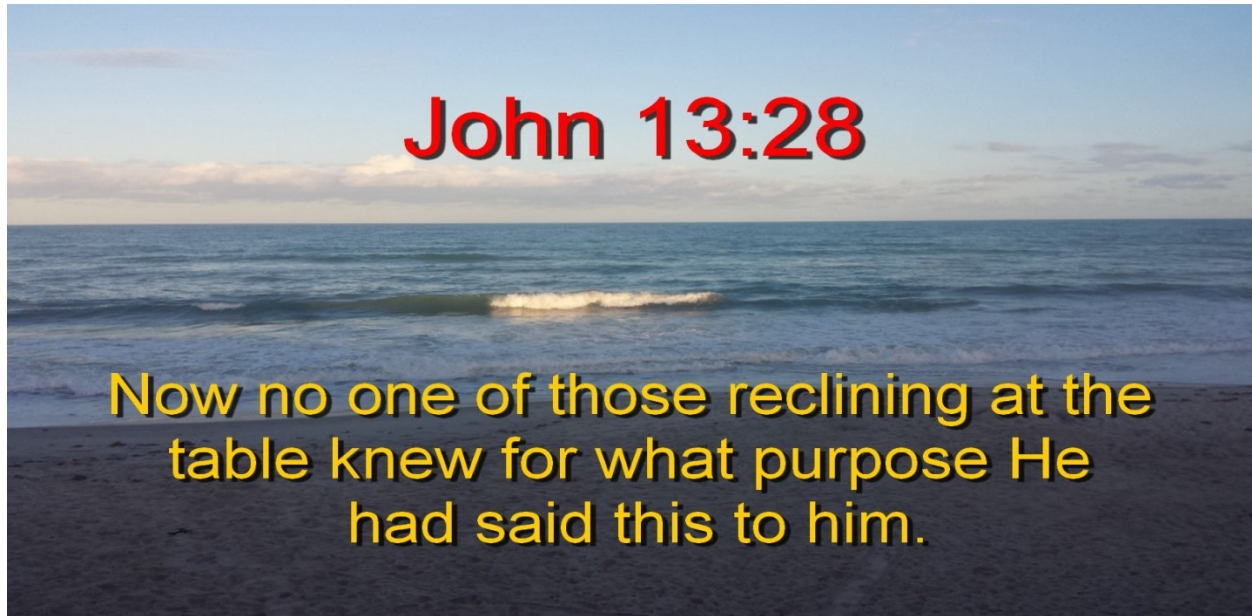
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding how Jesus interacted with the devil. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by trusting Jesus to overcome the devil in all things?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred

No One Today



What purpose did Jesus have in talking with the devil? The disciples did not know for what purpose Jesus spoke to the devil.

In fact, the disciples may not have even known that the devil had entered into Judas Iscariot. Jesus had perfect spiritual vision and infinite knowledge of all things, including the spirit world.

Jesus knew all about the devil and his evil plans. The devil used Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus. As disciples we should be keenly aware that Jesus sees the spiritual world with perfect vision. We could not see the devil moving into Judas Iscariot, but Jesus knew exactly what happened.

We must walk closely with Jesus because the devil and his children will be opposing Jesus in all things. They will lie, cheat and steal to oppose Jesus and His ways. They hate the disciples of Jesus.

Purpose

1. **Morsel.** After Jesus handed the morsel to Judas Iscariot, no one at the table knew why Jesus did that.
2. **No Insight.** You may recall after the feeding of the 5000, none of the disciples had gained any insight from that miracle.
3. **Missed.** We often miss the spiritual things going on around us.
4. **Present.** Jesus revealed many things to His disciples which they did not understand at the time.
5. **Future.** Jesus explicitly stated that He told His disciples about the future so that they would believe that Jesus is the I AM God of the Old Testament.
6. **Daily.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we see Jesus at work around us each day.
7. **Believe.** We rejoice today because Jesus has told us many things about the future so that we would believe that He is the I AM God of the Bible.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to keep us safe from the devil and his ways.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by knowing that Jesus promised that we have nothing to fear from the devil, although He has power to kill human bodies.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that only God can reveal to us the ways of the devil.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to overcome the evil one by our faith. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by trusting Jesus to deal with the devil?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred One

Money Box Today



John 13:29

For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, "Buy the things we have need of for the feast"; or else, that he should give something to the poor.

What did the disciples suppose after Jesus gave the morsel to Judas Iscariot? Some of the disciples were supposing that Jesus meant Judas should do something with money.

Some disciples thought that Jesus instructed Judas Iscariot to buy some things they needed for the Feast. Others thought Jesus said that Judas Iscariot should give something to the poor.

The disciples often did not understand what Jesus was really saying. They had ears, but they did not always hear clearly. They had eyes, but they did not always see perfectly. In this case, they completely missed the revelation of Judas Iscariot as the betrayer.

Jesus revealed things before they came to pass so that people would have faith in Him. Jesus revealed Judas Iscariot as the betrayer, so everyone would know that Jesus was not taken by surprise.

Supposing

1. **Disciples.** After Jesus identified Judas as the betrayer, the disciples did not understand what Jesus had done.
2. **Supposed.** The word "supposing" conveyed the idea of "thought."
3. **Thought.** The disciples thought Jesus meant something else when He told Judas to do it quickly.
4. **Wrong.** When we do not pay close attention to what Jesus tells us, then we are left to our own thoughts and arrive at the wrong conclusions.
5. **Money.** We know that Judas had the money box and that Jesus gave to the poor. John already told us that Judas was a thief, pilfering from the money box.
6. **Jesus Knows.** Living Godly in the family of God means that other disciples may be thieves, pilferers, and betrayers; Jesus knows them all.
7. **Jesus Loves.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves the ungodly and saves them to His glory, while others reject His free gift of salvation and betray Him to death. We praise Jesus for saving sinners like us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by listening carefully to the words of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by not supposing what Jesus said, but knowing what Jesus said by reviewing His words.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we understand that people in charge of money for our assembly may not be believers at all.**

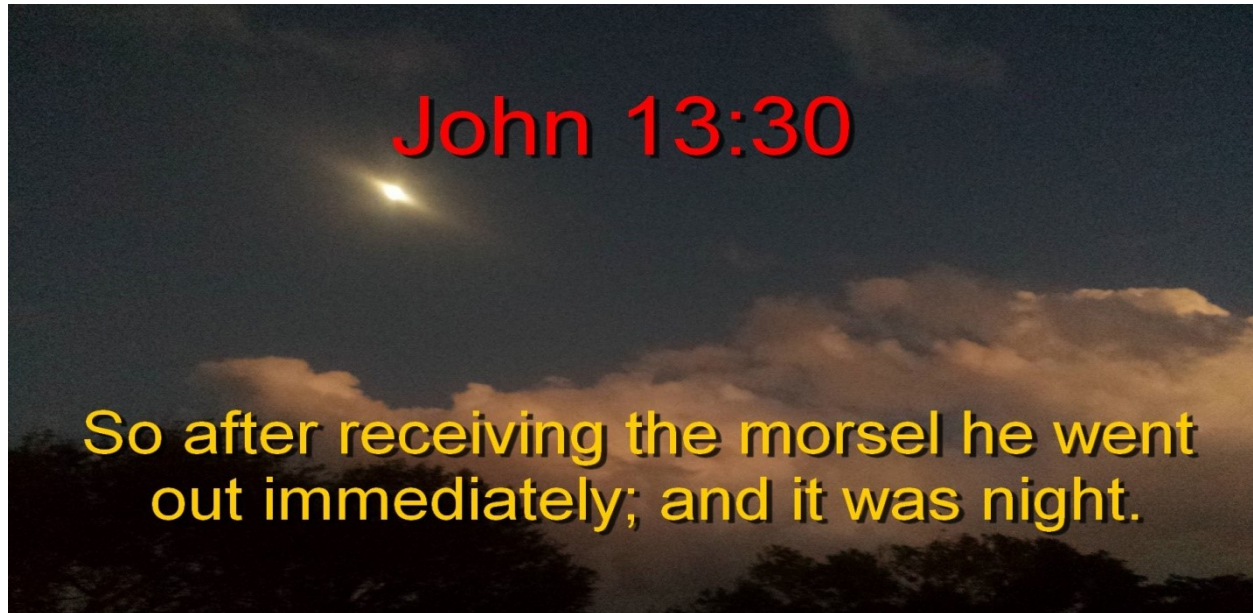
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by listening carefully to Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by not supposing what Jesus said, but knowing what Jesus said?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Two

Receiving Today



John 13:30

So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night.

What did Judas Iscariot do after receiving the morsel from Jesus? Judas Iscariot went out immediately.

Judas Iscariot did not wait around to see what would happen next after Jesus identified him as the betrayer. Judas Iscariot instantly understood that all the disciples now knew he was the betrayer. They may not have understood immediately, but Jesus may continue His explanation at any moment.

Judas Iscariot had already reached an agreement with the Jewish council to betray Jesus. The details were being worked out, but those plans were to be realized that same night.

Jesus knew all about what was going to happen. He knew about Judas all along. He knew that Judas Iscariot was the son of destruction, and to destruction he would go. Jesus loved His disciples, and He loved them to the end.

Night

1. **Identified.** Jesus identified Judas Iscariot as the betrayer with a morsel.
2. **Judas.** Jesus handed the morsel to Judas, but none of the disciples understood what Jesus meant.
3. **Morsel.** After receiving the morsel, Judas went out immediately.
4. **Went Out.** We also know that when Judas went out, night had come.
5. **Night.** Jesus spent the last night before His death with His disciples, eating supper with them and preparing them for the future.
6. **Loved.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus loved His own to the end.
7. **Overcame.** We rejoice today because Jesus overcame betrayal and triumphed over death, after giving His life a ransom for many.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by exposing people who betray Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that betrayers hate to be caught and may flee when exposed.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that night Jesus was betrayed and arrested, all within His plans to save us by dying in our place.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering Judas Iscariot leaving immediately after Jesus identified him. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering too that Jesus did nothing to stop Judas Iscariot from betraying Him?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Three

Glorified Today



What did Jesus say when Judas Iscariot had gone out? Jesus spoke about the time He would be glorified.

When Judas Iscariot had gone, Jesus started talking about glory. Jesus said that now the Son of Man is glorified. Judas being identified meant that Judas Iscariot had begun his work of betrayal. The officers would be coming soon to arrest Jesus. Judas Iscariot would betray Him with a kiss.

Jesus associated this time of betrayal with the time for Him to be glorified. Jesus would suffer and die, with glory to follow. Jesus would be resurrected, and then ascend into heaven. Jesus would also glorify God the Father. Jesus always did the will of His Father, and so His death and resurrection would bring much glory to God the Father.

Gone Out

1. **After.** After Judas left, Jesus explained the glory of God.
2. **Now.** Jesus declared that the Son of Man (Jesus) would now be glorified.
3. **Future.** Please keep in mind that Jesus was talking about His Death, Resurrection and Ascension.
4. **Glorified.** Jesus also explained that God would be glorified in Jesus.
5. **Plan.** The plan of salvation was coming to swift fulfillment.
6. **Dying.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus glorified the Father by dying for us.
7. **Salvation.** We rejoice today because Jesus glorified the Father by securing our salvation.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by seeing that Jesus was glorified by giving His soul for ours and then taking up His soul again.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by knowing that betrayal did not derail the plans of God, but fulfilled the word of God spoken long before.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by glorifying God with our obedience to Him, just as Jesus obeyed and glorified Himself and His Father.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by believing Jesus will always glorify His Father, even when it seems things are going wrong. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by trusting Jesus that He always keeps His promises, fulfills Scripture, and loves us to the end?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Four

Glorify Him Today



What did Jesus say about glorifying? Jesus said that God would be glorified.

Jesus explained glory in three ways. Each way concerned glorifying the Father and the Son. God the Father would be glorified and Jesus would be glorified.

If God the Father is glorified in Jesus, then God the Father will also glorify Jesus in God the Father. Jesus and the Father are One. They are totally unified as one God, yet they glorify each other as distinct Persons. God the Son glorifies God the Father, and then God the Father glorifies God the Son in God the Father.

God the Father will glorify Jesus immediately. The hour had come for Jesus to lay down His soul and God the Father would be glorified by the actions of Jesus. God the Father would then glorify Jesus immediately.

Immediately

1. **Now.** After Judas Iscariot left, Jesus said that the Son of Man is to glorify God now and God is glorified in Him.
2. **God.** Jesus looked upon death and betrayal as working to the glory of God.
3. **Acknowledged.** Jesus acknowledged that God would be glorified in Him.
4. **Glorify.** Not only would God glorify Jesus, but God would glorify Himself through Jesus.
5. **Life, Death, Resurrection.** Jesus understood the glory of God and how His life, death and resurrection displayed the glory of God.
6. **Displaying.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we should look upon our lives as displaying the glory of God.
7. **Accomplishing.** We rejoice today because Jesus glorified His Father by accomplishing the work the Father gave Him to do. We can do the same.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding how Jesus glorified the Father through dying on the cross and being resurrected with glory to follow.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we worship God for His glory in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by marveling at the glory of God and the things Jesus did that glorified God.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for the ways He glorified the Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by appreciating how God the Father glorified Jesus and how Jesus glorified God the Father?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Five

Seek Me Today



John 13:33

Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

What did Jesus tell His disciples that He had told the Jews before? Jesus told His disciples that He was leaving and they could not come where He was going.

Jesus revealed the future so that the disciples would believe. Jesus knew the His sheep would be scattered when the Shepherd was struck down. Jesus intended for His disciples to continue His ministry upon earth until He returned to the clouds and then set His feet upon the Mount of Olives.

Jesus wanted His disciples to know that He was going to lay down His soul very soon. Jesus knew they would seek Him, but not find Him. Where He was going, they could not come.

Jesus told the disciples about the future and their seeking Him. He would be resurrected and they would see Him after His death, but He was still going to heaven, leaving them on earth to continue His ministry.

You Cannot Come

1. **Little Children**. Jesus described believers as little children. Jesus adopted us into His family through birth from above.
2. **I am**. Jesus used that praise “I Am” frequently to describe Himself and His purposes and actions.
3. **With You**. Jesus knew that Judas Iscariot would betray Him that very night. He had been with the disciples and now that time was drawing near. Jesus saw the disciples after His resurrection and stayed with them for a little while.
4. **Seek Me**. The disciples would seek Jesus, but He was leaving the earth and returning to heaven to be with His Father.
5. **Jews**. Jesus had told the Jews that where He was going, they could not come. Here, Jesus reminds the disciples that He was going away and they could not come there. Jesus intended them to remain on earth and continue His ministry.
6. **Going**. Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus had perfect clarity about where He was going. He was going to the cross, then the tomb, then resurrection, ministry, and then ascension back to heaven.
7. **Come**. We rejoice today because Jesus explained the future to His disciples. They could come where Jesus was going, because they had to live and spread the word and they could not go to heaven to be with Him until their ministries had been completed on earth.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that we minister for Jesus on earth until the time comes when He summons us to heaven to be with Him for eternity.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for His clear explanations of the future and how the disciples would be affected by those plans.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in Jesus that He goes to prepare a place for us, so that we may be with Him for all eternity.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by believing Jesus always prophesied truly about the future. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by continuing the ministry of Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Six

New Today



What new commandment did Jesus give to His disciples? Jesus commanded them to love one another.

The new commandment sounded like many old commandments about loving God and loving your neighbor. In this case, however, Jesus specified that we must love one another as Jesus loved us. Exemplary love follows the example of love Jesus gave us.

Jesus demonstrated His love in many ways. He said no man has greater love than laying down His soul for His friends. Jesus not only talked about love, but He demonstrated love with His friends. Jesus also loved His enemies.

Jesus loved His disciples and showed them how to love one another. The disciples quarreled among themselves and they all wanted to be thought of as the greatest disciple. Jesus showed them real love meant sacrifice.

Loved You

1. **Prepared.** As Jesus prepared His disciples for His departure, He first prophesied that they cannot come where He is going.
2. **Commandment.** Jesus then gave them a new commandment. The new commandment embodied the life and love of Jesus Christ.
3. **New.** The commandment was new because it rested upon the personal love of Jesus Christ.
4. **Love One Another.** Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another. He commanded them to follow His example of loving them.
5. **Exemplify.** The love that the disciples had for one another would exemplify their obedience to the command of Christ.
6. **Obedience.** Living Godly in the family of God means that our love demonstrates our obedience to the command of Jesus our Lord.
7. **Like Jesus.** We rejoice today because we love one another, just like Jesus loves us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by following the commandments of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand and apply the new commandment to love one another.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving one another as Jesus loved His disciples.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving one another as Jesus loved the disciples. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving people like Jesus loves them?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Seven

All Men Today



How will all men know we are the disciples of Jesus? All men will know we are the disciples of Jesus if we love one another.

Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment, that they would love one another as Jesus loved them. Jesus set the perfect example of humble, gentle love.

Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. He talked with them about the past, present and future. Jesus had a reputation for loving His disciples. Jesus also was very tolerant of His disciples and the spiritual errors they made. They argued about greatness and sought the highest positions in the kingdom of God, at the expense of the fellow disciples.

Jesus said that all men would know that they were His disciples if they loved one another. Jesus was known as love, and He wanted His disciples to love one another as He loved them to the end.

My Disciples

1. **New Commandment.** Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, just as He loved them.
2. **Love.** Jesus told them that their love for one another would identify them as His disciples.
3. **Instructions.** As Jesus gave final instructions to His disciples, He emphasized the value of love.
4. **Proclaim.** As the disciples loved one another, they proclaimed their faith in Jesus Christ.
5. **Identify.** Our love for one another should identify us to everybody quickly and absolutely as followers of Jesus Christ.
6. **Believers.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we are known by our love as believers in Jesus Christ.
7. **Faith.** We rejoice today because Jesus is all about love and how our love proclaims our faith in Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving one another.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God knowing that all men will know we are disciples of Jesus because we love one another.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and loving His disciples, while being careful to demonstrate our love for all the world to see.**

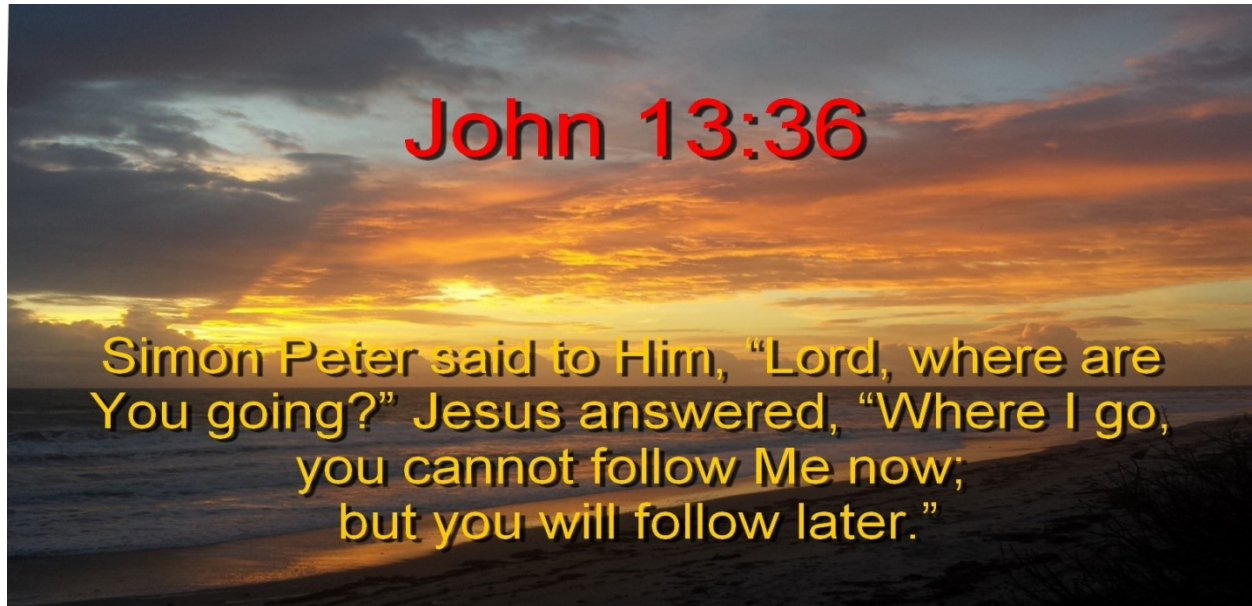
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving one another. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving one another so that the world will know we are disciples of Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Eight

Where Today



Peter asked Jesus where was Jesus going? Jesus said where He was going, Peter could not follow Him then, but Peter would follow later.

Jesus had said very similar things to the Pharisees. They wanted to know where Jesus was going that they could not follow. Jesus never promised them they would be with Him later. In fact, Jesus told the Pharisees that they were going to judgment and destruction.

Jesus promised Peter that he would be with Jesus later. Knowing that Peter was going to deny Jesus three times that very night, that promise shines especially bright. Jesus loved Peter, and so had great patience with Peter.

Jesus has great patience with all of us. He wants us to know that ultimately we will follow Him to heaven, because we have saving faith. Until we get to heaven, we may do many sinful things on earth, and still go to heaven.

Follow Later

1. **Command.** Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another, so that people would know that they are His disciples.
2. **Where?** Peter had a question for Jesus. He wanted to know where Jesus was going.
3. **Questions.** Jesus said things that stirred questions.
4. **Not Now.** Jesus answered Peter's question. He said that Peter could not follow now.
5. **Later.** Jesus also told Peter that he would follow Jesus later.
6. **Schedule.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we follow Jesus according to His schedule, not ours.
7. **We Follow.** We rejoice today because Jesus told us that we too would follow Him later.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by believing that we will follow Jesus to heaven.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we believe that we will be with Jesus later, even if we have some sinful seasons before then.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we encourage each other and love each other in the knowledge that all believers will follow Jesus later.**

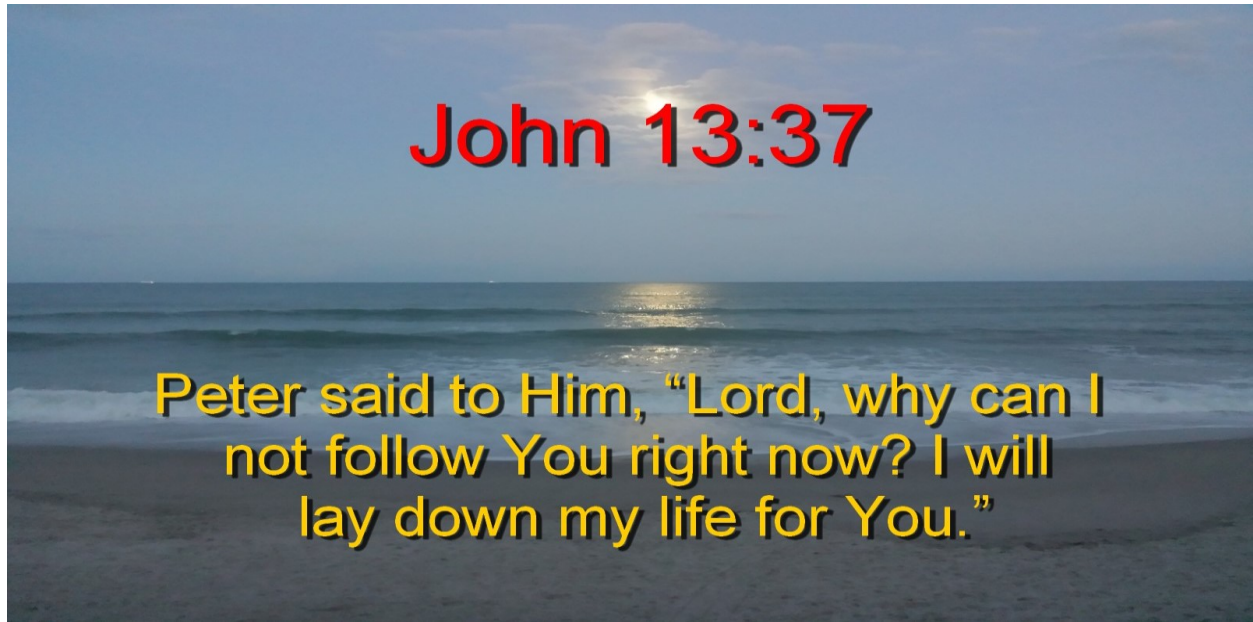
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by following Jesus today, knowing that tomorrow we will follow Jesus to heaven. Will you live Godly in the family of God today looking forward to heaven with Jesus?

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Day Six Hundred Nine

Now Today



What did Peter offer to do for Jesus? Peter offered to lay down his soul for Jesus.

Jesus had just told Peter that he could not follow Jesus now, but would follow Him later. Peter had a habit of speaking quickly on impulse. Peter said he would lay down his soul for Jesus.

We know that Peter actually would deny Jesus three times the same night. Jesus also knew that Peter would deny Him. Judas Iscariot would betray Jesus that night, and later Peter would deny Him three times. Judas Iscariot would die in unbelief, but Peter would be restored to his brethren.

Jesus had great love and great patience with His disciples. Peter made great statements, but did not follow through. When the times got tough that night, Jesus stood strong and Peter wilted under the pressure. Jesus loved His disciples to the end.

For You

1. **Did.** Simon Peter walked on water, recognized Jesus as the Christ of God, and did many wonderful things.
2. **Said.** Even so, Peter said things that turned out to be untrue.
3. **Now.** Peter wanted to follow Jesus right away, even after Jesus told him he would follow later.
4. **Contradicted.** Peter implicitly contradicted what Jesus had prophesied about following later, not now.
5. **Disobedience.** Peter had a zeal to live for Christ, but lacked obedience to Christ. At times we say things like I will lay down my life for you, but end up denying Jesus and cursing.
6. **Jesus' Words.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we live according to the time and words of Jesus.
7. **Jesus' Patience.** We rejoice today because Jesus has great patience with His children that love to do things their way and not His way, in His time.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by laying down our souls for Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to love us, even when we make big promises, but do not keep them.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus who loves us even when we say one thing, but do another.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by never promising things we cannot deliver. Will you live Godly in the family of God today trusting Jesus to forgive you for all the promises you never kept?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Ten

Will You Today



John 13:38

Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times."

What did Jesus do after Peter promised to lay down his soul for Jesus? Jesus then told Peter he would deny Him three times that night.

Peter promised to lay down his soul for Jesus. Jesus then asked Peter a simple question: "Will you lay down your soul for Me?" Jesus knew the intentions of Peter, but Peter had promised more than he could deliver.

Jesus then made a prophecy about Peter. He said that Peter would deny Him three times before the rooster crows. Jesus made very specific prophecies. Many people would know whether Peter kept his word or if Jesus had prophesied the truth about Peter. Of course, Peter did not keep his word, but every word of Jesus always comes true. Hearing that you are going to deny Jesus three times in one night would be very troubling to most believers.

Deny Me

1. **Jesus Prophesied.** Jesus had prophesied that He was going away and His disciples could not follow Him then, but they would follow later.

2. **Peter Proclaimed.** Peter then proclaimed that he would lay down his soul for Jesus.

3. **Response.** Jesus responded by asking Peter, "Will you truly lay down your soul for Me?"

4. **Denial.** Jesus then prophesied that a rooster would not crow before Peter had denied Jesus three times.

5. **Future.** At times we say things on the spur of the moment. Jesus always tells the truth and knows the future.

6. **Grand Sayings.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we say some things in haste. Yet, despite our grand proclamations, Jesus knows that we may deny Him under pressure.

7. **Pressure.** We rejoice today because Jesus never stops loving true believers who deny Him under pressure.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by hearing Jesus question us about our big promises to Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that we cannot promise what we will do with our souls in the future; we do not know how things will go for us on earth.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by believing that Jesus tells us the truth, even when we may not want to hear the truth about us.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to fulfill all of His promises. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by accepting your spiritual failures, but knowing that Jesus still loves you and promised that you would follow Him to heaven later?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Eleven

Troubled Today



After Jesus told Peter he would deny Jesus three times, what else did Jesus tell Peter? He told Peter not to let his heart be troubled.

Jesus commanded Peter not to let his heart be troubled. Imagine that Jesus told you that you would deny Him three times in one night. You might be tempted to give up and quit.

Jesus also commanded Peter to believe in God. Just because you deny Jesus does not mean you have lost your salvation. Peter was a believer that denied Jesus three times.

Jesus also commanded Peter to believe in God. Denying Jesus should not end your faith in God. Jesus commanded Peter to keep on believing in God, even when you have the worst night of your life.

Believe

1. **Peter.** Jesus told Peter that he would deny Jesus three times before the cock crowed.

2. **Deny.** The news that Peter would deny Jesus three times that very night must have hit Peter with great force.

3. **Effect.** Jesus always comprehends fully the effect that His words will have upon other people, including Peter.

4. **Troubled.** Jesus knew the news of the denials would trouble Peter. So, Jesus issued three commands to Peter and the disciples.

5. **Believe.** First, do not let your heart be troubled. Second, believe in God. Third, believe in Me. Those three commands would get Peter through the three denials and the sorrow to follow.

6. **Maintain.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus focuses us upon controlling our emotions and maintaining our faith in God and Jesus, especially after we have denied Jesus.

7. **Faith.** We rejoice today because Jesus knows all about denying Him and the trouble that fills our heart and the challenges to our faith. Even so, Jesus loves us no matter what we do as believers. He promised that every believer will be with Him for eternity.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by not letting our hearts be troubled so that we give up.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we continue to believe in Jesus, even when we deny Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we continue to believe in God, even after we have denied Jesus repeatedly.**

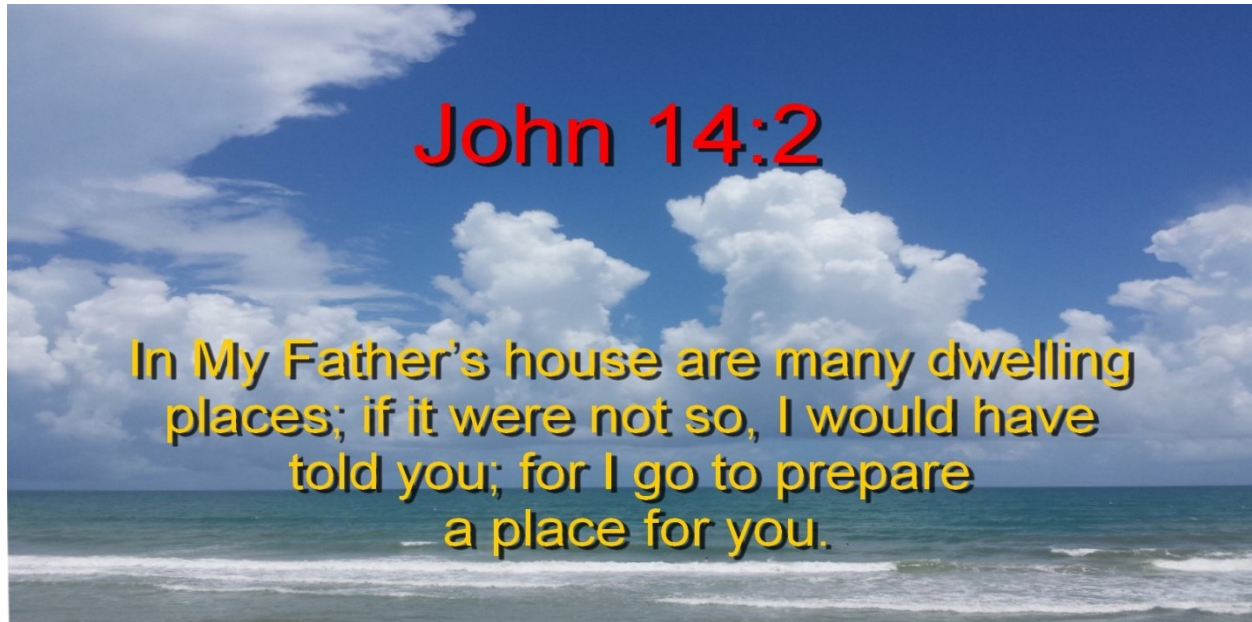
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that no sin separates the believer from the love of God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by continuing to believe in Jesus and the Father, no matter what you do?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Twelve

Dwelling Places Today



What did Jesus promise Peter and the other disciples? Jesus promised that He would go and prepare a dwelling place for them.

Jesus revealed that His Father's house has many dwelling places. Jesus promised Peter and the other disciples that he would arrange perfect accommodations for them in heaven.

Jesus also revealed that God the Father would open His house for them to stay there with Jesus. As believers, Jesus wanted us to know about the future we have with God.

Jesus said the Son of Man had nowhere to lay His head. He traveled from place to place, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Israel. He did not have a regular home. We will have a special home with Jesus in heaven.

Prepare

1. **Prophecy.** Jesus prophesied that Peter would deny him three times before the rooster crowed.

2. **Command.** Immediately after, Jesus commanded Peter and the other disciples not to let their hearts be troubled, but believe in God and believe in Jesus.

3. **Unbreakable Love.** Jesus explained that His love was unbreakable, even for Peter who would deny Him three times that same night.

4. **Promise.** Jesus promised that He was going to prepare a place for His disciples. His Father's house has many dwelling places.

5. **Place.** Jesus also said that He would have told the disciples if His Father's house did not have a place for them.

6. **Prepare.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we can always count on Jesus to prepare a place just for us in His Father's house.

7. **Eternal.** We rejoice today because the love of Jesus Christ means that we have an eternal dwelling place with Jesus in His Father's house, and we can never alter that destiny--once saved, always saved.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to tell us the truth always.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by looking forward to seeing our dwelling place prepared for us by Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we look forward to staying in our Father's house in the future.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by looking forward to spending time with Jesus in heaven. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by counting upon Jesus to prepare a place for us in His Father's house?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirteen

Go and Prepare Today



Will Jesus come again? Jesus promised that He would come again and receive us to Himself.

Jesus made tremendous promises about our future with Him. He promised that He was going and would prepare a place for us in His Father's house. He also promised to come again.

Jesus explained that He would come back and receive us to Himself. He wants us to be with Him for all eternity. Jesus left earth and returned to heaven. While away, Jesus was busy preparing a place just for us.

Jesus loves for us to think about our future with Him. He wants us to believe in Him, even on our worst days. He wants us to know He is coming back, to take us to heaven, and see our new homes prepared just for us.

Also

1. **Prepare.** Jesus prophesied that He would leave earth and prepare a place for each believer in the house of His Father.
2. **Receive.** Jesus also prophesied that He would come again and receive His disciples to Himself.
3. **Eternity.** Jesus intended for His disciples to know about His plans for all eternity with them.
4. **With Him.** For all eternity Jesus wants us to be with Him, where He is.
5. **Right Time.** Each believer will join Jesus at just the right time. He will receive each of us individually.
6. **Place.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we happily look forward to being with Jesus in the place He has prepared just for us.
7. **Personal.** We rejoice today because Jesus always makes it personal. He prepares a personal place for us and then receives us personally after our death on earth.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting Jesus to return for us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus said He would prepare a place for us, where we would be with Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by considering what a friend we have in Jesus, because He wants us to be with Him in glory.**

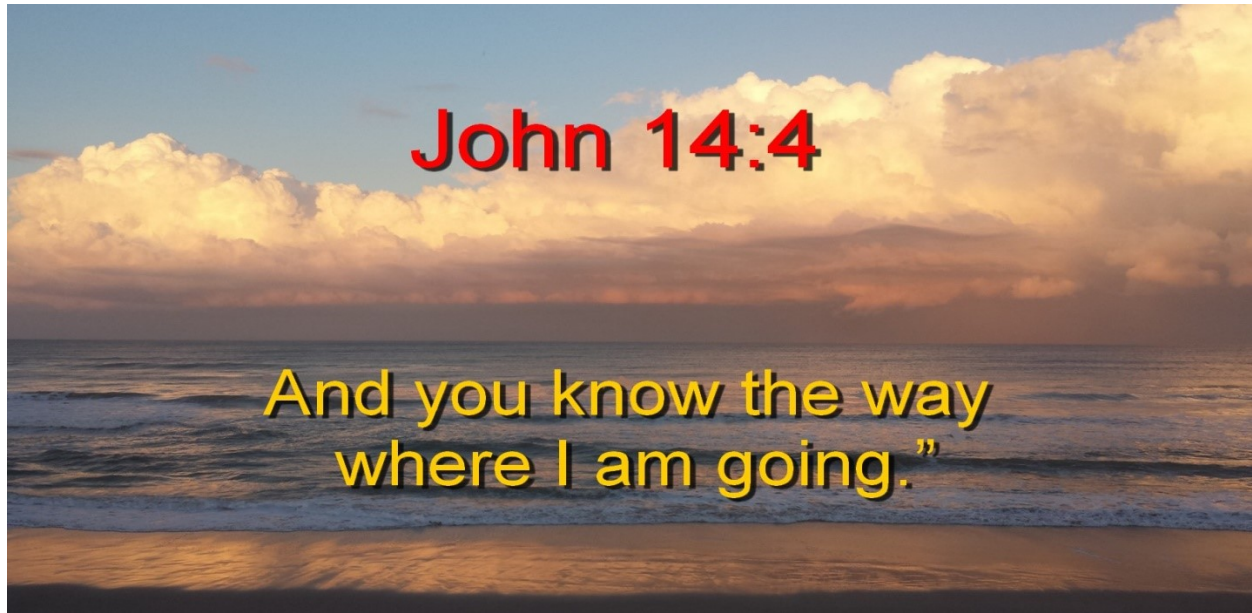
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting Jesus to return for us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by looking for Jesus to appear and take us home?

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Day Six Hundred Fourteen

The Way Today



What did Jesus tell His disciples about the way? Jesus told His disciples that they knew the way.

Jesus wanted the disciples to know He was leaving, preparing a place for them, and then coming back to receive them to Himself. We will be with Jesus in heaven.

Jesus also focused upon the way. He told His disciples that they knew the way to heaven. He was going back to heaven to be with His Father in glory. The disciples may have had a very hard time comprehending all Jesus was telling them.

Jesus wanted the disciples to know for sure that they knew the way where Jesus was going. Jesus was going back to His Father in heaven. Jesus comforted His disciples with His promises.

You Know

1. **Prepare.** Jesus prophesied that He was going away to prepare a place for His disciples.
2. **Follow.** Jesus had told them earlier that He was leaving and they could not follow then, but would follow later.
3. **Where.** He also indicated to them that they knew the way where He was going.
4. **Father's House.** Jesus had told them plainly that He was going to His Father's house to prepare a place for them. The destination was clear.
5. **Promise.** The next day Jesus was going to die on the cross. Jesus promised to return and receive them to Himself, so that they would be with Him forever.
6. **Only Way.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that Jesus is the only way to the Father.
7. **Coming Back.** We rejoice today because Jesus wants us to remember that He is coming back to receive us, so that we will always be with Him. He is the way.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that we know the way to heaven.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that we know where Jesus went after He left Earth.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we all look forward to going to heaven and being with Jesus all the way.**

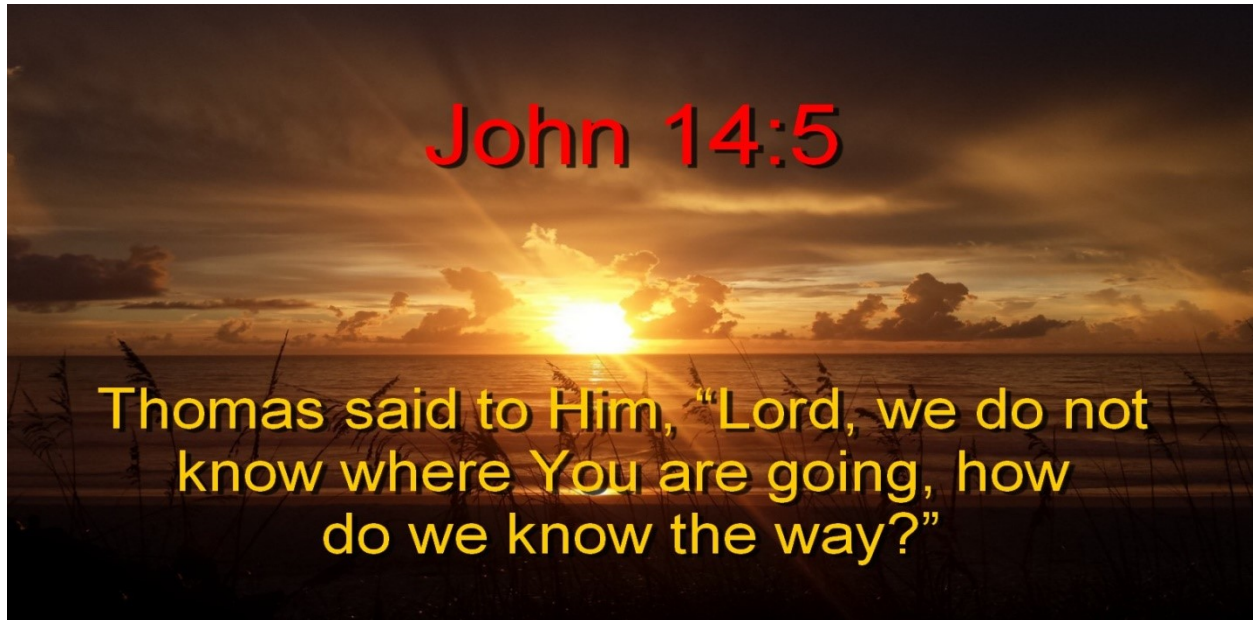
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that we know the Way to heaven. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by pondering Jesus as the Way to His Father?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifteen

Not Know Today



Why did Thomas say he did not know where Jesus was going? Thomas said we do not know where Jesus was going because he was thinking in human terms.

Thomas had a great quality of asking questions. He asked the right question here because he truly did not know what Jesus was talking about. Thomas thought he did not know where Jesus was going.

We know that Jesus was going back to heaven and glory, to be with His Father. We know you only get to heaven by grace through faith in Jesus.

When Jesus tells us we know something, we should not disagree with Jesus. Jesus wants us to know what we know, but we may not realize what we know. Thomas thought they did not know the way, but actually they did know where Jesus was going and the Way to get there.

The Way?

1. **They Knew.** Jesus told His disciples that they knew the way where He was going. He was referring to His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. He was returning to His Father.

2. **Disputed.** Thomas disputed two things: (a) they did they did not know where Jesus was going; and (b) they did not know the way.

3. **Truth.** When Jesus tells you something, you should always remember He tells the truth.

4. **The Way.** So when Jesus says you know the way where He is going, then you know the way.

5. **Explain.** At times, we know things that it seems at first we do not know. We need Jesus to explain what we already know.

6. **Already.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus loves to explain what we already know.

7. **Comprehend.** We rejoice today because Jesus wants us to know and fully comprehend what we already know about Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by asking Jesus the questions we have about Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by knowing where Jesus was going and the way to get there.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we look forward to being with Jesus where He was going and taking the only Way there.**

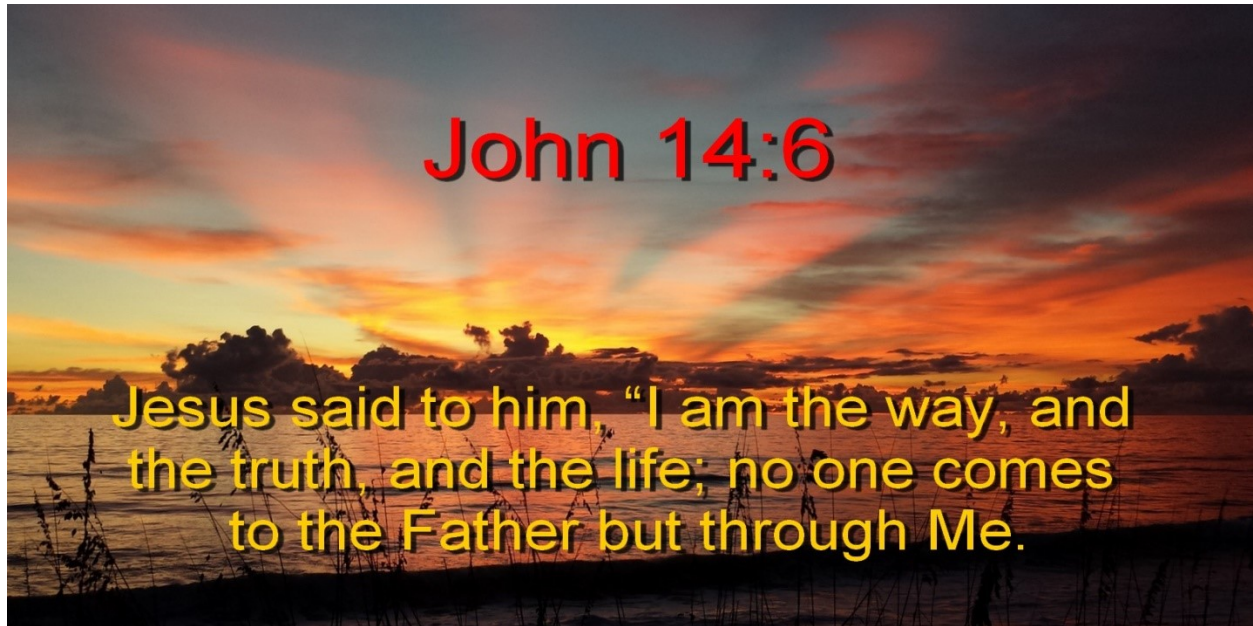
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering the Way to heaven. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting Jesus to answer your questions about spiritual things?

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Day Six Hundred Sixteen

No One Today



How do you come to the Father? Jesus declared that no one comes to the Father, except through Him.

When people claim that all spiritual roads lead to heaven, they deny what Jesus taught about salvation. He declared that no one comes to Father but through Him. Jesus made a very exclusive claim about salvation. So, when people say that all roads lead to heaven, they deny that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus also made a great claim about the way. Jesus said He's the only way to heaven. We travel to Him by grace through faith. Jesus also made a great claim about life. Jesus said that He is life. Without Him people live in death. Jesus also declared that He is the way, the truth, and the life.

Through Me

1. **Thomas.** Thomas told Jesus that he did not know where Jesus was going or the way to get there.

2. **I Am.** Jesus then replied to Thomas: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

3. **Alone.** Jesus identified Himself as the way, the truth, and the life. You only go to heaven by faith in Jesus because He alone is the way, the truth, and the life.

4. **False Religions.** Jesus also said all other religions are false religions. Jesus proclaimed that He was the only way to the Father. No one goes to the Father but through Jesus.

5. **Opposed.** Jesus opposed any notion that all roads lead to heaven, as long as you have sincere belief.

6. **Rely.** Living Godly in the family of God means that you count upon only Jesus to get to heaven.

7. **Only Way.** We rejoice today because Jesus really is the way, the truth, and the life, and the only way to the Father.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by keeping in mind that Jesus is the only way to the Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we spread the good news that Jesus alone is the way, and the truth, and the life.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we worship Jesus for being our way to heaven, filled with His truth, and enjoying the spiritual life He has given to us.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by living in Jesus, the way, the truth and life. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by worshiping Jesus because He brought us the truth, He revealed Himself as the way, and brought us eternal life in Himself?

HALLELUJAH !

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Learning about Godliness and The Father Today

When Jesus told His disciples that they knew where He was going, Thomas said they did not know where Jesus was going or the way. Jesus then said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” Jesus then continued to explain the Father to them.

Jesus said that if you know the Father, then you know the Son. Philip then said that it would be enough if Jesus would show them the Father. Jesus replied that everyone who has seen the Son has seen the Father. Jesus declared: “I am in the Father and the Father is in Me.” Jesus then explained that even the words He spoke came from the Father. Jesus did not speak on His own initiative, but the Father abiding in Him does His works. Jesus commanded His disciples to believe that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him. Jesus said we should also believe because of His works.

Jesus then promised that everyone who believes in Him will do greater works than He did, because He goes to the Father. Jesus then tied those greater works to prayer and the coming of the Holy Spirit. If the disciples would ask anything in the Name of Jesus, then Jesus will do it, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. Notice that we must pray for the things that will glorify the Father. Anything that glorifies the Father Jesus will do. Finally, Jesus tied prayer to loving Him and keeping His commandments.

Jesus promised that He would ask the Father and He will give you another Helper (Holy Spirit), that He may be with you forever. The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. Jesus described the Holy Spirit as abiding with the disciples then, but in the future (on the day of Pentecost) the Holy Spirit will fill them and then permanently

indwell them. Jesus will baptize them with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and they will become instantly members of the Body of Christ, endowed with spiritual gifts.

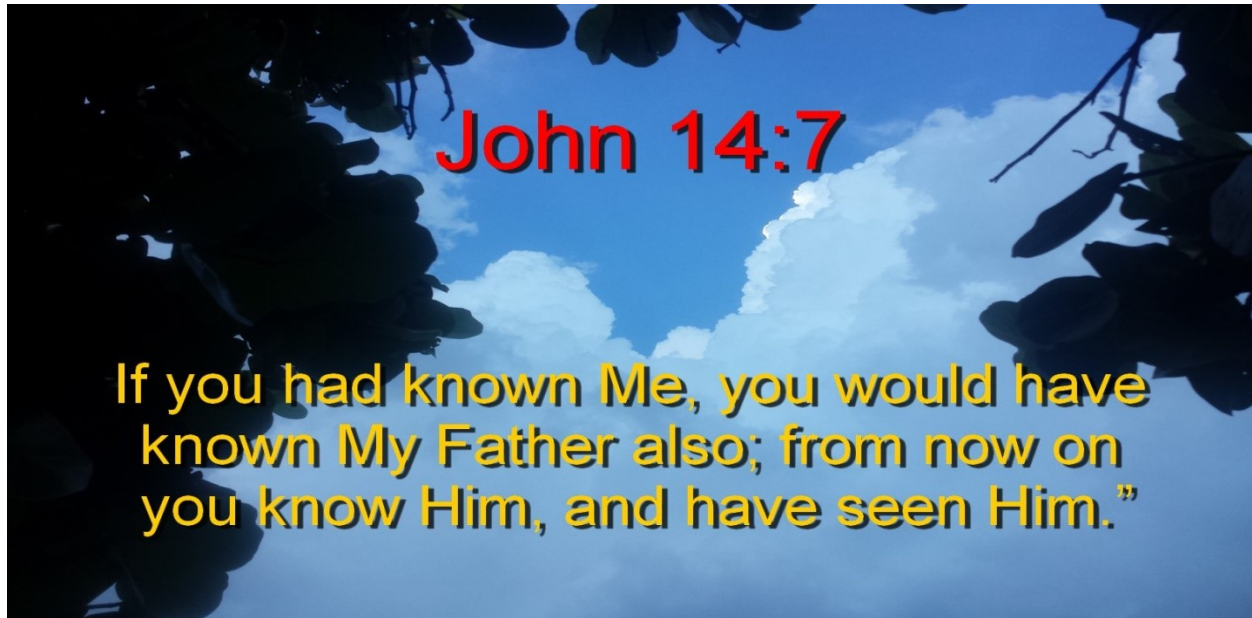
Jesus also declared that He would not leave the disciples as orphans. He promised to come to them. In that day when Jesus comes to them, they will know that He is in the Father and they are in Jesus and He is in them. Anyone who keeps His commandments loves Jesus and His Father loves them too. Jesus promised that He will love them and disclose Himself to them. Jesus promised that both the Father and the Son will make their abode with everyone who loves Jesus and keeps His word.

Jesus said His disciples should have rejoiced when He said that He was going away to His Father, Who is greater than Jesus. Jesus said He leaves peace with them. His peace differs from the world's peace, because His peace keeps their hearts from being troubled and fearful. Jesus told His disciples these things so they may believe when they happen. Jesus warned that the ruler of this world is coming, he has nothing in Jesus. But so that the world may know that Jesus loves the Father, Jesus does exactly as the Father commanded Him.

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Seventeen

Known Today



How did Jesus persuade Thomas to see the Father? Jesus drew Thomas into a dialogue aimed at clarifying what he already knew.

Jesus used a phrase about knowing Him. Jesus put it with the assumption that right now Thomas did not know Jesus, but He also wants Thomas to understand that knowing Jesus means knowing the Father. Thomas had not yet connected those two truths about the Father and the Son. Jesus used language based on the truth, realized or not, that Thomas did indeed know Jesus. Thomas did not yet realize that knowing Jesus was the same as knowing the Father.

Jesus continued the persuasive dialogue with Thomas. He then expounded that from then on, Thomas knows the Father and has seen the Father. What changed? The reality never changed because the Father was always in Jesus and Jesus did the Father's works. The change was the perception of Thomas to see beyond the flesh into the Spirit world of the Trinity. Seeing Jesus was to see the Father, and from then on Thomas

comprehended the spiritual truth. Jesus had already said Thomas knew the way, which was to know Jesus as Savior.

Know Him

1. **Linked.** Jesus linked seeing Him and knowing Him with seeing the Father and knowing the Father.

2. **Thomas.** Thomas said he did not know where Jesus was going or the way to go there.

3. **Jesus.** Jesus replied that He was the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Jesus.

4. **Understand.** In the original Greek text, Jesus makes it plain that He accepts that Thomas has seen the Father and knows the Father. From this time forward, all the eleven disciples would understand that seeing Jesus was seeing the Father. And knowing Jesus was knowing the Father. Now they would understand.

5. **Explanation.** Jesus had to explain what Thomas already knew about Jesus and the Father so that Thomas would understand what Thomas already knew.

6. **Exact Representation.** Living Godly in the family of God means that when we see Jesus, we see the Father; spiritually, Jesus is the exact representation of the Father.

7. **Father.** We rejoice today because Jesus displays the Father in all that Jesus does and says. Two Persons (Father and Son), one God.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by comprehending that the Father was in Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by comprehending that the Father was in Jesus and to know Jesus is to know the Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by comprehending that Jesus did the works of His Father, and He wanted everyone to comprehend that truth.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by comprehending that to know Jesus is to know the Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by looking at Jesus and seeing the Father too?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Eighteen

Show Us Today



What did Philip want from Jesus? Philip wanted Jesus to show them the Father.

Thomas just heard about seeing the Father in Jesus. Philip, like Thomas, needed to comprehend deep spiritual truths that sound simple, but have wonderful and deep implications.

Jesus wanted Thomas to learn about seeing Jesus, seeing the Father, and learning about asking the right questions. Thomas asked a question that revealed his lack of understanding. Thomas had heard and seen Jesus for years, but did not understand the relationship between Jesus and His Father. Before Jesus left, He wanted all of His remaining disciples to understand the close and consistent relationship He had with His Father. To see Jesus was to see the Father. The abiding presence of the Father was in Jesus, and the Father did His works directly through Jesus.

Show Us

1. **Spirit.** Jesus explained that Jesus and the Father are one God, but separate Persons. God is spirit and the disciples needed to understand the spiritual life of the Father and the Son.

2. **Flesh.** If you know Jesus, you know the Father. If you have seen Jesus in the flesh, you have seen the Father.

3. **Show.** Philip wanted Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Philip said that would be enough for them.

4. **Years.** The disciples had spent years with Jesus, listening to Him preach, and watching Him heal, cast out demons, calm stormy seas, walk on water, feed multitudes and do many miracles.

5. **Truth.** Jesus spoke often about spiritual truth; His audiences needed open, spiritual eyes and ears to hear the spiritual truths He proclaimed and to see the Father in Jesus.

6. **Always.** Living Godly the family of God means the Father was always in Jesus and Jesus was always in the Father.

7. **Know.** We rejoice today because Jesus always has great patience for every disciple striving to understand the spiritual ways and the spiritual life of Jesus and His Father. To know Jesus is to know the Father. To see Jesus is to see the Father.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by asking respectful questions that bring to us new understanding about God.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that God the Father was in the Son.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by realizing that seeing Jesus was to see the Father.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding the depths of the relationship between Jesus and His Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by seeing the Father in Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Nineteen

So Long Today

John 14:9

Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

What did Jesus want to teach Philip? Jesus wanted Philip to understand that seeing Jesus meant seeing the Father.

Jesus taught people using questions. His questions engaged the listener to think about some particular spiritual truth. Jesus focused the attention of people.

Jesus focused the attention of Philip upon seeing what he had seen for years. Philip had been looking at Jesus, but had did not know he had been seeing the Father. The Father is spirit, and no one sees the Father except spiritually.

Jesus wanted Philip to understand that seeing Jesus was seeing the Father. Jesus was not talking about physical eyesight, but about spiritual perception. Jesus was showing Philip that he had seen the Father all along, but never understood what he was looking at.

Seen Me

1. **Show.** Philip asked Jesus to show the Father to the disciples and that would be enough for them.
2. **Jesus.** Jesus had already explained that He was the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Him.
3. **Challenge.** Jesus challenged Philip about knowing the Father and knowing the Son.
4. **Question.** Using a question, Jesus pointed out to Philip that to know Jesus was to know the Father.
5. **Point.** Because Jesus had already spent so much time with Phillip and the other disciples, Jesus expected that they would have already understood that to know Jesus was to know the Father. Jesus used another question to drive home His point.
6. **Knowing.** Living Godly in the family of God means we know that knowing Jesus is to know the Father.
7. **Understanding.** We rejoice today because Jesus knows how to deal gently with His disciples (like us) who do not understand things until He explains them in personal detail.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by knowing that knowing Jesus is knowing the Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that knowing Jesus means that we learn what we know.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by joining together in praise for God the Father, Whom we know because we know Jesus.**

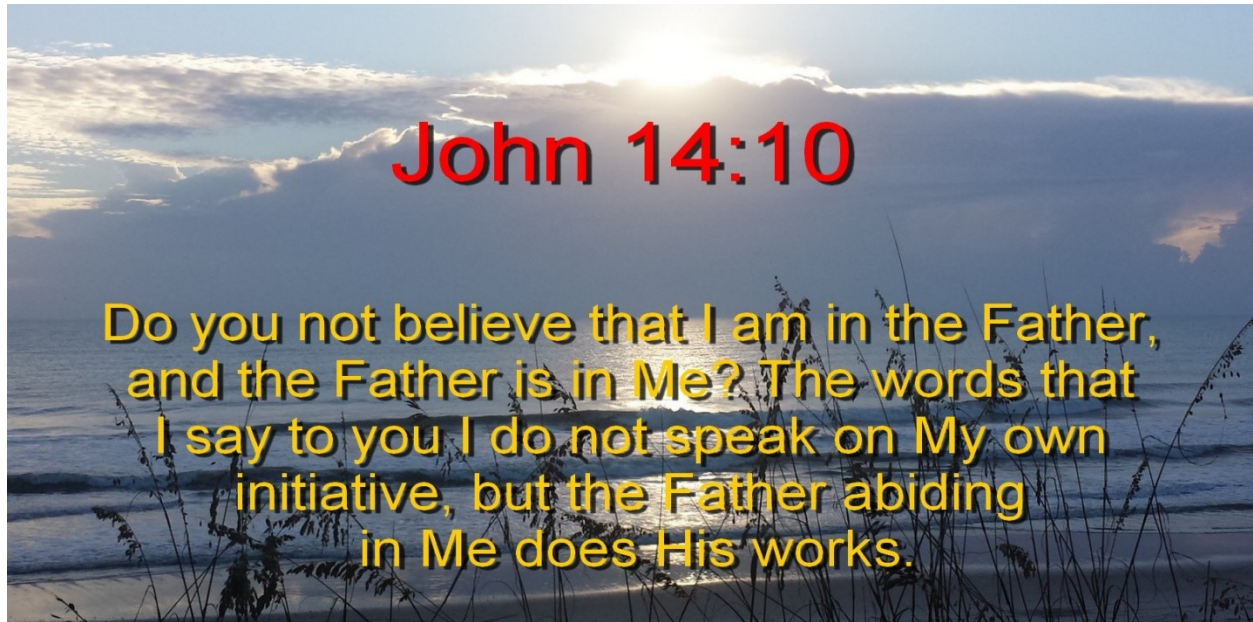
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by learning what we know. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by learning more about the things we already know?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Twenty

His Works Today



How can we see the Father? Jesus said seeing Him is seeing the Father, because the Father abides in Him and Jesus does His works.

Jesus linked faith with sight. Jesus asked if Thomas believed that He was in the Father and the Father in Him. Jesus meant that Thomas believed that the Father was with Jesus, but he did not understand what he already knew.

Jesus then linked His words to His Father, as He had done many times before. Thomas had heard Jesus speak, and Jesus was speaking even then. Jesus never spoke from His own initiative, but He spoke the words of His Father.

Thomas knew about the relationship between Jesus and His Father, but Thomas needed to learn that the Father was in Jesus and spoke His own words through Jesus. The Father and Jesus lived in perfect unity of words and works.

Father Abiding

1. **Believe**. Jesus explained how we can see the Father. We see the Father by seeing Jesus. Philip needed to expand his faith and his understanding of the Trinity and Jesus was helping Philip.
2. **Father**. Jesus helped Philip understand that Jesus was in the Father and the Father was in Jesus. This simple sounding concept actually plumbs the spiritual depths.
3. **Words**. Jesus declared that the words that He spoke were not His, but His Father's. Jesus had repeatedly emphasized that He obeyed His Father's commandment to speak for His Father.
4. **Initiative**. Jesus came as a representative of His Father. He spoke only the words given to Him by His Father. To hear Jesus was to hear the Father. The words of Jesus did not come from His own initiative, but from His Father.
5. **Abiding**. The Father was abiding in Jesus. The continuing fullness of the Godhead dwelt in Jesus. To see Jesus was to see the Father.
6. **Does**. Living Godly in the family of God means the Father does the works of Jesus, because the Father abides in Jesus. This abiding relationship characterizes the oneness of God the Father and God the Son.
7. **Works**. We rejoice today because God the Father does His works. God the Father continued in Jesus and did His works through Jesus. Seeing Jesus means seeing the Father.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus did not speak on His own initiative.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we believe that the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we worship both Jesus and His Father for their great works and plans for us.**

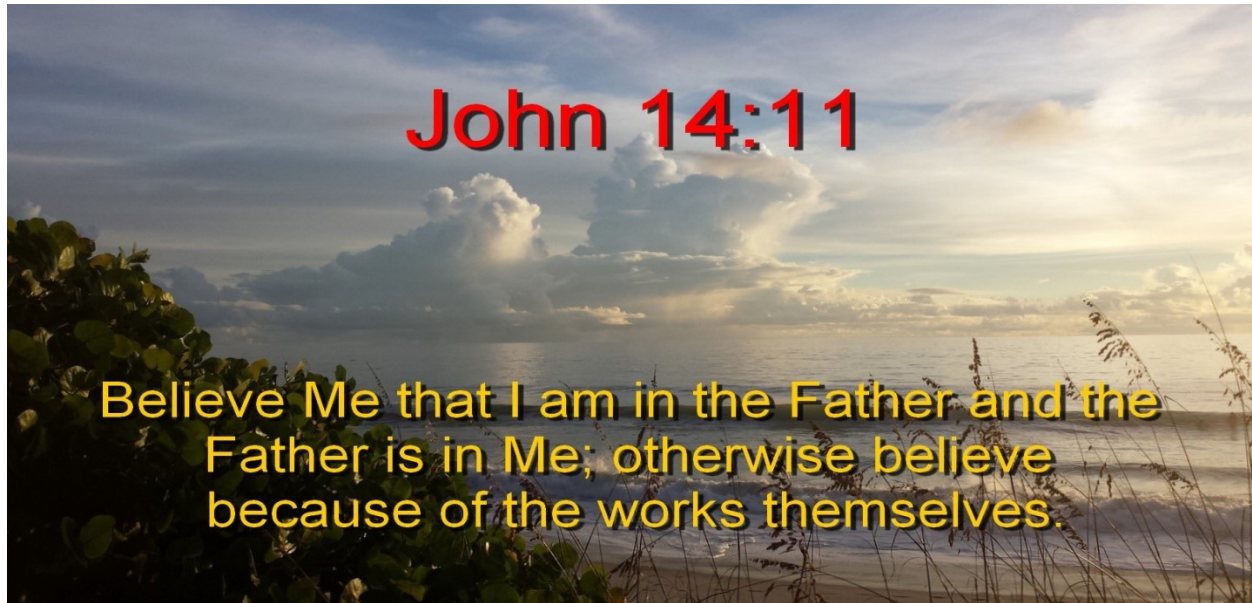
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising the Father for doing His works through Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by rejoicing that the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father?

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Day Six Hundred Twenty One

In Me Today



What reasons did Jesus give for believing in Him? Jesus commanded people to believe in Him because He is in the Father and the Father is in Him; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

Jesus commanded people to believe in Him. He did not suggest belief, He commanded belief. If people did not obey that command, they suffered eternal destruction. Jesus did not issue that command lightly.

The first reason Jesus gave for believing in Him was that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him. Jesus had already explained that the Father in Him did His works through Jesus.

The second reason Jesus gave for believing Him was the works themselves. As people see the works Jesus performed, they saw the Father's works, for Jesus did the works of His Father.

Believe Me

1. **Commands.** Jesus issued many commands to His disciples.
2. **Focus.** In John 14:1, Jesus issued three separate commands to Peter and the disciples. Two of those commands focused directly on faith.
3. **Faith.** Jesus commanded people to believe in Him. By faith, we receive eternal life and by faith we walk with Jesus.
4. **In.** Jesus commanded His disciples to believe that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him.
5. **The Works.** Alternately, Jesus commanded His disciples to believe because of the works.
6. **Believe.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus commanded that His disciples believe that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus.
7. **Abides.** We rejoice today because Jesus commanded us to believe because of His works. Both the commands of Jesus and the works of Jesus lead to the same conclusion: the Father abides in Jesus and Jesus abides in the Father.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by obeying the commands of Jesus to believe Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand the reasons we should believe in Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we worship Jesus because of His relationship with the Father and the works Jesus does.**

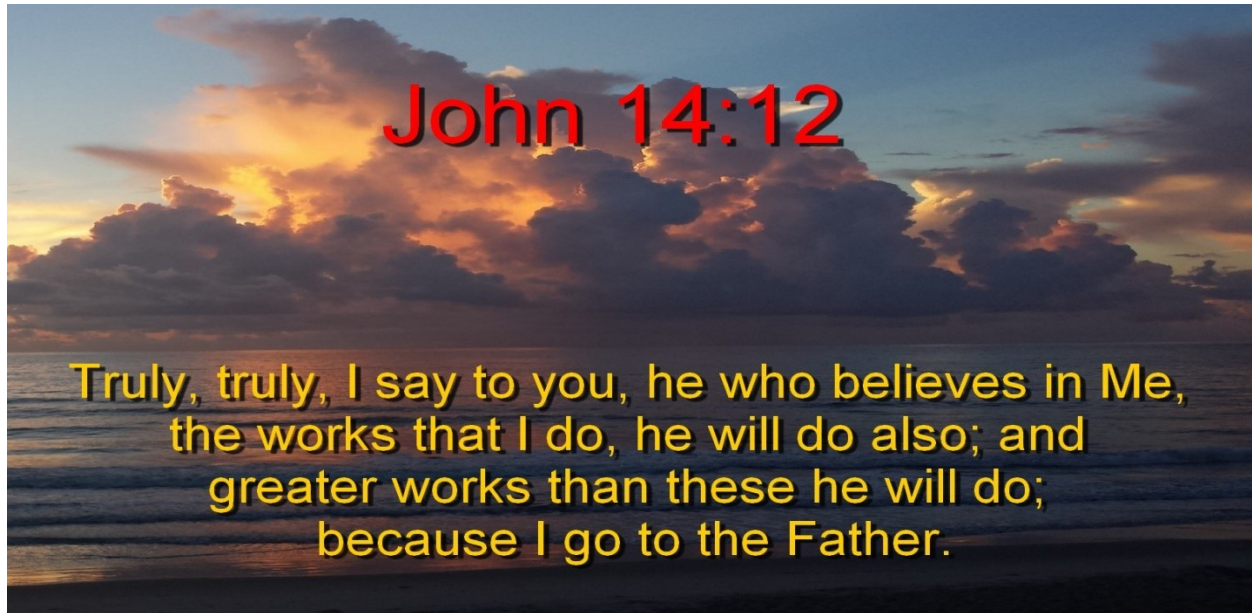
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by believing in Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by believing the works of Jesus?

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Day Six Hundred Twenty Two

Do Also Today



Who will do greater works than Jesus did? Jesus said that after He left, the saints will do greater works because He goes to the Father.

Jesus tied doing greater works to His going to the Father. As we will see in the next words of Jesus, He will send the Holy Spirit to indwell all believers after Jesus baptizes them with the Holy Spirit. Jesus will only send the Holy Spirit after He has ascended to the Father.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit began to indwell believers. Jesus baptized all believers at Pentecost with the Holy Spirit. Later Paul would write that all believers have been baptized into the body of Christ.

Jesus gave the disciples power to do greater works in seeing more believers saved and in broader geographical areas. They were commissioned to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

Greater Works

1. **Believers.** Jesus promised that believers in Him would do the works that He did.
2. **Works.** Then Jesus said something even more amazing: believers in Him would do greater works than He did.
3. **Greater.** Jesus linked the greater works to His going to the Father.
4. **Possible.** Therefore we must understand that the greater works became possible because Jesus had left the Earth.
5. **Scope.** In other words, the physical presence of Jesus among His disciples limited the scope of His works in the flesh to the area of Israel.
6. **Geographical.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we will do greater works in geographical scope than Jesus did.
7. **Multiplied.** We rejoice today because there are more disciples doing more works in the flesh than Jesus did in His flesh. His ministry has been multiplied in the Earth.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by doing greater works than Jesus did.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we praise Jesus for sending us forth to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the entire world.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we worship God in the Holy Spirit, rendering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.**

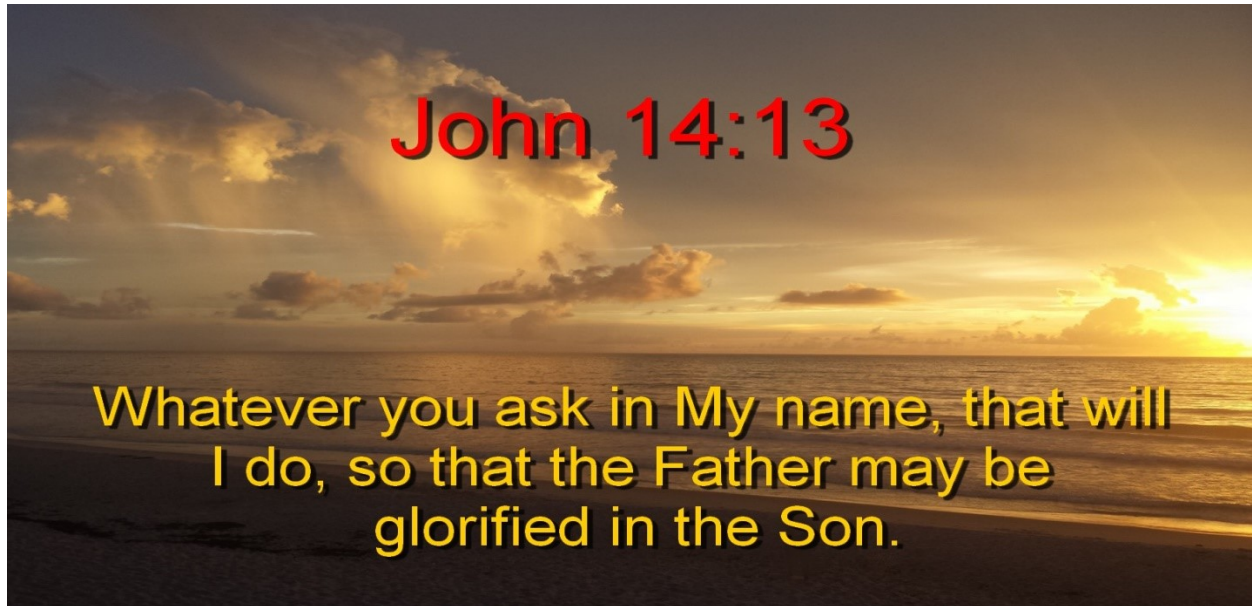
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by doing greater works than Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by giving yourself to God's work?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Twenty Three

Ask Today



What will Jesus do if we ask in His Name? Jesus said He would do whatever we ask in His Name.

After Jesus explained His relationship with His Father, and gave two reasons to obey His command to believe in Him, Jesus then taught on prayer. Jesus knew that His disciples had much to learn about prayer.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray in His Name, which means praying according to the will of Jesus and addressing Jesus. As Jesus repeatedly emphasized, He did the will of His Father and spoke the words of His Father. Therefore, when Jesus instructs us to pray in His Name, we know that the Father gave those words to Jesus.

When we pray to Jesus, in His Name, we know that Jesus hears us and will do His will through our lives. Jesus had just finished explaining how He always did His Father's works, so we would expect the same when we pray in the Name of Jesus. As we pray, we know that the Father will always be glorified in the Son.

My Name

1. **Going.** Jesus explained that He was going to His Father and His disciples would do greater works than He did.

2. **Instruction.** Jesus then began to talk about prayer. Jesus instructed His disciples to pray in His name.

3. **Promise.** Jesus promised that whatever the disciples asked in His name, He would do it.

4. **Answer.** As Jesus answered the prayers of the disciples, so the Father would be glorified in the Son.

5. **Prayers.** Therefore, we see that when we pray in the name of Jesus, Jesus answers our prayers and glorifies the Father by doing so.

6. **Jesus' Name.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that when we pray in the name of Jesus, He will do it.

7. **Glorify.** We rejoice today because Jesus glorifies the Father by answering our prayers.

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 believe that Jesus will give us whatever we ask in His Name.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God**

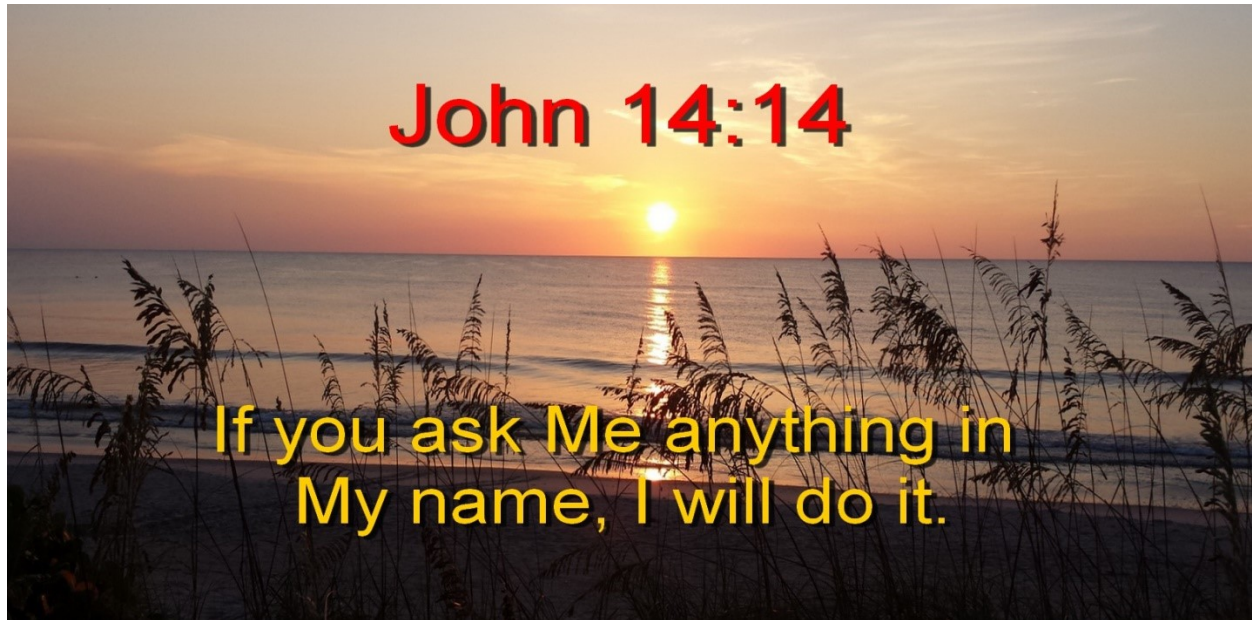
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praying in the name of Jesus and knowing He will give us what we ask. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and pray in the name of Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Twenty Four

Anything Today



Will Jesus do anything we ask in His Name? Jesus promised that if we ask anything in His Name, He will do it.

Jesus continued teaching His disciples about the power of prayer. He promised them to do anything they asked for. Jesus used some very important words here. He said the prayer had to be “in My Name.” In the Old Testament the name was very important. The name of God was the most important. So to pray in the Name of Jesus means we pray according to His will, which is the same as the Father’s will.

Jesus taught the disciples to pray by asking that Jesus would do His will in their lives. Jesus would bring the power of God to their lives so that they would continue the ministry of Jesus and go into all the world. Just as the disciples had learned to rely upon God for ministry, so also they would learn about prayer after Jesus left. They continue to talk with Jesus, even after He left for heaven.

Do It

1. **God Revealed.** In the Old Testament, God revealed Himself through the names that He chose for Himself.

2. **Name.** Praying in the name of an idol revealed the evil in the heart. Praying in the name of God identified the true and living God as the source for help, assurance, blessing, all grace and mercy.

3. **Jesus.** Jesus promised His disciples that if they asked anything in His name, He would do it. Jesus was now commanding His disciples to pray to Him. Of course, they could still pray to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

4. **Promise.** Jesus made many wonderful prayer promises and this promise should warm the heart of every believer.

5. **Seek.** Remember that praying in the name of Jesus means that you seek His will in the prayer, not yours.

6. **His Will.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we pray in the name of Jesus to seek His will as we present our requests, thoughts, concerns, desires, emotions and worship to God.

7. **Ask.** We rejoice today because whatever we ask in the name of Jesus, He will do it.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by praying for anything in the Name of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by praying for the will of God to be done in our lives, just like Jesus always did the will of His Father.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we encourage one another to pray in the Name of Jesus and expect results according to the will of God.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by relying upon Jesus to hear our prayers and act on them according to the will of God. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by counting upon Jesus to answer your prayers in His Name?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Twenty Five

Love Me Today



If you say that you love Jesus, how would people know? They would know you love Jesus by keeping His commandments.

We do not keep the commandments of Jesus so that we can earn our salvation. We keep the commandments of Jesus because we love Jesus. So many people think that they can do whatever they want after they receive the free gift of eternal life.

Jesus expects us to keep His commandments after we receive the free gift of salvation. Just as the Father loves Jesus because Jesus always did the things pleasing to the Father, so also we should do the things pleasing to Jesus.

We know the will of God and the things pleasing to God when we learn His commandments. He commands us to believe in Him, to pray in His Name, to love God and to love our neighbors. Jesus told us the will of God when He said to keep His commandments because we love Him.

My Commandments

1. **Carefully.** Jesus carefully phrased this statement. He understood that His disciples loved Him.

2. **Linked.** Jesus linked their present love for Him to keeping His commandments in the future.

3. **Love.** Because the disciples love Jesus now, they will keep His commandments in the future.

4. **Obedience.** Jesus did not speculate about future events. He declared that love leads to obedience.

5. **Commandments.** Disciples keep the commandments of Jesus because they love Jesus.

6. **Keep.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we keep the commandments of Jesus because we love Jesus.

7. **Because.** We rejoice today because we love to keep the commandments of Jesus.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by keeping the commandments of Jesus because we love Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus together and keeping His commandments together.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by keeping the commandments of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by showing Jesus and others that you love Him by keeping His commandments?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Twenty Six

Helper Today



What will the Father give to believers? The Father will give another Helper to believers.

As Jesus prepared His disciples for His departure, Jesus expounded upon the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Jesus described Him as “another Helper.” Jesus used the word for another of the same kind. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are all of the same kind, they are all God.

Jesus taught the disciples to pray in His name and He would do it. Jesus then revealed that He would pray to the Father and the Father would give them “another Helper,” the Holy Spirit. Notice that the Helper would be given in the future. We know that at Pentecost the Father gave the Holy Spirit.

Jesus also said the Holy Spirit would be with them forever. Jesus described a new relationship with the Holy Spirit after Jesus left.

Forever

1. **Directed.** Jesus directed His disciples to pray in His name and He would fulfill their requests.
2. **Disclosed.** Jesus then disclosed that He will ask His Father to give another Helper to His disciples.
3. **Helper.** The Helper will be the same kind of Helper as Jesus.
4. **Forever.** Jesus promised that the Helper would be with them forever.
5. **Indwell.** Indeed, Jesus prayed that prayer and the Helper filled the disciples and indwelled the disciples, starting at Pentecost.
6. **Received.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we have received the Helper and He abides into the age.
7. **Promises.** We rejoice today because Jesus always keeps His promises and the Father gave us the Holy Spirit, also known as the Helper.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by living in the Holy Spirit.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by paying attention to the Holy Spirit within us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing together that the Holy Spirit lives in all saints.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the Holy Spirit today. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by enjoying the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Twenty Seven

Spirit of Truth



John 14:17

that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Can the world receive the Spirit of Truth? The world cannot receive the Spirit of Truth because it does not see Him or know Him.

The Father will send the Holy Spirit. The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit because it cannot see Him or know Him. Unbelievers cannot receive the Holy Spirit, but believers can.

The Holy Spirit has been with believers, but Jesus said believers know Him already because He abides with the believers. Jesus signaled a change was coming. In the future, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit would be in the believers.

The Holy Spirit indwells all believers today. He takes up personal residence in our lives. He empowers us to glorify God in all that we do. He bears His fruit in our lives each day.

In You

1. **Spirit of Truth**. Jesus promised to send the Spirit of Truth. Jesus called Himself the truth. The Holy Spirit leads people into all truth.
2. **World**. The world, meaning unbelievers and the evils system of the world, cannot receive the Holy Spirit. So we know that the Holy Spirit has a special spiritual relationship with believers.
3. **See**. The world does not see the Holy Spirit. What they cannot see they do not understand.
4. **Know**. Jesus also explained that the world does not know the Holy Spirit. Jesus had been showing the disciples what they already knew, even if they were not aware of what they knew about Jesus and His relationship with the Father.
5. **You**. The Holy Spirit had been abiding with the disciples, as He abode with all Old Testament saints. Things were about to change.
6. **Will Be**. Living Godly in the family of God means that the Holy Spirit was with the disciples before Pentecost, but things changed after Pentecost.
7. **In You**. We rejoice today because the Holy Spirit permanently indwells every believer.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that the Holy Spirit is with us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we join in the Holy Spirit to worship God together.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by living by the power of the Holy Spirit indwelling us today. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by the power of the Holy Spirit within you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Twenty Eight

Orphans Today



Why was Jesus concerned about orphans? Jesus promised that He would not leave us as orphans.

Jesus promised that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to believers, and He did so at Pentecost. Jesus fulfilled that promise that the Holy Spirit would come and reveal wonderful things to all believers.

Jesus also promised that He would not leave us as orphans. He promised to come to us. Jesus saw the disciples after His resurrection, but He ascended later. Jesus promised to be with them even after the ascension.

Jesus will come after the resurrection. Jesus turned the mourning of the disciples into joy when they saw Him after the resurrection. He appeared in their midst, with the doors locked. He bid them shalom and they were first amazed, and then rejoiced, just as Jesus prophesied.

Come

1. **Spirit.** Jesus promised that the Father would send the Spirit of Truth to the disciples and would abide in them.
2. **Return.** Jesus also promised that if He went away, He would come again and receive us to Himself, that where He is, there we would be also.
3. **Not Orphans.** Jesus then explained that He would not leave the disciples as orphans.
4. **Promised.** Jesus promised yet again to come again to the disciples.
5. **Security.** Jesus loved His disciples and wanted them to be secure in His love.
6. **We Know.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus will never leave us as orphans; He promised to come to us.
7. **Never Alone.** We rejoice today because Jesus was never alone and wanted us to know that we will never be alone either; He will always be with us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that we will never be alone because Jesus lives in us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus lives in us, the Father lives in us, and the Holy Spirit lives us—God abides in us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we praise God that we are never alone and never left as orphans.**

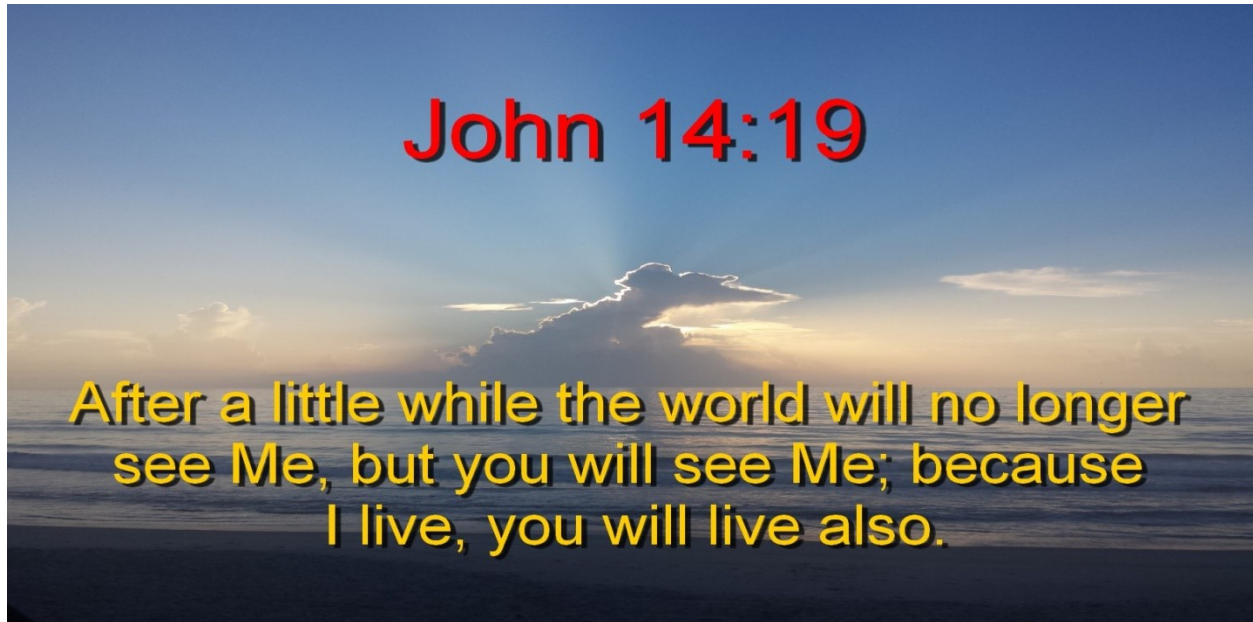
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding that we will never be spiritual orphans. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving the presence of God within you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Twenty Nine

A Little While Today



Why do believers live? We live because Jesus lives.

Jesus meant that He will be resurrected and live again on earth. Of course, one day Jesus will come back to reign on earth. Until then, He will not leave His disciples as orphans. The Father will send the Holy Spirit Who will reveal that Jesus is in them and that Jesus is in the Father.

For a little while the disciples will not see Him. Jesus will be going to a tomb after the cross. On the third day He will rise from the dead with a resurrected body. That body will be immortal, imperishable, and glorious.

One day all believers will be resurrected. Jesus will come to the clouds and bring with Him all those who have fallen asleep in Him. If Jesus has not been resurrected, then our faith is void and we have nothing. Because Jesus lives, so also we will live.

I Live

1. **Promise.** Jesus promised that He would not leave His disciples as orphans. He promised to come to them.
2. **Disciples.** Jesus then explained that in a little while, the world with not see Him; yet He promised that His disciples would see Him.
3. **Die.** Jesus meant that He was going to die on the cross and the world would not see Him.
4. **See.** Jesus promised His disciples that they would see Him.
5. **After.** Jesus meant that after His resurrection that His disciples would see Him before He ascended to heaven.
6. **Raised.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus wanted His disciples to know that He would be raised alive from the dead so that they could count upon Him raising them from the dead too.
7. **Alive.** We rejoice today because Jesus lives today and wants us to know that because He lives, we will live also.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering Jesus was resurrected.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus laid down His soul and took it up again.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that we live because Jesus lives, even after dying on earth.**

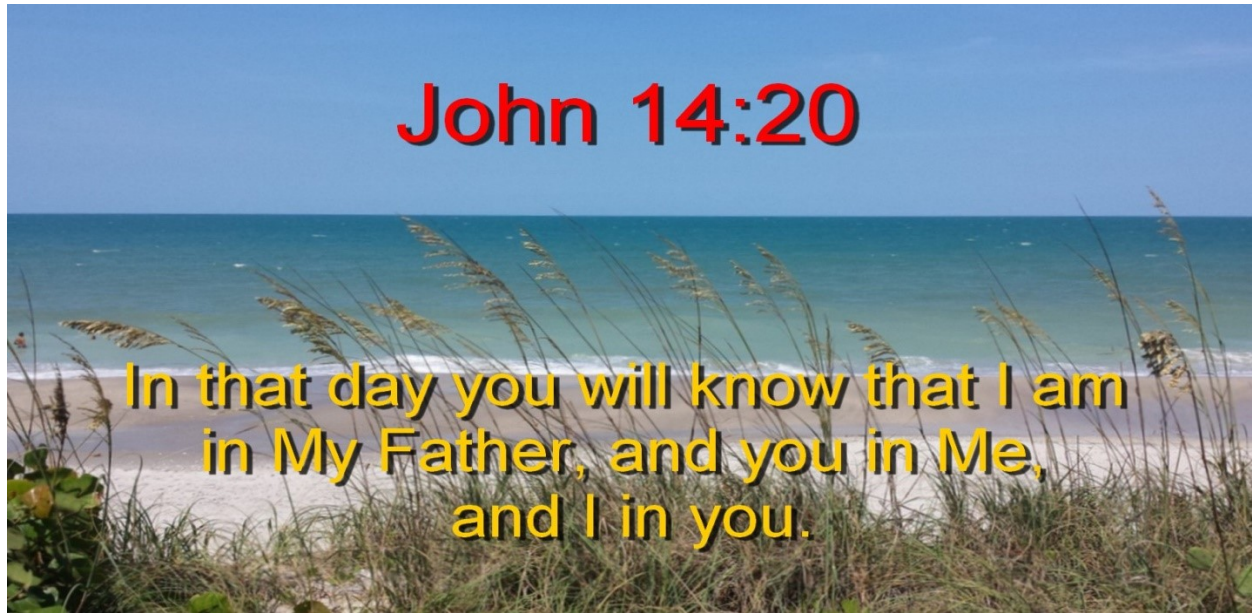
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus that we live because He lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by living for Jesus today?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirty

You Will Know Today



What will believers know in that day? Believers will know that Jesus is in His Father, and we are in Him, and He is in us.

Jesus highlighted the indwelling presence of God in our lives. When the Holy Spirit comes to indwell believers, in that day we will know that we are in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father. The Holy Spirit will illumine that relationship within us. In fact, that day came at Pentecost.

The coming of the Holy Spirit changed things profoundly. For the first time, the Holy Spirit is not just with believers, but permanently indwelling believers. In some ways, many believers remain unaware of the ministry of the Holy Spirit within them. Even so, the Holy Spirit constantly ministers in the lives of all believers. He seeks peace, joy, love, happiness and all the fruit He produces in our lives. He also enables us to use our spiritual gifts to the glory of God. Many believers do not know about their spiritual gifts.

I in You

1. **Away.** Jesus explained that He was going away. Although the world would not see Him, His disciples would see Him.
2. **Lives.** Because Jesus lives after death, so will the disciples.
3. **In.** Jesus said in that day when the disciples see Him, they will know that Jesus is in His Father and the disciples are in Jesus and Jesus is in the disciples.
4. **Indwells.** Jesus was talking about spiritual relationships and the way that God indwells each believer.
5. **Unity.** Jesus is in the Father and we are in Jesus and Jesus is in us. Super spiritual unity.
6. **Always.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus lives in us all the time.
7. **We.** We rejoice today because Jesus is in the Father and we are in Jesus.

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 appreciate the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives and He reveals the relationship we have with the Father and the Son.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping in the power of the Holy Spirit and using our spiritual gifts to the glory of God.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by understanding the ministry of the Holy Spirit revealing God to us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by listening to the Holy Spirit at work within you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirty One

Loves Me Today



Who loves Jesus? Jesus said the one who has His commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Him.

Jesus linked loving Him with keeping His commandments. Jesus explained that some people have His commandments. Those people love Jesus by keeping His commandments.

Jesus then added in His relationship with the Father. The people who love Jesus will be loved by His Father. Jesus repeatedly emphasized this close relationship between Himself and His Father. They enjoyed a love relationship and believers may share in that relationship.

Jesus then added that He would also love the people who love Him and keep His commandments. Keeping His commandments does not make Him love us, but if we love Him, we should keep His commandments.

Finally, Jesus also promised that He would reveal Himself to the people who love Him and keep His commandments.

My Commandments

1. **Commandments.** Jesus expects us to know His commandments and to keep His commandments.

2. **Keep.** If we love Jesus, then we will know and keep His commandments.

3. **Learn.** We learn the commandments of Jesus by reading the Bible, or listening to the reading of the Bible.

4. **Love.** As we love Jesus, then the Father loves us because we love Jesus.

5. **Know.** As we know and keep the commandments of Jesus, He loves us and discloses Himself to us.

6. **Time.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we take the time to learn the commandments of Jesus from the Bible and then keep them.

7. **Discloses.** We rejoice today because as we love Jesus, He loves us and discloses Himself to us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by keeping the commandments of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and knowing the Father also loves us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we understand that Jesus will reveal Himself to us.**

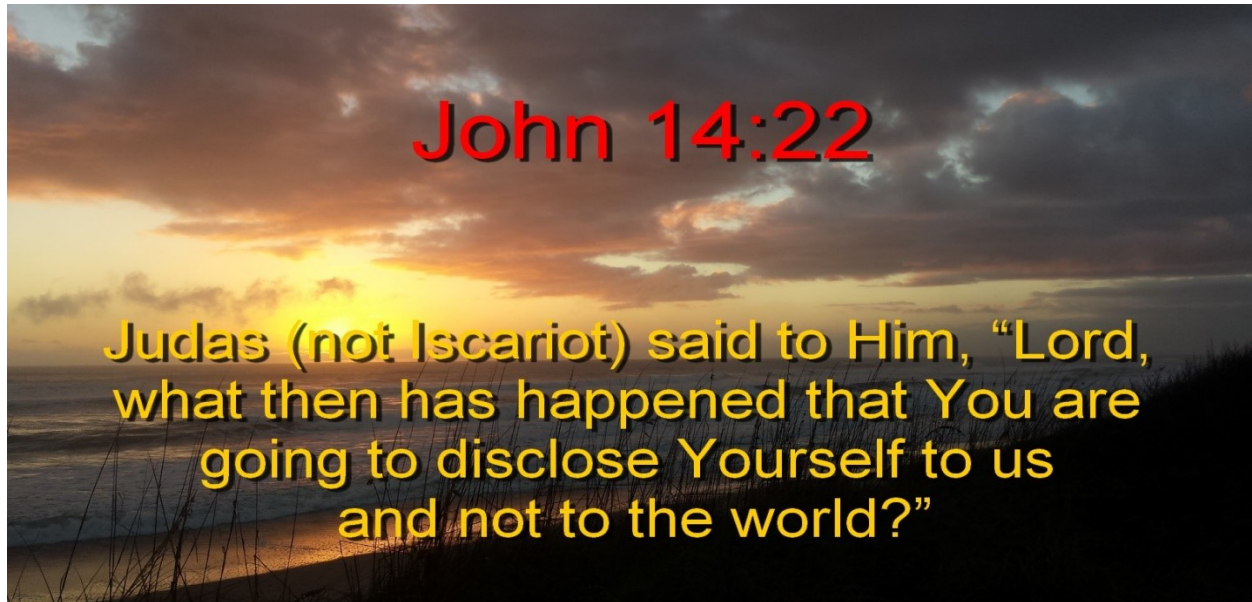
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and keeping His commandments. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and expect Jesus to reveal Himself to you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirty Two

What Has Happened Today



What did Judas (not Iscariot) ask Jesus? Judas (not Iscariot) asked Jesus what has happened regarding His disclosure.

Judas (not Iscariot) understood that Jesus said that He would reveal Himself to the disciples and not to the world. Judas (not Iscariot) recognized that something had changed and he did not understand what Jesus had told them.

Jesus was going to disclose Himself to the disciples. Judas (not Iscariot) understood the words of Jesus, but not the meaning of Jesus. Many people do not understand the difference and never ask the right questions.

Jesus was not going to disclose Himself to the world. Jesus made no promises that everyone would see Him before He ascended to heaven. The disciples, however, would see Him before He ascended.

Not to the World

1. **Love and Keep.** Jesus promised to disclose Himself to His disciples because they love Him and keep His commandments.
2. **Lord.** Judas asked a great question. Please notice that he started it with the word "Lord." The fear of the Lord always becomes believers.
3. **Disclose.** Judas wanted to know what happened that Jesus will disclose Himself only to them.
4. **Disciples.** Judas also recognized that Jesus distinguished His disciples from the world.
5. **Relationship.** Jesus intended to maintain a close relationship with His disciples, but He would no longer be in the world.
6. **Special.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we enjoy a special relationship with Jesus as His disciples and He will disclose Himself to us.
7. **Near.** We rejoice today because Jesus discloses Himself to us and not to the world. Rejoice always, for the Lord is near.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that Jesus does not reveal Himself to everyone.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that knowing Jesus is eternal life.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we rejoice in Jesus that He has revealed Himself to us.**

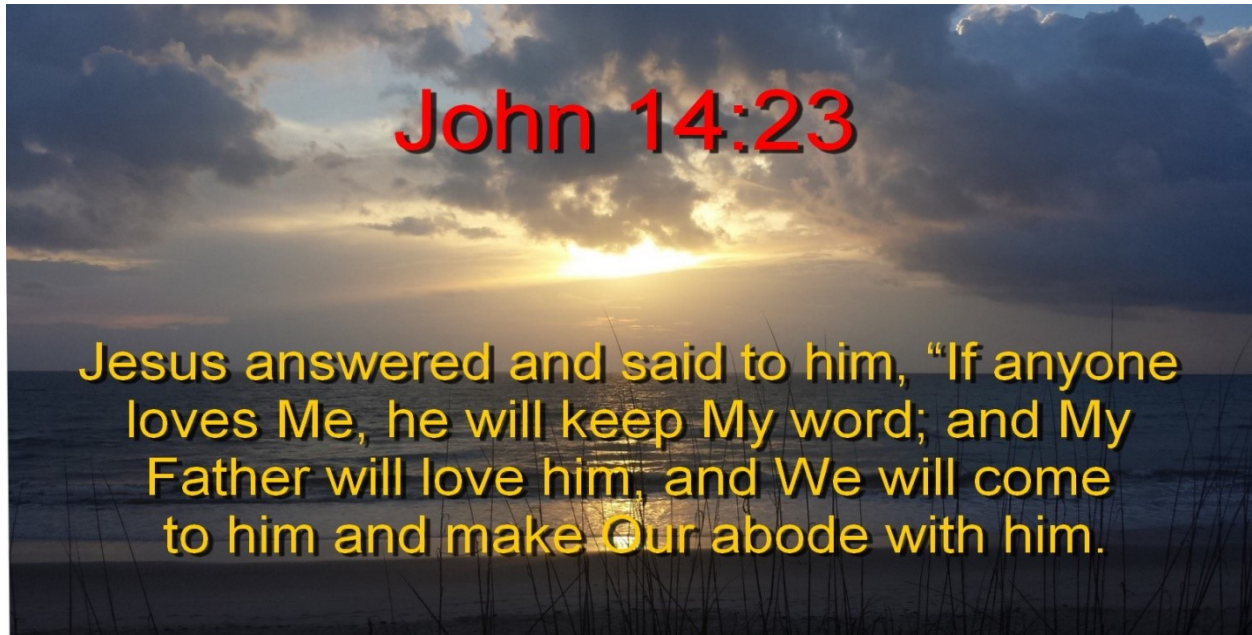
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus has revealed Himself to us, but not to the world. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by enjoying the many ways that Jesus reveals Himself today?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirty Three

Come Today



What happens when people love Jesus? When people love Jesus, then Jesus promised that the Father and the Son will make their abode with that person.

Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot) that people who loved Jesus will keep His word. Notice the assurance that Jesus offered. People who love Jesus will keep His word.

Jesus made more promises about people who love Jesus. Not only will Jesus reveal Himself to them, but both the Father and the Son will make their abode with the people who love Jesus and keep His commandments.

Jesus provided great assurance to His disciples about His continuing presence in their lives, far beyond His ascension. Jesus wanted His disciples to know that the Holy Spirit would indwell them, and Jesus and the Father would abide with them. The disciples would not be left as orphans.

Our Abode

1. **Disciples.** Judas, not Iscariot, asked Jesus the question about what changed, so that the world would not see Jesus anymore, but the disciples would.

2. **Word.** Jesus answered that question by saying that if anyone loves Jesus, then that person would keep the word of Jesus.

3. **Keeps.** Jesus also said that if anyone keeps His word, then the Father would love that person.

4. **Loves.** Jesus also said that if you love Him, then the Father and the Son would make their abode with you.

5. **Understand.** With these words we understand how loving Jesus means that we keep His word.

6. **Both.** Living Godly in the family of God means that when we keep the word of Jesus, then both He and His Father love us.

7. **Abode.** We rejoice today because both Jesus and His Father make their abode with us when we love Jesus and keep His word.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus and His Father make their abode with us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we rejoice that God lives in us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we join together in worshiping the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Who live in us and never leave us.**

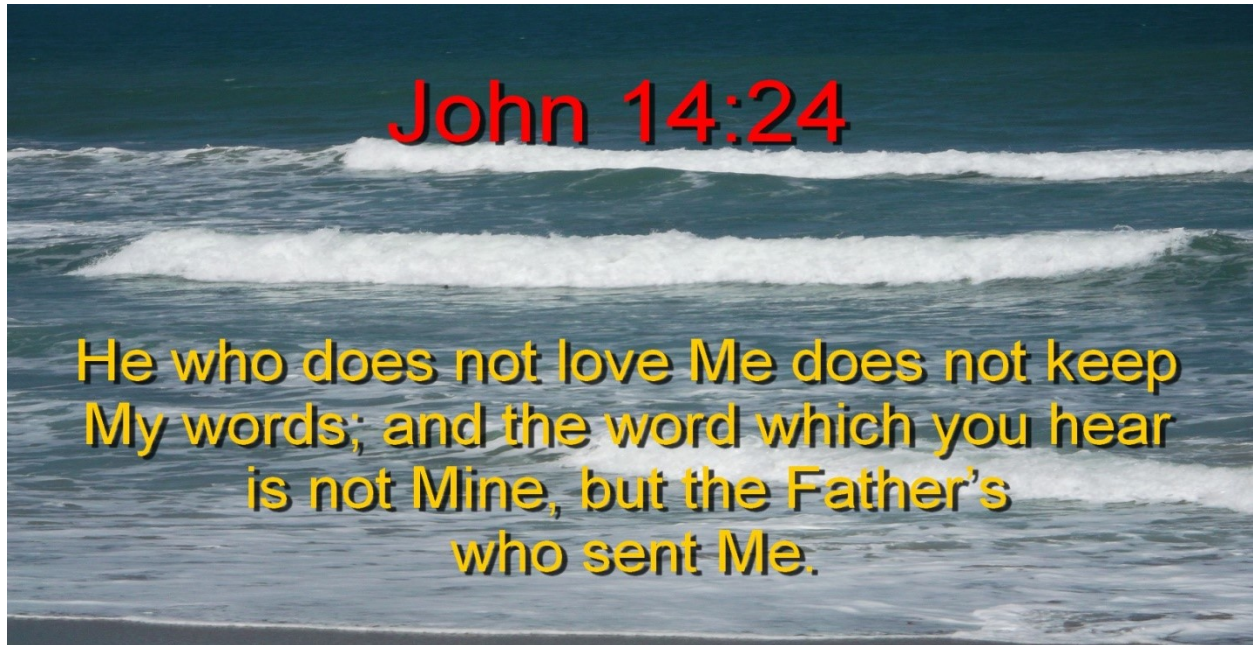
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by delighting in the presence of God in our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by focusing upon God living within you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirty Four

Keep My Words Today



Who does not keep the words of Jesus? The people who do not love Jesus do not keep His words.

Jesus continued to emphasize the connection between loving Jesus and keeping His words. Jesus gave His disciples commandments designed to help them love Him more. As they followed His commandments, they would grow closer to Him in Godliness.

Jesus also explained that the people who do not keep His words do not love Him. Jesus had a simple test for loving Him: do you keep my commandments? Of course, no one keeps all the commandments of Jesus all the time and, arguably, no one keeps any commandment all the time. Sin in our lives reflects a lack of love for Jesus and we all sin. We sin when we do not keep His commandments. The Father gave the commandments to Jesus.

Not Mine

1. **Father.** Jesus lived to do the will of His Father. His words, His actions and everything about Him revealed the Father.
2. **Link.** Jesus also linked love for Him to keeping His words. If you love Jesus, then you will keep His words.
3. **Love and Obey.** Jesus emphasized repeatedly that loving Him meant you obey Him.
4. **Learn.** To obey the words of Jesus means you must first learn the words of Jesus.
5. **Keep.** If you really love Jesus, you will love His words and keep them because you love Jesus.
6. **Words.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we love Jesus and keep His words.
7. **Hear.** We rejoice today because we know that when we hear the words of Jesus, we really hear the words of His Father.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and keeping His commandments.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by recognizing that the Father gave the commandments to Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by trusting Jesus to help us keep the commandments of His Father.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by keeping the commandments which the Father gave to Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving Jesus and keeping the Father's commandments?

HALLELUJAH !

5

Learning about Godliness and the Holy Spirit Today

After Jesus explained His relationship with His Father, Jesus then revealed His relationship with the Holy Spirit. Jesus called the Holy Spirit “the Helper.” Jesus said that His Father would send the Holy Spirit in the Name of Jesus. The Holy Spirit will teach the disciples all things and bring to their remembrance all Jesus had said to them.

Jesus described two particular ministries of the Holy Spirit here. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would teach the disciples after Jesus had departed. During the time the disciples walked with Jesus on earth, they did not always comprehend what Jesus was teaching them. With the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit indwelling them, then the Holy Spirit would teach them all things.

The second ministry of the Holy Spirit concerned stirring their memories to recall what Jesus had taught them previously. This supernatural recollection of the exact words of Jesus played an important part of the inspiration of Scripture. The very words of Jesus fill the Gospels. The Holy Spirit helped the disciples remember those words and write them down.

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirty Five

Spoken Today



When did Jesus say these things? Jesus said these things while abiding with the disciples.

Jesus knew the time and that His hour had come. Very soon He would be going to the cross. He would not see the disciples for three days and they would think His death ended everything.

Jesus said before that He told the disciples things before they happened, so that they would believe in Him. Jesus continues prophesying about the near and far future so that they would remember what He said to them while abiding with them. The Holy Spirit would help them remember the things Jesus said to them before He left and returned to heaven.

Jesus taught people things they would learn better over time. Jesus, the Master Teacher, taught them things while abiding with them that would come into full bloom later and bless them profoundly.

Abiding with You

1. **Change.** Jesus continued His discourse on what changed so that the world would not see Him, but the disciples would.
2. **Disciples.** Jesus was looking back upon all the things He had taught His disciples consistently throughout His ministry with them.
3. **Love.** Jesus emphasized that those people who love Him will keep His word; those people who do not keep His word do not love Him.
4. **Preparation.** When Jesus said these things while abiding with them, He was preparing them for further revelation about the future.
5. **Right Time.** Jesus always had a keen sense of saying the right thing at the right time.
6. **Hear.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus says things that we need to hear right at that moment.
7. **Future.** We rejoice today because Jesus always prepares us for the future as we listen to Him today.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by listening to the things Jesus said to His disciples while abiding with them.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus taught His disciples things today that would be a blessing to them tomorrow.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we expect that Jesus will teach us things today that will be a blessing tomorrow.**

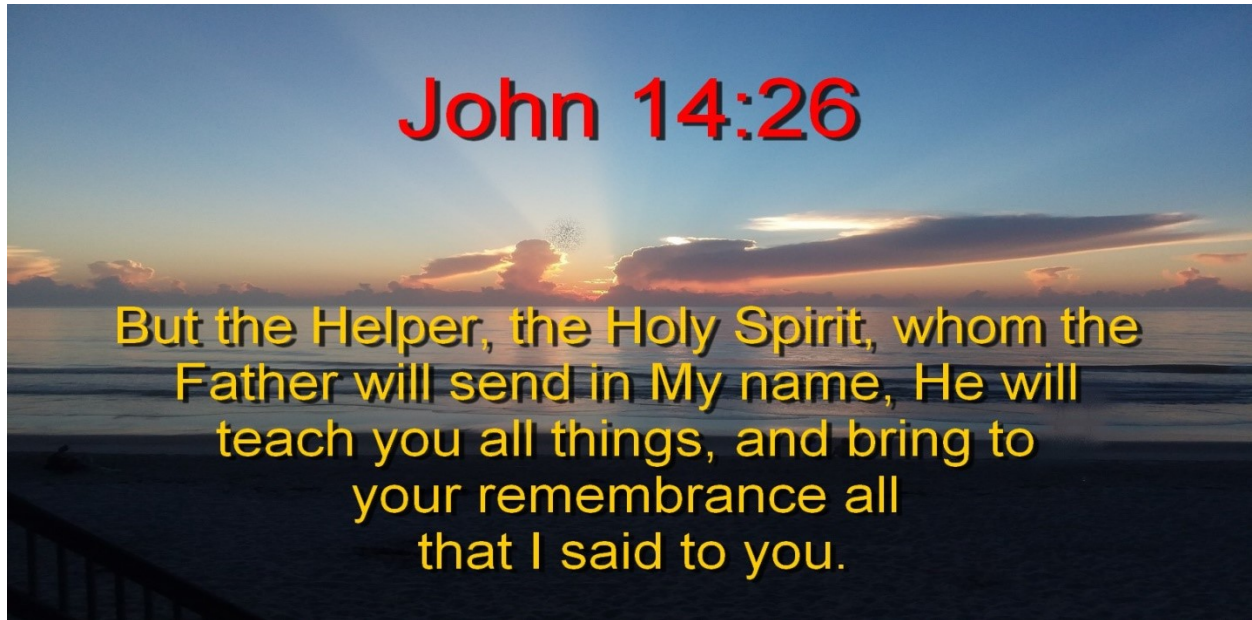
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God learning from Jesus today so that we will receive a blessing tomorrow. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by learning from Jesus today as He abides with us?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirty Six

Teach You Today



When the Holy Spirit comes, what will He do? The Holy Spirit will teach the disciples all things and bring to their remembrance all that I said to you.

Jesus disclosed that the Holy Spirit is also known as the Helper. The Father will send the Holy Spirit in the Name of Jesus. The Holy Spirit will teach the disciples all things. Jesus had taught them for years, but a new time of ministry will begin with the Holy Spirit coming and indwelling believers.

Jesus also explained how some of the disciples would write the Bible. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would bring to the remembrance of the disciples all that Jesus had said to them. This amounts to a promise of supernatural recall.

The Bible contains the words God inspired. He superintended the entire process of the writers conveying the words God gave them to write.

All that I Said to You

1. **Prepared.** Jesus prepared His disciples for His death and resurrection, and then His ascension to heaven.
2. **Holy Spirit.** Jesus emphasized to them that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to them and that He would indwell them.
3. **Teach.** As Jesus explained the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Jesus disclosed that the Holy Spirit would teach them all things and bring to their remembrance all that Jesus said to them.
4. **Remember.** In our verse for today, we see how God miraculously helped people write the New Testament. The Holy Spirit brought the words of Jesus back to their minds so that they could record them for us.
5. **All.** The Holy Spirit would also teach them all things. Today, the Holy Spirit of God helps us understand the deep things of God.
6. **Indwelling.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we have the Holy Spirit indwelling us, teaching us and helping us to remember what Jesus said.
7. **Help.** We rejoice today because the Holy Spirit helps us to know Jesus more deeply and to love Him more.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by delighting in the Holy Spirit teaching us spiritual things.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by worshiping the Holy Spirit for His presence and ministry in our daily lives.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as He teaches us and helps us remember the words of Jesus.**

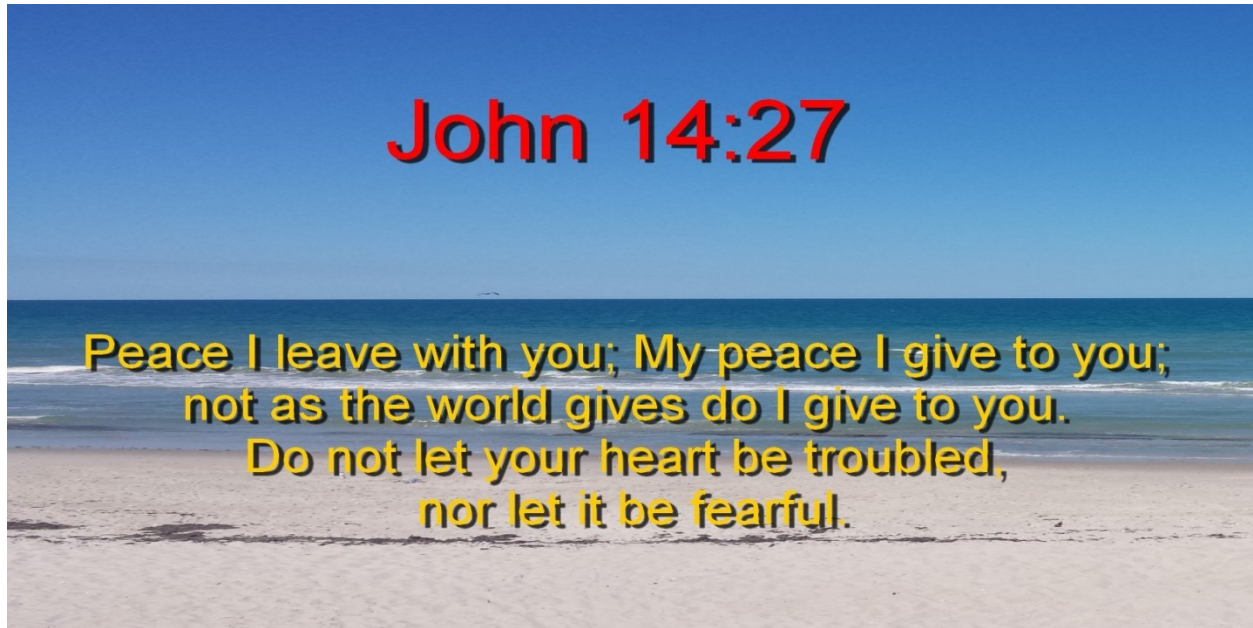
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by learning more about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by watching the Holy Spirit work in you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirty Seven

My Peace Today



What did Jesus leave with the disciples? Jesus left the disciples His peace.

Jesus promised that He would leave His peace with the disciples. Jesus had already promised that the Father would send the Holy Spirit and that Jesus and His Father would make their abode with the disciples.

Jesus then explained His peace. He said His peace was unlike the peace which the world gives to people. He related His peace to not letting your heart be troubled.

Jesus also commanded that our hearts should not be fearful. The peace of Jesus works in our hearts so that they are not troubled or fearful. Jesus wanted our hearts to be with Him and filled with love for God.

Troubled

1. **Explained.** Jesus explained that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit all minister to the disciples after His resurrection.
2. **Ministry.** After describing the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Jesus explained that Jesus Himself would give them peace.
3. **Unique.** Jesus described His promise to leave peace with His disciples. In particular, He would give them His special, unique peace.
4. **Peace.** The peace of Jesus is unlike the peace of the world.
5. **Guards.** The peace of Jesus guards our hearts from (a) being troubled; and (b) fear. Only the peace of Jesus can bring such divine promises to fulfillment in our lives.
6. **Blocks.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we live with the peace of Jesus blocking trouble and fear from our hearts.
7. **Gift.** We rejoice today because Jesus gave us eternal peace unlike anything in the world.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by not letting our hearts be troubled and fearful.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that the peace of Jesus controls our hearts.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by rejoicing in the peace of Jesus which He left for all of us to enjoy.**

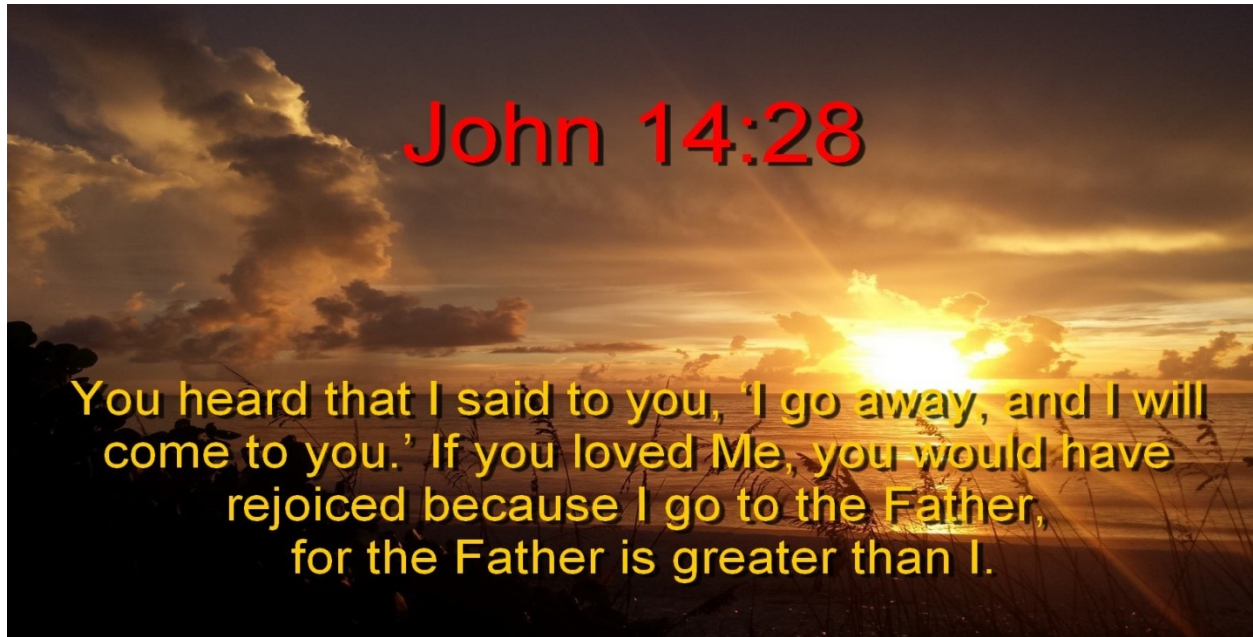
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by experiencing the peace of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by letting the peace of Jesus control your heart today?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirty Eight

Rejoiced Today



Why should have the disciples rejoiced? The disciples should have rejoiced because Jesus goes to the Father.

Jesus said that the disciples should have rejoiced when Jesus said that He was going away, and He will come to the disciples. Jesus then explained love.

Jesus said the disciples would have rejoiced, if they loved Him because He was going to His Father. So Jesus meant that we should all be very happy because Jesus was going back to heaven to be with His Father.

Jesus also tied loving Him for being happy for Him. We should be happy for Jesus returning to His Father, for the Father is greater than Jesus. Jesus humbled Himself and took flesh, laying aside the full display of His glory and great powers. Jesus went to the cross because He loved us and did the Father's will.

Greater Than I

1. **Leaving.** Jesus explained that He was going to leave His peace with His disciples. Jesus was also leaving Earth to go to His heavenly Father.

2. **Returning.** Jesus promised to come back to His disciples. Jesus then explained why His disciples should rejoice.

3. **Rejoice.** Jesus told His disciples that because they loved Him, they should have rejoiced because He was leaving Earth to go back to His Father in heaven.

4. **Death.** Jesus linked His death to returning to His Father. Because Jesus was going to His Father, He wanted His disciples to rejoice.

5. **Friends.** When our friends in Christ die, we express our love for them by rejoicing because they go to the Father. Because Jesus had taken flesh and lived as a man, laying aside His glory, His Father was greater than Him.

6. **Believers.** Living Godly in the family of God means that believers go to the Father when they die. We do not grieve as the unbelievers who have no hope.

7. **Paradise.** We rejoice today because believers at death go straight to Paradise, to spend all eternity with God.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that Jesus went back to His Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that the Father was greater than Jesus, because He humbled Himself and took flesh.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and praising God for the wonderful relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**

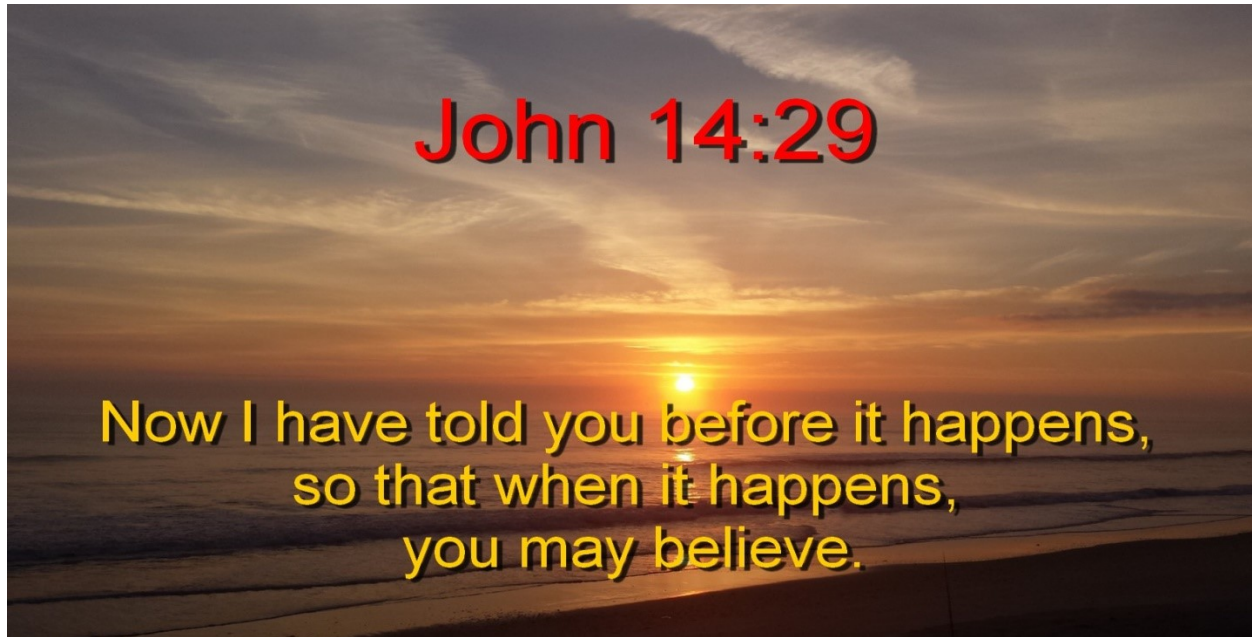
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Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that Jesus went back to the Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by looking forward to the day when you will join Jesus in heaven with the Father?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Thirty Nine

Told You Today



Why did Jesus tell things before they happened? Jesus told things before they happened so that people may believe.

Jesus did not preach blind faith. He gave people many reasons to believe that He told the truth and the truth is that He was the Son of God. Only through the Son of God can people receive eternal life. Only Jesus has the words of eternal life.

Jesus said only by faith in Him can people receive eternal life. He alone is the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, but through Him. Jesus presented Himself as the Savior and He alone has the power to forgive sins, because He is God.

Jesus carried out the commandments of His Father. The Father sent His Son so that people would not perish, but have everlasting life.

You May Believe

1. **Before.** The night before Jesus was crucified, He explained to His disciples the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the role of the Father, and the abiding presence of Jesus in their lives.

2. **Revealed.** Jesus revealed the future to His disciples before it happened because Jesus wanted them to believe.

3. **Priority.** Jesus repeatedly emphasized the priority of faith in all that we do as believers.

4. **Trust.** Jesus loves to encourage our faith and expanded it so that we trust Him for all things at all times.

5. **Faith.** Faith means that we believe what Jesus told us. Faith means that we believe Jesus will always keep His word.

6. **Assurance.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we have the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen because we trust Jesus.

7. **Believe.** We rejoice today because Jesus told us all about the Father, the Holy Spirit and Himself so that we would believe all the things that would happen when they come to pass.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus revealed the future so that people would believe.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by believing that Jesus told us about the future so that we would have greater faith.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by joining with other believers in seeing the prophecies of Jesus fulfilled so that we may believe in Him.**

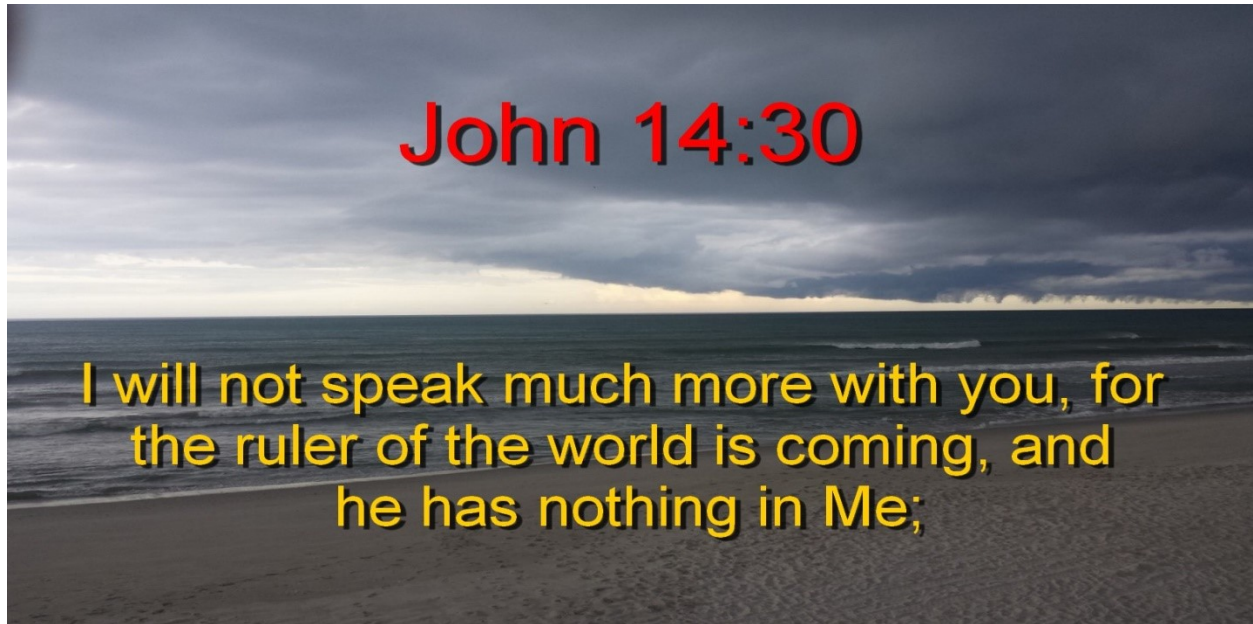
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by seeing the prophecies of Jesus come true. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by watching Jesus increase your faith by seeing His prophecies come true?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Forty

Nothing in Me Today



Who is coming? Jesus said that the ruler of this world is coming.

Jesus said He would not speak much more with the disciples, because the ruler of this world is coming. Jesus knew exactly what was going to happen and when it was going to happen. He had already told Judas Iscariot to do what he was going to do quickly.

Jesus described the devil as the ruler of the world. He had already entered into the heart of Judas Iscariot, prompting Judas to betray Jesus. Jesus was prepared to die and so render the devil powerless by removing the fear of death which enslaved people for so long.

Jesus had nothing to fear from the devil. Jesus had never sinned, and He withstood perfectly every temptation from the devil. The devil had no foothold in Jesus through fear, doubts, or any other problem. Jesus lived without sin, and was tempted just like us.

The Ruler of This World

1. **Supper.** At the last supper Jesus had with His disciples before His crucifixion, satan entered into Judas Iscariot.

2. **Satan.** As satan entered into Judas Iscariot, Jesus said, "What you do, do quickly." Jesus knew that satan would use Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus very soon.

3. **Planned.** Satan planned to have Jesus arrested, crucified and destroyed. In contrast, Jesus laid down His life voluntarily and no one took it from Him.

4. **Price Paid.** After laying down His life, Jesus took it up again through the power of God. Jesus triumphed over satan and death and paid the price of death for the sins of all men.

5. **Blood.** By faith in Jesus as Savior, God gives us the free gift of eternal life and the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus Christ and His death.

6. **Sinless Jesus.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know satan hated Jesus without a cause, because Jesus never sinned. Therefore, satan had nothing in Jesus; satan could not truthfully accuse Jesus of any sinful behavior.

7. **Loves.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves us and gave Himself up for us, so that we might live forever in Him and He in us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the ruler of this world came to betray Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God understanding that the devil had nothing in Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by resisting the devil in the Name of Jesus, our Savior and Protector.**

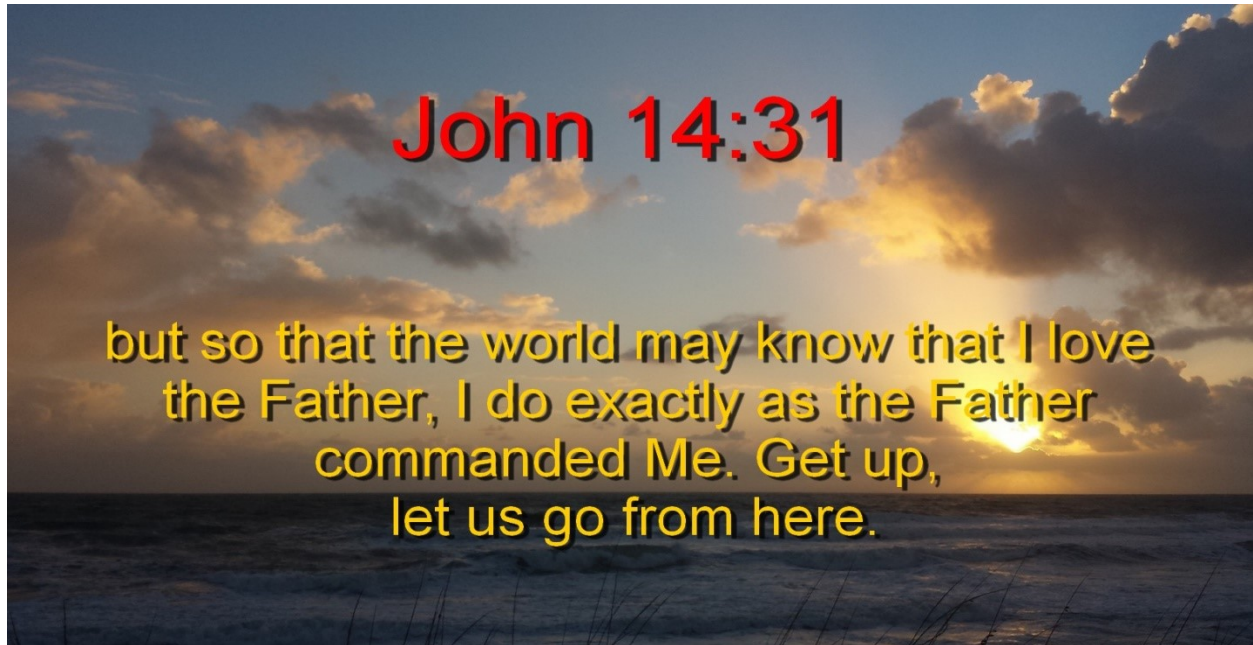
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God without fear of the devil. Will you live Godly in the family of God today knowing that Jesus saved us from the power of the devil dominating our lives?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Forty One

May Know Today



How does the world know that Jesus loves the Father? The world knows that Jesus loves the Father because He did exactly as the Father commanded Him.

Jesus not only commanded us to keep His commandments, but He also modeled the relationship between loving God and keeping His commandments. Jesus said that if we love Him, keep His commandments. Jesus did the same thing with His Father.

Jesus also explained that the world will know that He loves His Father because Jesus kept His Father's commandments. Love means that we obey our heavenly Father. As we obey our Father's commands, then the world will know that we truly love the Father.

Our obedience to the commands of God shows the world our love for God.

I Love the Father

1. **Sinless.** As God in the flesh, Jesus lived a perfect and sinless life.
2. **Perfect.** Every move Jesus made and every word Jesus uttered was perfect.
3. **Love.** With all His perfections, Jesus wanted the world to know that He loved His Father.
4. **Obedience.** In order to show the world that Jesus loved His Father, Jesus did exactly as the Father commanded Him.
5. **Everyone.** Just before Jesus commanded His disciples to get up and go, He wanted everyone to know that He loved His Father.
6. **World.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we do exactly as the Father commanded us, so that the world may know that we love Him.
7. **Demonstrate.** We rejoice today because Jesus taught us that we demonstrate to the world our love for the Father by doing exactly as the Father commanded us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by keeping the commands of God.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that we show the world we love God by keeping His commandments.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by showing God that we love Him and so we show the world that we love God.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by keeping the commandments of God just as Jesus kept the commandments of His Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by showing the world that you love God?

HALLELUJAH !

6

Learning about Godliness and Abiding Today

Jesus described Himself as the vine and the Father as the vinedresser. Jesus then explained the close relationship between bearing fruit and abiding in the vine.

The Father prunes the vine that it would bear more fruit. Jesus said the disciples were already clean because of the word He spoke to them (Judas Iscariot had left already). He gave them simple commands: Abide in Me and I in you. The disciples cannot bear fruit unless they abide in Him.

Jesus described Himself as the vine and the disciples as the branches. Anyone who abides in Jesus and Jesus in him bears much fruit. Apart from Jesus no one can bear fruit. Branches that do not abide in Him are thrown away and dry up. They are then cast into the fire and burned up.

Jesus then taught that if anyone abides in Him, and His words abide in them, then they can ask what they wish, it will be done for them. Jesus said that bearing much fruit glorifies the Father, and so people prove they are the disciples of Jesus and glorify the Father.

Jesus then explained love in more detail. Just as the Father loved Jesus, so also Jesus loved the disciples. Jesus commanded them to abide in His love. If they keep His commandments, then they will abide in His love. Jesus kept His Father's commandments and abides in His Father's love. Jesus was commanding the disciples to follow His example. Jesus taught these things so that the joy of Jesus would be in them, and their joy may be made full.

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Forty Two

The True Vine Today



How did Jesus describe the relationship between himself and His Father? Jesus called Himself the vine and His Father the vinedresser.

Jesus used common things to describe uncommon things. Jesus had a wonderful relationship with His Father. Jesus was the Son of God. They were one God and united always.

Jesus described His Father as the Vinedresser. A normal vinedresser was charged with taking care of the vine. He would water it, prune it, fertilize it, and do things to promote the welfare of the vine. When you have an all-knowing, all-powerful Vinedresser looking after, you could not ask for more from any vinedresser.

Vines need care and attention. The Father loves the Son and gives His loving care and attention. Jesus used the illustration of the Vine and Vinedresser to teach us how the Father loves the Son and seeks to produce much fruit.

The Vinedresser

1. **Illustration.** Jesus used simple illustrations to make deep spiritual points and explain deep spiritual relationships.
2. **Identity.** Jesus identified Himself as the true vine. His audience knew about vines, vinedressers and fruit from the vine.
3. **Relationship.** In many places and at many times, Jesus explained His relationship to His Father in heaven.
4. **Father.** Here Jesus also identified His Father as the vinedresser. The vinedresser works in perfect harmony with the vine.
5. **Vinedresser.** The vinedresser takes care of the vine so that it produces abundant and perfect fruit.
6. **Jesus.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that the Father takes care of Jesus so that Jesus, through the branches of the vine, will bear much good fruit.
7. **True Vine.** We rejoice today because Jesus is the true vine, and His Father is the vinedresser.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus is the Vine and His Father is the Vinedresser.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by learning from Jesus how we relate to the Vine and the Vinedresser.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by knowing we are part of the Vine and the Vinedresser looks after us each day.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by learning how to be a part of the Vine. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting the Vinedresser to help you produce more fruit?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Forty Three

Bear Fruit Today



If a branch in Jesus does not bear fruit, what does the Vinedresser do with that branch? The Vinedresser takes away every branch that does not bear fruit.

The Vinedresser takes care of the Vine and the branches. The Vinedresser takes action for the branches to bear fruit, and the Vinedresser seeks the welfare of the Vine.

If a branch bears fruit, then the Vinedresser prunes the branch, so that it will bear more fruit. Notice how the Vinedresser has the primary duty of promoting fruit from the branches.

When the Vinedresser prunes the branches, He helps the Vine and the branches. The Father helps the Son by promoting fruit in the branches. This relationship between the Vine, the Vinedresser, and the branches illustrates the relationship between Jesus, His disciples, and His Father.

More Fruit

1. **Father.** The Father wants you to bear more spiritual fruit.
2. **Prunes.** The Father promised to prune your life so that you will bear more fruit. Pruning includes cleansing.
3. **Branches.** God loves every branch in Jesus, but takes away every branch that does not bear fruit.
4. **Loves.** Jesus explained how the Father loves the branches and takes tender care of them.
5. **Fruit.** Every true believer bears fruit as a branch of Christ, the Vine. Unbelievers never bear fruit.
6. **Bear More.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we expect the Father to prune our lives so that we bear more fruit.
7. **Jesus, the Vine.** We rejoice today because we are the branches of Jesus, the Vine, and our heavenly Father prunes us to bear more fruit.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by the Father pruning our lives so that we bear more fruit.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding why the Father prunes our life.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by counting upon the Vinedresser to prune us perfectly every time.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting God the Father to prune our lives. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by looking forward to bearing more fruit for God?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Forty Four

Clean Today



What made the disciples clean? The word Jesus spoke to them made them clean.

In the context of Vine, Vinedresser and branches, Jesus reminded the disciples that they are spiritually clean. Judas Iscariot had left earlier, and the remaining disciples are all clean.

Jesus also reminded the disciples they were clean because of the word He spoke to them. You may recall that Peter said the disciples would not leave Jesus, because He alone had the words of eternal life.

Jesus proclaimed that salvation came by believing the words He said to them. He declared He was the Son of God and His words and works showed that He was the Son of God.

Jesus emphasized His word. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ. To have eternal life, people must hear and believe the word which Jesus spoke to the disciples.

Spoken to You

1. **Described.** Jesus described His Father as the Vinedresser and Himself as the Vine.

2. **Disciples.** Jesus then described His disciples present with Him, but excluding Judas who had already left their company.

3. **Eleven.** Jesus described the eleven disciples with Him as already clean ones.

4. **Spoken.** They are clean ones because of the word He had already spoken to them.

5. **Past.** Jesus had spoken the word to the twelve, but only the eleven are already clean. Pointedly, Jesus did not describe Judas as a clean one. Jesus spoke the word in the past, and the word cleansed the eleven, so that Jesus referred to the eleven as people already cleansed by the word. He named the eleven the clean ones.

6. **Clean.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we are the people Jesus spoke the word to in the past and the word remains in us so that He could call us the clean ones too.

7. **Continually.** We rejoice today because Jesus emphasized that not only did He cleanse us in the past through His word, but we remain continually as the clean ones because His word continues in us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by believing the word Jesus spoke to the disciples.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that the word of Jesus cleansed us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising God that by His word we have been made clean forever.**

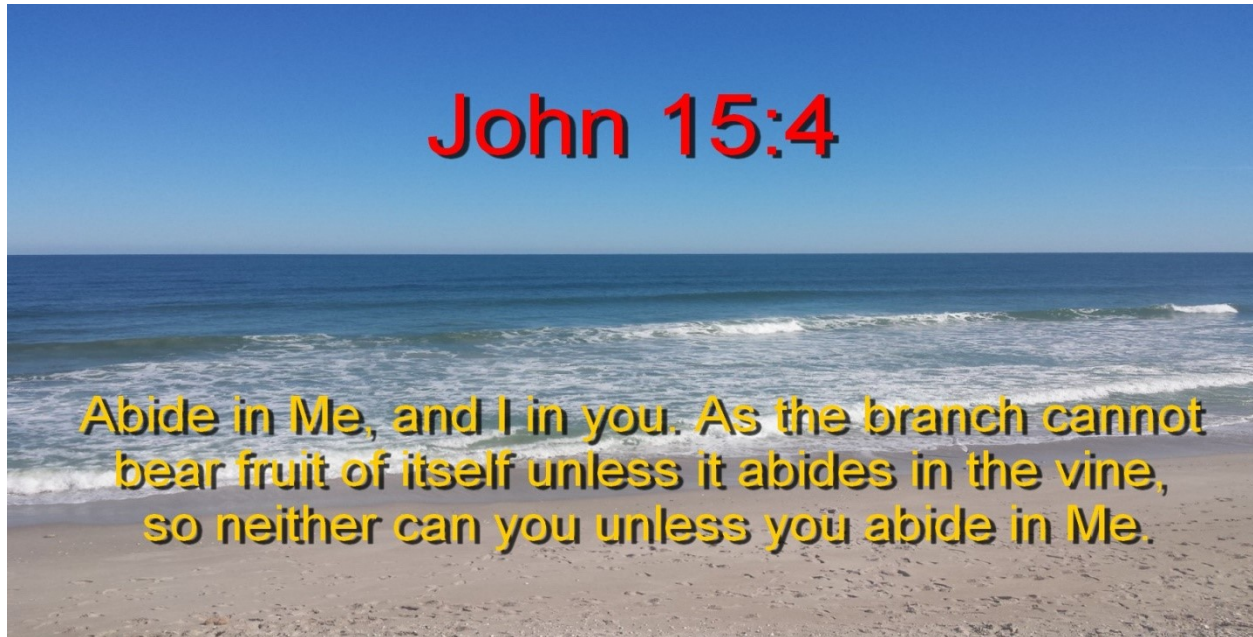
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that the word of Jesus has cleansed us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by worshiping God for cleaning us up?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Forty Five

I in You Today



How does the branch bear fruit? The branch only bears fruit by abiding in the Vine.

Jesus mentioned that His disciples were clean because of the word He spoke to them. Then He explained further that the branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the Vine.

No matter how hard a branch tries, it cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the Vine. Jesus then declared that disciples cannot bear fruit unless they abide in Jesus.

Jesus described a continuing connection between the Vine and the branch. He explained how impossible it is for a branch to bear fruit without abiding in the Vine. Jesus was leaving for heaven soon, but Jesus promised He and His Father would abide with the disciples.

Abide in Me

1. **Symbolism.** Jesus outlined the new relationship between the Father, the Son and the disciples using the symbolism of a branch, a vine and a vinedresser.
2. **Commanded.** As Jesus prepared His disciples for His crucifixion, He commanded them to abide in Him and He in them.
3. **Branch.** A branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine; so, neither can the disciples bear fruit unless they abide in Jesus.
4. **Abide.** As Jesus prepared to go back to His Father in heaven, He commanded His disciples to abide in Him, like a branch abides in the vine.
5. **Connected.** Although Jesus would not be physically present with the disciples much longer, He intended for them to stay spiritually connected to Him forever.
6. **Bear Fruit.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we abide in Jesus like a branch abides in the vine, so that we may bear fruit for Him.
7. **For Him.** We all rejoice today because we abide in Jesus and Jesus abides in us and so we bear much fruit for Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by never trying to bear fruit of ourselves.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by abiding in Jesus so that we can bear fruit.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by knowing that we abide in Jesus and His word has made us clean.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by abiding in Jesus as clean branches. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and watch Jesus produce fruit in you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Forty Six

I Am the Vine Today



How do we bear much fruit for Jesus? People who abide in Jesus and He in them bear much fruit.

If any person does not abide in Jesus, then they can do nothing. Every branch that does not bear fruit the Father takes away.

In order to bear much fruit, you must abide in Jesus and He in you. Jesus cleansed the disciples by His word abiding in them. They believed Jesus for salvation and received the free gift of eternal life. They were born from above by faith.

Jesus promised that His disciples would bear much fruit. The Father prunes the branches that they would bear more fruit. God plans for us to bear much fruit as His disciples.

Jesus loves us and has great plans for our lives. He wanted His disciples to know that they could bear much fruit. Your life can really count for Jesus Christ.

Branches

1. **Symbols Applied.** Having explained the symbolism of vines and branches, Jesus then applied the symbols to the eleven disciples.

2. **Joined.** I am the vine, you are the branches. Let the words of Jesus ring in your heart. As believers, we are joined to Him forever.

3. **All Believers.** Jesus also proclaimed that all believers abide in Him and He in them and they bear much fruit.

4. **Abide.** Jesus promised that our lives will really count for Him as we abide in Him and He in us.

5. **Categories.** Apart from Jesus we can do nothing. Please recall that Jesus divided the branches into two categories: fruit-bearing branches (like the eleven disciples) and non-fruit-bearing branches (like Judas Iscariot).

6. **Bear.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we abide in Jesus and He abides in us so that we bear much fruit to the glory of God.

7. **Fruit.** We rejoice today because apart from Him we can do nothing, but in Him we can bear much fruit. Jesus promised to abide in us and we in Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by bearing much fruit for the Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by abiding in Jesus and He in us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another to bear much fruit for Jesus.**

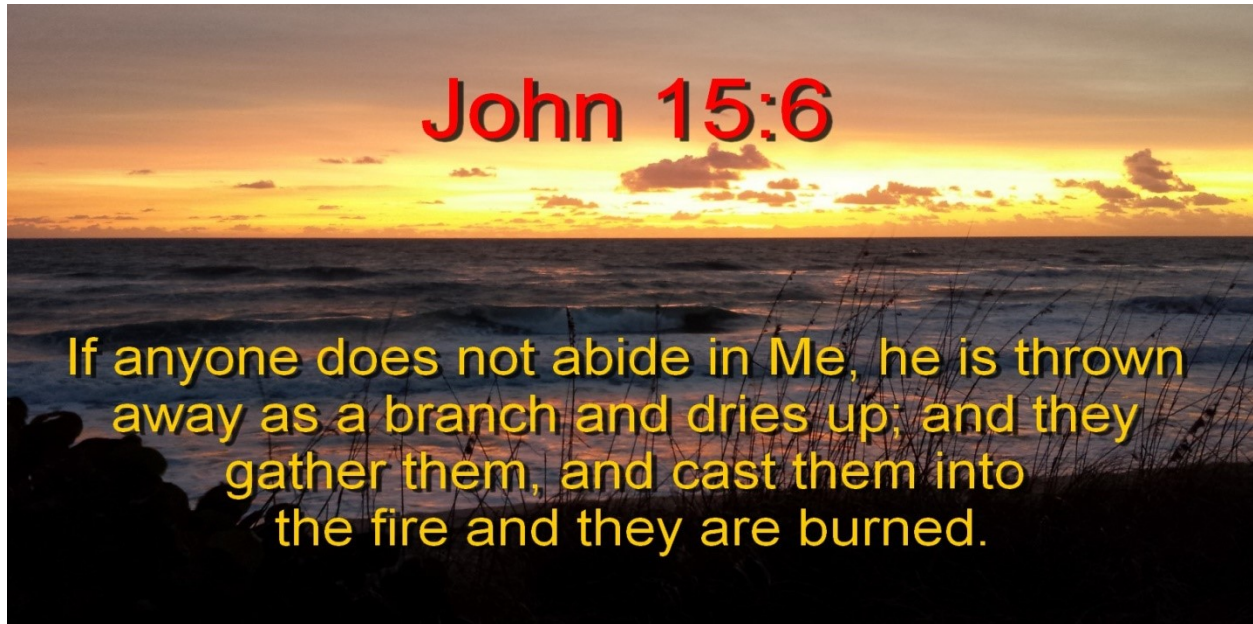
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by abiding in Jesus and He in us. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by glorifying God by bearing much fruit?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Forty Seven

Thrown Away Today



What happens when anyone does not abide in Jesus? Anyone who does not abide in Jesus is thrown away as a branch and dries up.

Jesus explained the consequences of not abiding in Him. Jesus explained the vine and the branches to His disciples. He started by explaining that every branch in Him that does not bear fruit is taken away. Then He assured His disciples that they were clean because of the word He had spoken to them.

Jesus then explained the consequences of not abiding in Jesus. He declared that anyone who does not abide in Him is thrown away. Then that branch dries up. Finally, that branch is cast into the fire and burned up.

Jesus meant that people who do not abide in Him go to eternal fire. They will suffer for not abiding in Jesus. Notice that Jesus had already told His disciples that they were clean and had eternal life. Judas Iscariot seems like an example of someone who did not abide in Jesus and so will face eternal fire.

Burned

1. **Branches.** Jesus described two kinds of branches: no fruit branches and fruit branches.
2. **Fruit.** Jesus explained that the fruit branches abide in Him and bear more fruit.
3. **Pruned.** The Father takes care of the branches so that they bear more fruit.
4. **No Fruit.** The branches that never bear fruit the Father takes away and they are gathered up and cast into the fire and burned.
5. **Unbelievers.** Jesus described unbelievers as people that are cast into the fire of hell and later cast into the lake of fire.
6. **Fire.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know the Father will take away the unbelievers at death and cast them into eternal fire.
7. **We Abide.** We rejoice today because we abide in Jesus and the Father will never cast us away. We bear fruit for Jesus because He made us clean when we received His word. The Father cleanses us to bear more fruit every day.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by abiding in Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that every branch that does not abide in Jesus will go to eternal fire.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by abiding in Jesus because we are clean through the word spoken to us.**

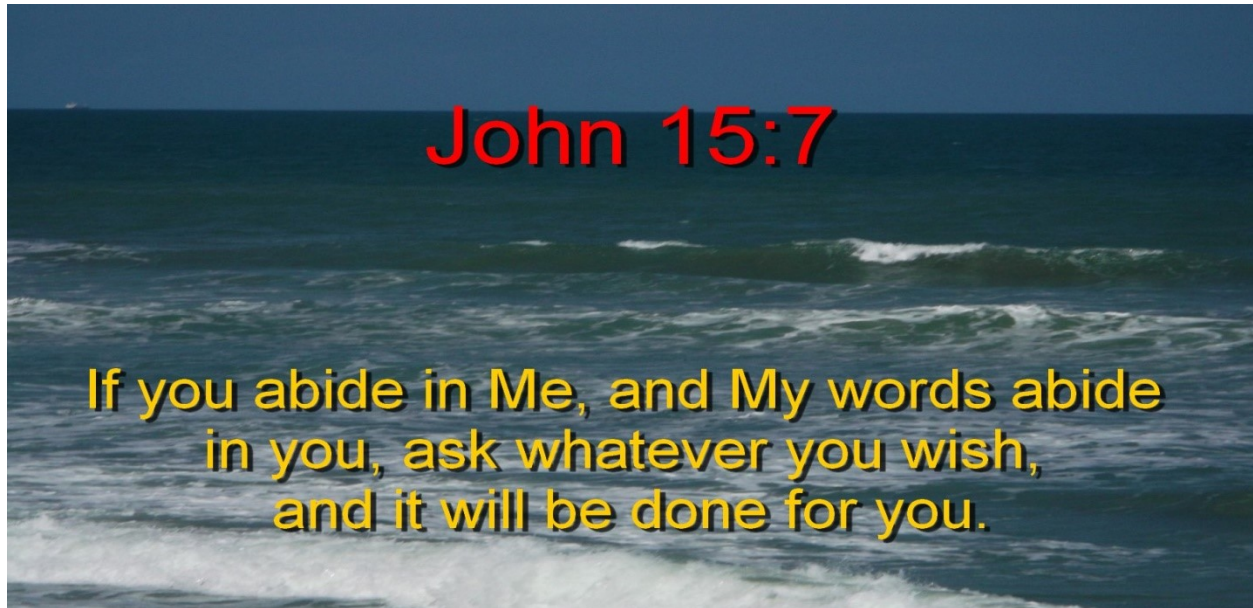
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that every branch that does not abide in Jesus is cast into eternal fire. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by abiding in Jesus and bearing fruit for Him?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Forty Eight

Ask Whatever Today



What happens when disciples pray? If the disciples abide in Jesus, and His words abide in us, then whatever we wish, God will do for us.

Jesus provided great prayer promises. He promised that His disciples could ask what they wished and receive it. Jesus placed some conditions on receiving that help us understand how to pray.

Jesus said that the disciple must abide in Jesus and His word must abide in the disciple. This means that the disciple must have been born again. Jesus said the disciples were clean because of the word He spoke to them. Judas Iscariot had already left the group of disciples to betray Jesus that same night. Judas Iscariot did not abide in Jesus. The word of Jesus must also abide in the disciple.

Jesus meant that the disciple who has eternal life and continues to obey Jesus and seek His will receives whatever they ask in prayer. It amounts to the same result as praying in the Name of Jesus. We seek His will in our prayers and then He will give us whatever we ask according to His will.

Ask

1. **Explained.** Jesus explained how we can bear much fruit to the glory of God.
2. **Prayer Promise.** Building upon that teaching, Jesus revealed a great prayer promise.
3. **Abide.** Jesus used the words "Abide in Me and My words abide in you" to begin His revelation about prayer.
4. **Ask.** Jesus taught that you can ask whatever you wish in prayer and it will be done for you. But remember the words that came before that promise.
5. **His Will.** As we abide in Jesus and His words abide in us, then we will be pursuing His will and not our own in prayer.
6. **Done.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that as disciples of Jesus, we can ask whatever we wish and it will be done for us, provided that we abide in Him and His words abide in us.
7. **Hears.** We rejoice today because Jesus promised us that we can ask anything according to His will and He will do it. He wants us to know that He hears us, loves us, and keeps us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by abiding in Jesus and His word abiding in us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by praying according to the abiding word of Jesus within us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by counting upon Jesus to answer our prayers as we abide in Him and His word abides in us.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by abiding in Jesus and His word abiding in us so that we pray according to His will. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by praying to receive whatever you ask for?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Forty Nine

Bear Much Fruit Today



How do we glorify God the Father? We glorify God the Father by bearing much fruit.

Jesus commanded us to abide in Him. Jesus declared that the disciples were clean because of the word He spoke to them. Jesus then made prayer promises and glory promises.

Jesus promised that the disciples can glorify the Father. They glorify the Father by bearing much fruit. For some people it may seem that they live inconsequential lives. God wants everyone to bear much fruit. His plans are not inconsequential because He has great fruit plans for every disciple.

Jesus never made promises without also supplying the spiritual power to keep them. By faith we act upon His promises. Happily we can bear much fruit for Jesus and so prove to be His disciples.

Prove

1. **Glorify.** Did you know you can glorify the Father? Jesus said that if you bear much fruit, you will glorify the Father.

2. **Believers.** Jesus wanted every believer to know that our lives really count.

3. **Fruit.** We prove that we are the disciples of Jesus when we bear much fruit.

4. **Progression.** Notice the progression in the passage. Disciples bear: v. 2, fruit; v. 2, more fruit; v. 5, v. 8, much fruit.

5. **More.** Jesus cleansed us by speaking the word to us. Now the Father works in us so that we bear more fruit.

6. **Cleanses.** Living Godly in the family of God means that, as we abide in Jesus, the Father cleanses us so that we bear more fruit and much fruit.

7. **Bear Fruit.** We rejoice today because we can glorify God by bearing much fruit for Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by bearing much fruit for Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by glorifying God and bearing much fruit.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we encourage each other to bear much fruit.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by bearing much fruit for Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by glorifying God the Father by bearing much fruit?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifty

Just as Today



What kind of love does Jesus have for His disciples? Jesus had the same kind of love for His disciples that His Father had for Him.

God the Father loved Jesus. In turn, Jesus loved the disciples just like His Father loved Him. Jesus wanted the disciples to know the unlimited power of God's love.

Jesus then issued a command. Jesus commanded his disciples to abide in His love. Jesus had already explained that if people love Jesus, then they will keep His commandments.

As Jesus prepared his disciples for His departure, he repeatedly emphasized love to them. He wanted them to love one another. He also wanted them to abide in His love. As Jesus explained the Vine, Vinedresser, and the branches, He commanded His disciples to abide in His love.

Abide in My Love

1. **Love.** What does the love of God feel like? Jesus said that just as the Father loves Him, so He loves us.
2. **God.** Only people born of God love with the love of God.
3. **Command.** Jesus not only commanded us to abide in Him, but also to abide in His love.
4. **Abide.** As we abide in Jesus, we bear much fruit and abide in His love.
5. **Feel.** Every day we can feel the love of God the Father filling us through Jesus abiding in us.
6. **Know.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know the love of God the Father through Jesus His Son as we abide in Him.
7. **Filled.** We rejoice today because the love of God overflows our lives, filling us with an eager excitement to abide in Jesus.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by abiding in the love of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus loves us like the Father loves Him.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we love one another like the Father loves Jesus.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by abiding in the love of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving others like the Father loves Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifty One

Keep Today



What happens when we keep the commandments of Jesus? We abide in His love.

We abide in the love of Jesus just as He kept His Father's commandments and abided in His love. Jesus does not command us to do something that He has not done Himself. Jesus always makes the perfect model of Godly behavior, because He has always been God and He took flesh.

While Jesus lived in the flesh, He spoke the words of God and did the works of God. Jesus did not speak on His own initiative, but spoke the words given to Him by His Father.

The more we speak like Jesus, act like Jesus, and love like Jesus, the more we abide in His love. Jesus always pleased His Father and abides in His love.

Abide in His Love

1. **Commands.** Jesus issued commands to His disciples and expected that they would obey them.
2. **Know How.** Although many people recoil at commandments, Jesus gave us commandments so that we would know how to do His will.
3. **Abide.** As we keep the commandments of Jesus, we abide in His love.
4. **His Love.** Make no mistake. Jesus always loves us, although we do not always obey His commandments and abide in His love.
5. **Always.** Jesus always kept the commandments of His Father and so Jesus always abided in His Father's love.
6. **Obey.** Living Godly in the family of God means that as we obey the commandments of Jesus, we abide in His love.
7. **Follow.** We rejoice today because we follow the commandments of Jesus and we abide in His love, just as He abided in His Father's love.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by keeping His commandments.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God keeping His commandments and knowing we abide in His love.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another to abide in the love of Jesus.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by keeping the commandments of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by abiding in the love of Jesus today?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifty Two

My Joy Today



Why did Jesus speak these things? Jesus spoke these things so that His joy would be in us.

Jesus wanted His disciples to be full of joy. Do you feel that way every day? Of course at times we will feel sorrow. Even so, Jesus promised that we would have His joy in us.

When we have the joy of Jesus in us, He wants our joy to be made full. At times in our lives, we lose sight of the great promises of Jesus. He promised that His joy would be in our lives. He intended for us to have His joy made full in us.

We can count upon the things Jesus said to us. He promised our lives would have His joy and His joy would make our joy full.

Full

1. **Spoken.** Did you know that Jesus wants you to live a joyful life? Jesus spoke things to His disciples so that His joy would be in them.
2. **Reassured.** As Jesus prepared to die and go back to heaven, He reassured His disciples that they would have His joy in them.
3. **Promise.** The promise of having the joy of Jesus in us should never be taken lightly or for granted.
4. **Joy.** Jesus also promised that our joy would be made full because of the words He spoke to us.
5. **Full.** As we abide in Jesus and His love, we experience His joy in us and our joy is made full.
6. **Meaning.** Living Godly in the family God means that we have the joy of Jesus in us.
7. **Made.** We rejoice today because Jesus promised us that our joy would be made full.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by believing that we have the joy of Jesus in us.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by living with full joy.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by praising Jesus for the joy He brings to our lives every day.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by living in the full joy of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by abiding in the love of Jesus and feeling His full joy?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifty Three

Commandment Today



What did Jesus command? Jesus commanded us to love one another.

Jesus not only commanded us to love one another, He even described the love we should have for one another. He commanded us to love one another like He loved us.

Jesus also taught that He loved us like His Father loved Him. Jesus wanted us to love one another, but He also wanted us to remember the love of God the Father in His life.

God is love. If you love God the Father, then you will love Jesus, the Son of God. If you love Jesus, then you will keep His commandments and abide in His love and the love of God the Father.

Jesus taught His disciples how to love and why to love. He also showed them love, just as the Father loved Him. We must love one another.

My Commandment

1. **Love.** How should we love one another? Jesus commanded us to love one another just as He loves us.
2. **How?** At times I ponder how to love other people. Jesus taught us many things about love.
3. **Example.** Jesus used Himself as the prime example of how to love another person.
4. **Jesus.** You may recall that Jesus told Peter: "Get behind me Satan."
5. **Truth.** At times, loving people like Jesus loves them means that you tell them the truth, good or bad; Jesus never lied.
6. **Tell.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we love people like Jesus loves them and we tell them that we love them.
7. **Command.** We rejoice today because Jesus commanded us to love people like He loves us. Jesus laid down His life for us and took it up again.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving one another.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving one another just as Jesus loves us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we love one another following the example of Jesus.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and keeping His commandments. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving other people like Jesus loves you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifty Four

Greater Love Today



How do we know greater love? Jesus said that no one has greater love than to lay down his soul for his friends.

As Jesus continued His teaching on love, He described supreme love. No one has greater love than to lay down your soul for your friends. Jesus knew all about love. His disciples felt His love and enjoyed His love.

Jesus explained His love in terms of how His Father loved Him. You may not have had a loving father before you met Jesus as Savior. Once Jesus saved you, now you have the best Father ever. God the Father loves Jesus and Jesus loves you like God the Father loves Him.

Jesus then explained that a person has no greater love than laying down your soul for another person. Jesus laid down His soul for us in love. He laid down His soul at the commandment of His Father. We should live likewise.

Greater Love

1. **Love.** How did Jesus define love? Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another.
2. **Defined.** Jesus then defined no greater love as laying down your life for your friends.
3. **Friends.** Jesus loved His friends.
4. **Ordered.** Jesus commanded love. In other words He ordered us to love one another.
5. **Hallmark.** The hallmark of that love is to love others like Jesus loves us.
6. **Love Others.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we love others and lay down our lives for our friends.
7. **His Life.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves us and laid down His life for us, His friends.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving one another with the love of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we lay down our lives for our friends.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we lay down our lives for our friends and follow the example of Jesus.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and our friends. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by laying down your life for your friends?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifty Five

My Friends Today



Who are the friends of Jesus? Jesus said we are His friends, if we do what I command you.

Jesus loved His friends. He laid down His soul for His friends. Jesus then defined the terms of friendship with Him. We become the friends of Jesus by doing what He commanded us.

In this context, He commanded us to believe in Him for salvation. Then He commanded us to love one another just as the Father loves Him. Jesus taught us many things about His love and the love of God the Father.

Jesus also explained that the world will know that we are His disciples if we love one another. Friendship with Jesus means that we love Him and keep His commandments, just like He kept His Father's commandments.

You Do

1. **Friends.** Did you know that Jesus had friends? God called Abraham the friend of God.
2. **Disciples.** Jesus called His eleven disciples His friends, but He attached a condition to that statement.
3. **Condition.** New Testament Greek has precise ways of using the word "if." In this case, the word "if" describes a condition of friendship with Jesus.
4. **Close.** Some people think that friendship with Jesus means you can do whatever you want and remain close friends with Jesus.
5. **If.** In contrast, Jesus said that we are His friends, if we obey Him and keep His commandments, especially that we must love one another.
6. **When.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we are the friends of Jesus when we keep His commandments.
7. **Love.** We rejoice today because Jesus calls us friends because we love one another.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by being friends with Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by keeping the commandments of Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we rejoice together in the supreme friendship we enjoy with Jesus.**

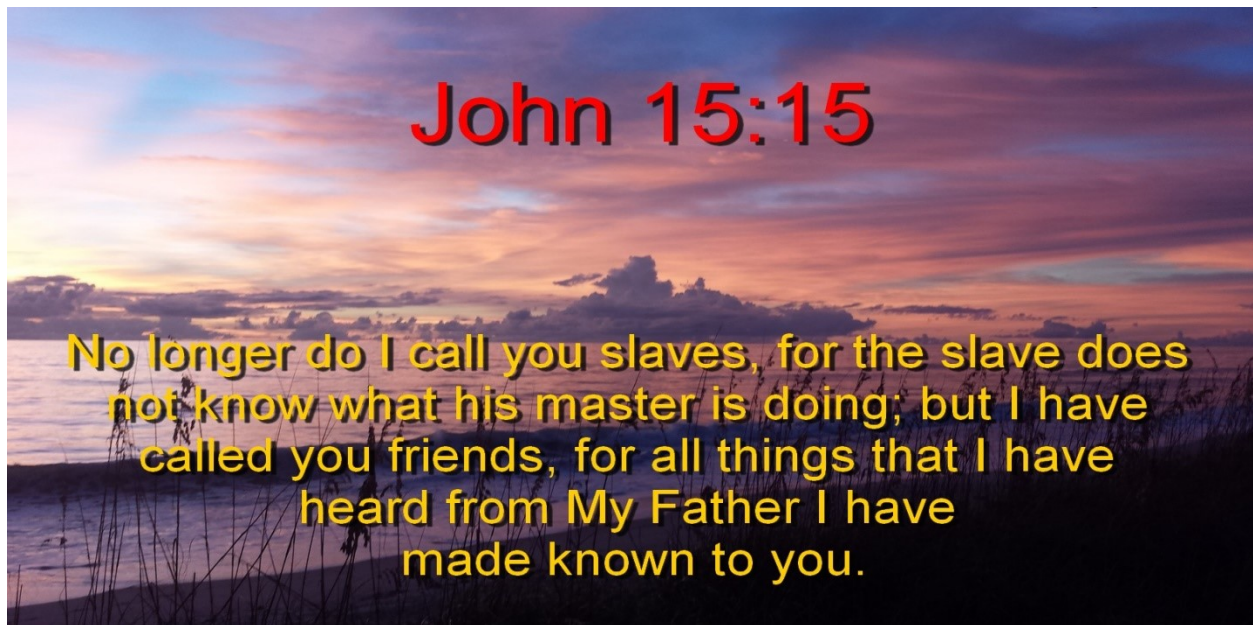
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by being friends with Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by keeping the commandments of Jesus and so be His friend?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifty Six

Slaves Today



Why did Jesus no longer call His disciples slaves? He called them friends because they knew what their Master was doing.

Jesus distinguished slaves from friends by what they knew. The slaves did not know what their master was doing, but the friends know what their master is doing.

Jesus began to call His disciples friends because He revealed to them the all things Jesus had heard from His Father. Jesus had been explaining to them how He was going to die, how the Holy Spirit would come to them, and how they should pray, and how they should keep His commandments, and how to love one another. Jesus disclosed to His disciples all the things that His Father was showing Him.

All Things

1. **Why?** Why did Jesus call us friends? Jesus began calling His disciples friends, instead of calling them slaves.
2. **Knowledge.** Jesus explained that He no longer called them slaves because slaves do not know what their master is doing.
3. **All Things.** In contrast, Jesus made known to His disciples all the things that He heard from His Father.
4. **Father.** Throughout His incarnate ministry Jesus declared that: (a) His Father had sent Him; (b) He spoke the words of His Father; and (c) He did the deeds of His Father.
5. **Ministry.** Having finished the revelation of His relationship to God, Jesus also revealed more about the ministry of God entrusted to the disciples after Jesus ascended to heaven.
6. **Friends.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know Jesus as God in the flesh who called us His friends.
7. **Revealed.** We rejoice today because Jesus as risen Lord has revealed all these things from His Father.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by rejoicing that Jesus calls us friends.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we realize that we serve Jesus as slaves, but He treats us like beloved friends and children.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by worshiping Jesus for all the love He shows us as His friends and children.**

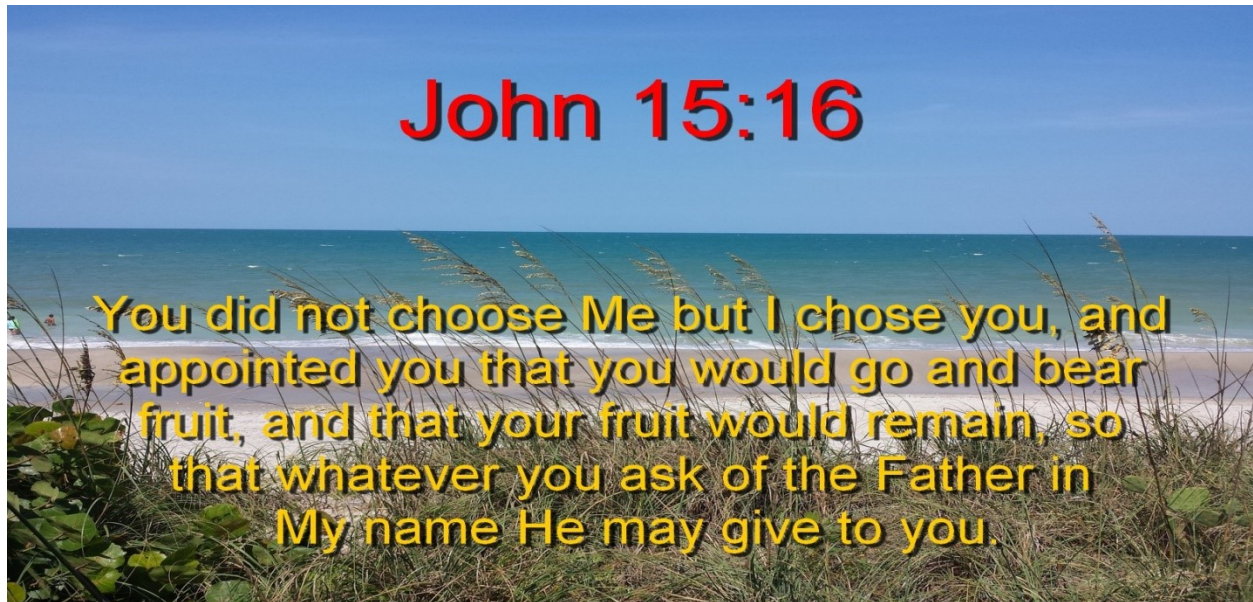
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by living as friends of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by walking worthy of your friendship with Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifty Seven

Chose You



What did Jesus appoint His disciples to do? Jesus appointed His disciples to go and bear fruit.

Jesus intended for His disciples to bear fruit, and that their fruit would remain. Jesus had a perfect plan of discipleship. He would train eleven men to carry forth His ministry of salvation and discipleship after He ascended to heaven. They would do even greater works than He did.

Jesus also intended for the fruit of the disciples to remain. Whatever they asked of the Father in the Name of Jesus, the Father would give it to them. Jesus wanted the disciples to know about their great privilege to receive what they need from the Father after Jesus was ascended. Jesus trained them to ask the Father in the Name of Jesus. Praying in the Name of Jesus means that we pray for His sake, according to His will, not ours.

In My Name

1. **Pray.** Why do people pray in the name of Jesus? Jesus told His disciples to pray in His name.
2. **He Chose.** Jesus reminded His disciples that He chose them; they did not choose Him.
3. **Appointed.** Jesus appointed the disciples to go and bear fruit. Jesus had a plan to reach the ends of the earth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. **Fruit.** Jesus chose the disciples so that they would go and bear fruit.
5. **Abide.** Jesus also intended that the fruit the disciples produced would remain.
6. **Ask.** Living Godly in the family of God means that when we produce fruit that abides, then we can ask the Father for anything in the Name of Jesus, and He will do it.
7. **My Name.** We rejoice today because the Name of Jesus has great love and power associated with that Name. When we pray in the Name of Jesus, and have fruit that abides, then we can pray most effectively.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus chose us, we did not choose Him.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by bearing fruit for Him that abides.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we pray for one another in the Name of Jesus.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by bearing fruit for Jesus that abides. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by bearing much fruit for Jesus that abides?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifty Eight

Command Today



What did Jesus command His disciples to do? He commanded them to love one another.

Jesus repeated this command. He wanted His disciples to hear and to obey His command to love one another. One without the other has no value.

Jesus had emphasized how He kept the commandments of His Father and continued in the love of His Father. Jesus wanted His disciples to follow His example.

Jesus did not want His disciples to start living in disobedience after He ascended. Jesus had explained that the world would know they were the disciples of Jesus if they loved one another.

Jesus repeated the command to love one another because it was directly related to knowing God and walking with God, for God is love.

Love One Another

1. **Why?** Why did Jesus command His disciples to love one another?
2. **Commands.** On the night before Jesus died, He gave many commands to His disciples.
3. **Emphasized.** He repeatedly emphasized the priority of love.
4. **Sometimes.** At times, losing a loved one may dampen your love for God.
5. **Continue.** As Jesus prepared His disciples for His death, He commanded them to continue loving one another and to abide in His love.
6. **Love.** Living Godly in the family of God means that when we lose loved ones, we still love one another and abide in the love of God.
7. **Because.** We rejoice today because we love because Jesus first loved us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by obeying the commands of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by loving one another.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by loving one another because Jesus commanded us to love one another.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by following the commands of Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving one another?

HALLELUJAH !

7

Learning about Godliness And Hatred Today

Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another. By loving one another, they will bear testimony to the world that they are disciples of Jesus. Then Jesus taught them about the hatred of the world.

Jesus started with the world hating Him. It hated Jesus before it hated them. The world hates the disciples of Jesus because they are not of the world, because Jesus chose them out of the world. If His disciples were of the world, then the world would love its own. If the disciples do not love one another, then no one will except God will love them. The world hates the disciples just like they hated Jesus before them.

Jesus also described persecution by the world. Just as the slave is not greater than his master, so also the world will persecute the disciples just like it persecuted Jesus. If they kept the word of Jesus, then they will keep the word of the disciples. The world will do all kinds of bad things to the disciples for the name sake of Jesus. The world does not know the One Who sent Jesus.

Jesus said that if He had not come and spoken to them, then the world would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Everyone who hates Jesus also hates His Father. Because Jesus did His works among them which no one else did, they would not have sin. But now the world has both seen and hated Jesus and His Father as well. Jesus said they fulfilled the Scripture: "They hated Me without a cause."

Finally, after describing the hatred of the world, Jesus promised that the Helper (the Holy Spirit) will come, because Jesus will send Him from the

Father. The Spirit of Truth (the Holy Spirit) proceeds from the Father and testifies about Jesus. Likewise, the disciples will also testify about Jesus, because they have been with Jesus since the beginning.

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Fifty Nine

Hates You Today



Did the world hate Jesus? They hated Jesus, even though He lived a sinless life.

Jesus prepared the disciples to face the hatred of the world as they continued the ministry of Jesus. He wanted them to know that they should love people, even when the world hated them.

Jesus reminded His disciples that the world hated Him first. The world hated Jesus because the ruler of this world had nothing in Jesus. He also confronted the world with their sin. They hated Him because their deeds were evil. He is Light and the world loves darkness, for their deeds are evil.

We take strength from Jesus. He faced the world's lethal hatred with love and patience. He loved His disciples to the end and loved the world.

Hated Me

1. **Why?** Why do so many people hate Christians?
2. **Warned.** Jesus warned His disciples to expect that the world would hate them.
3. **Hated.** Jesus also explained to His disciples that the world hated Him before the world hated them.
4. **Remember.** Every disciple of Jesus must remember the warning of Jesus about the world hating us.
5. **First.** The world hates us because it first hated Jesus.
6. **Expect Hatred.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we expect the world to hate us.
7. **Sins.** We rejoice today because God loves the world and gave Jesus to die for the sins of the world so that all believers may have eternal life.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the world hated Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we recall that the world hated Jesus before the world hated us.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by understanding the hatred of the world flowed first to Jesus and then to us because we are in Him and do His will.**

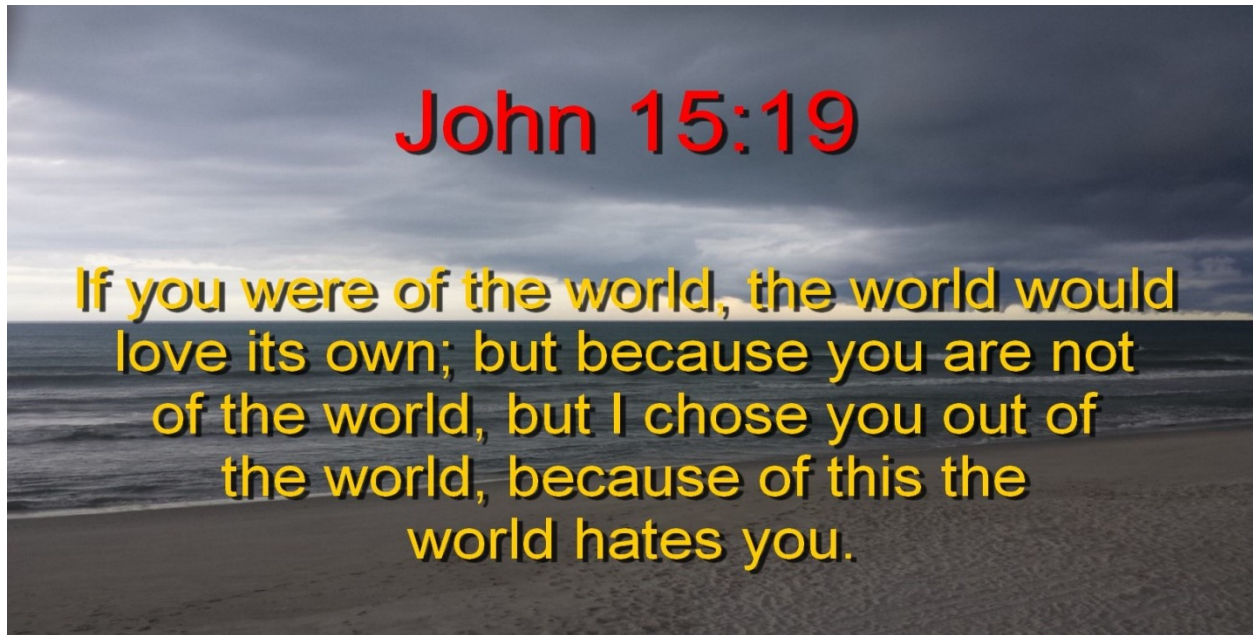
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting the world to hate us, because they first hated Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering Jesus when you feel the hatred of the world?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Sixty

Not of the World Today



Who does the world love? The world loves its own.

Jesus said that saints are not of the world. Jesus meant that He chose us out of the world. We did not choose Him, but He chose us that we would be His disciples and continue His ministry.

The world loves its own, but saints are no longer of the world because Jesus chose us to be with Him. He is not of the world and we are no longer of the world.

Because the saints are not of the world, the world hates us. Remember that the world hated Jesus before it hated us. As the chosen people of God, believers have been permanently separated from the world by Jesus.

We were born into world, but Jesus came into the world. He came into the world to save us from our sins. Once saved, we are never a part of the world. Therefore, the world hates us.

Of the World

1. **Why?** Why does the world hate Christians? Jesus explained the world hates Christians because He chose them out of the world.
2. **World.** The world hates Christians because they are not of the world any longer.
3. **Hate.** The world loves its own and hates Christians who are no longer of the world.
4. **Explained.** Jesus not only told His disciples to expect the world to hate them, but He also explained in detail why the world hated them.
5. **Forgetting.** If you think you can act so the whole world will love you as a Christian, then you are forgetting what Jesus said about the world hating Christians.
6. **Expect Hate.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we expect the world to hate us.
7. **Out of.** We rejoice today because Jesus chose us out of the world and we are no longer of the world.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by knowing we are not of the world.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God knowing we are not of the world because Jesus chose us out of the world.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by understanding that the world hates Jesus and hates us because we are not of the world.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that the world loves its own and we belong to Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today and rejoice that Jesus chose you out of the world?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Sixty One

Not Greater Today



If they persecuted Jesus, what will they do to us? They will persecute us also.

Jesus continued explaining what it meant to be a friend of Jesus. He stated that a slave is not greater than his master. He then tied that concept to being persecuted. If they persecuted Jesus, then they will persecute us because we are not greater than our Master. Jesus took an ordinary concept and taught deep spiritual truth.

From this point forward, the disciples will begin to experience more persecution. They will be targeted for persecution, because they are not greater than Jesus.

Jesus then linked keeping His word with persecution. The world will not keep His word and so they will not keep the disciple's word either. Jesus prepared the disciples for more persecution.

My Word

1. **World.** How does the world treat believers? Jesus said that the world would hate His disciples.
2. **Master.** Jesus then explained that a slave is not greater than his master. We are the slaves and He is the Master.
3. **Persecuted.** Jesus revealed that the world persecuted Him and so we can expect that the world will persecute us.
4. **Word.** Jesus also revealed that the world did not keep His word and so the world would not keep our word either.
5. **Prepared.** Jesus fully prepared His disciples for His ascent to heaven. He told them how the world would treat them.
6. **Slave.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know the slave is not greater than his master.
7. **His Love.** We rejoice today because Jesus told us how the world would treat us based on the way it treated Him. We delight in His love, even as the world persecutes us and ignores the word of Jesus.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by expecting that we will not be treated better than Jesus our Master.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by expecting persecution.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by expecting that people will not keep our words, just like they did not keep Jesus' word.**

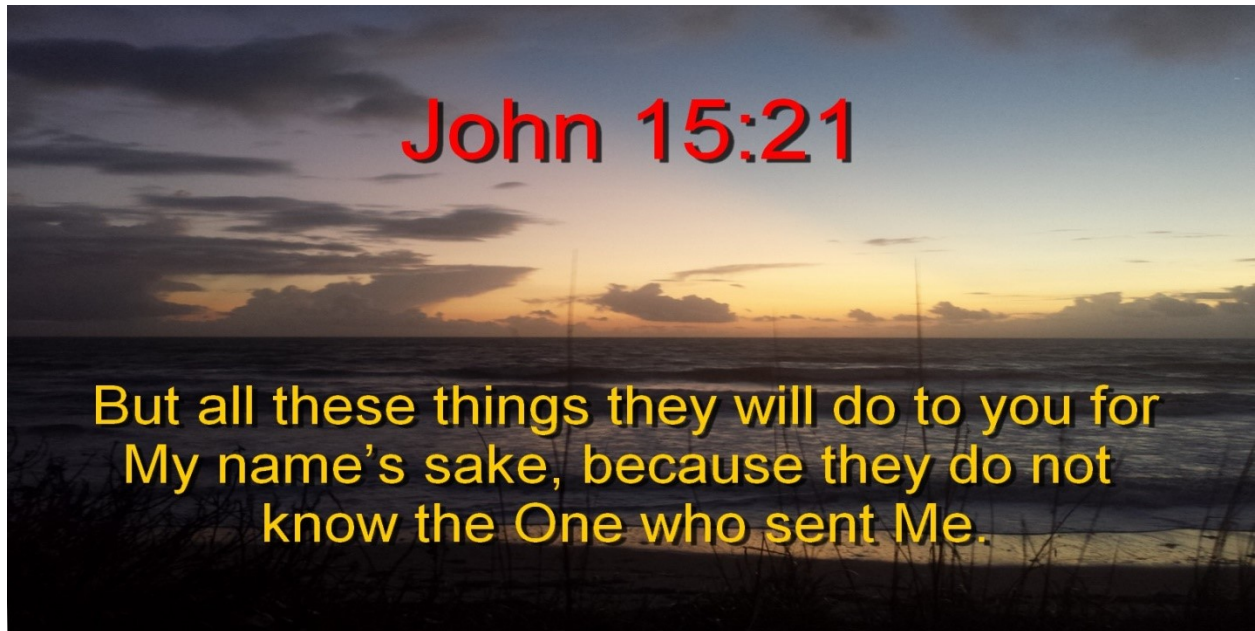
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting persecution. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that Jesus linked persecution to being a slave of Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Sixty Two

My Name's Sake Today



Why will people do all these things to the disciples? They will do all those things to the disciples because of the Name of Jesus.

Jesus taught that the disciples will face all kinds of persecution and opposition because of the Name of Jesus. The world opposed Jesus and did not keep His word.

Jesus prepared His disciples for persecution by helping them understand His Name's sake. Because they proclaimed salvation only in Jesus, the world hated them.

Jesus also revealed that they would do things to the disciples because they never knew the One Who sent Jesus, God the Father. Because they did not know the Father, they opposed Jesus, Whom the Father sent.

The One

1. **Persecute.** Why do people persecute Christians? Jesus answered that question and linked His name to His Father.
2. **Christians.** Jesus explained that the world will do evil things to Christians because they follow in His name.
3. **Hates.** The world hates the name of Jesus Christ.
4. **Christ.** The world also hates those who identify themselves with the name of Jesus Christ.
5. **World.** The world does not know that God the Father sent God the Son into the world.
6. **Why.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus wanted us to know why the world hates us and persecutes us.
7. **We Know.** We rejoice today because we know why the world hates us and persecutes us; the world never knew that the One who sent Jesus was God the Father, but we know Him.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by testifying to the Name of Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by expecting that people will do things to us because we do things for the sake of Jesus, in His Name.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by remembering that people oppose us because they never knew God the Father Who sent Jesus.**

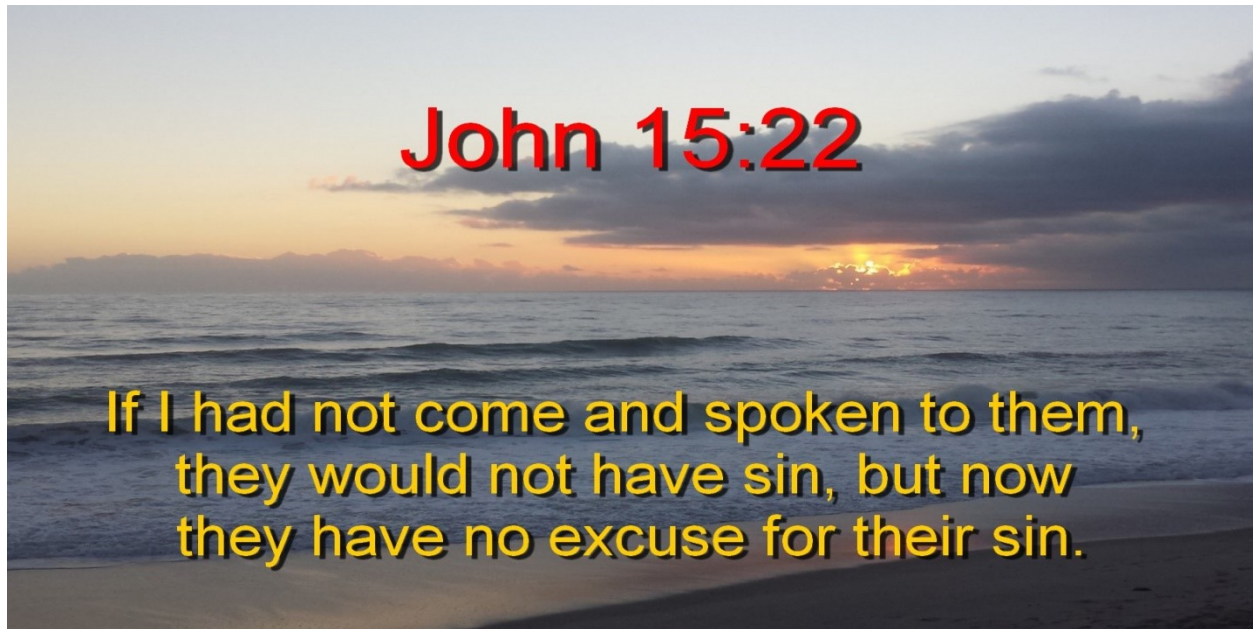
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and remembering to honor His Name in all things. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by expecting that people will oppose all people who serve Jesus and act in His Name?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Sixty Three

Not Come Today



Why do people have no excuse for their sin? People have no excuse for their sin because Jesus had come.

Now people have no excuse for their sin because Jesus came. Jesus came as the Light of the world. He came healing people, giving sight to the blind, making the lame walk, and preaching the Gospel to the poor.

If Jesus had not come, then they would not have sin. Keep in mind that Jesus did not mean they had no sin of any kind. Jesus had already called them the children of the devil. Jesus meant they would not have the sin of rejecting Jesus after seeing His miracles, hearing His teaching, seeing His works, and seeing the glory and truth of God manifested before their eyes.

No Excuse

1. **Sin.** Why do people have no excuse for their sin? Jesus linked the words that He spoke to no excuse for sin.

2. **Salvation.** As the Light of the world, Jesus proclaimed the good news of salvation through faith in Him.

3. **Proclaimed.** Through the words Jesus spoke, He identified Himself as the Savior of the world and the Son of God sent to Earth to proclaim salvation.

4. **Disciples.** Jesus chose the disciples to follow Him and proclaim His gospel.

5. **Chosen.** Because Jesus chose them out of the world, the world hated them, just like it hated Him.

6. **Rejected.** Living Godly in the family of God means that people have no excuse for their sin and have greater sin, because they heard the words of Jesus and rejected those words and the Savior who spoke them.

7. **Forgiveness.** We rejoice today because Jesus chose us, spoke the words of life to us, and we have been forever covered by His blood and forgiven by faith alone.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering that people have no excuse for their sin.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God by understanding that the people who persecute us because Jesus is our Master have no excuse for their actions.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another as we face persecution together.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by remembering that Jesus came and spoke to people. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by continuing to speak of Jesus to people who may persecute you?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Sixty Four

Hates Me Today



Who hates the Father? Everyone who hates Jesus also hates the Father.

Jesus prepared His disciples for His departure and their future ministry by explaining hatred to them. While Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another, He also told them that people would hate them.

They hate the disciples because of the Name of Jesus. Because they hate Jesus, the Master, they also hate His slaves.

Jesus also explained that people who hate His word never knew the Father. Everyone who hates Jesus also hates His Father. Jesus wanted His disciples to know about the world hating the disciples.

Jesus also wanted the disciples to understand the relationship between Jesus, His Father, His disciples. Hating one led to hating all of them.

Hates Me

1. **No Doubt.** Can you love the Father and hate Jesus? Jesus answered that question and left no doubt.
2. **Hate.** Jesus taught that if you hate Him, you hate His Father also.
3. **Father.** Jesus explained that He was the Son of God, sent from the Father into the world.
4. **Jesus.** Jesus had told His disciples that the world would hate Him and hate them too.
5. **World.** Jesus emphasized to His disciples that the world would hate them and they should expect that hatred because He chose them out of the world.
6. **We Know.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know that the world hates Jesus and His Father.
7. **Understand.** We rejoice today because we understand both: (a) the marvelous love of God; and (b) the world's hatred for Jesus and His Father.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by understanding that the world will hate Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we know that everyone who hates Jesus hates the Father also.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we encourage one another to remember that the world will hate believers just like it hates Jesus and His Father.**

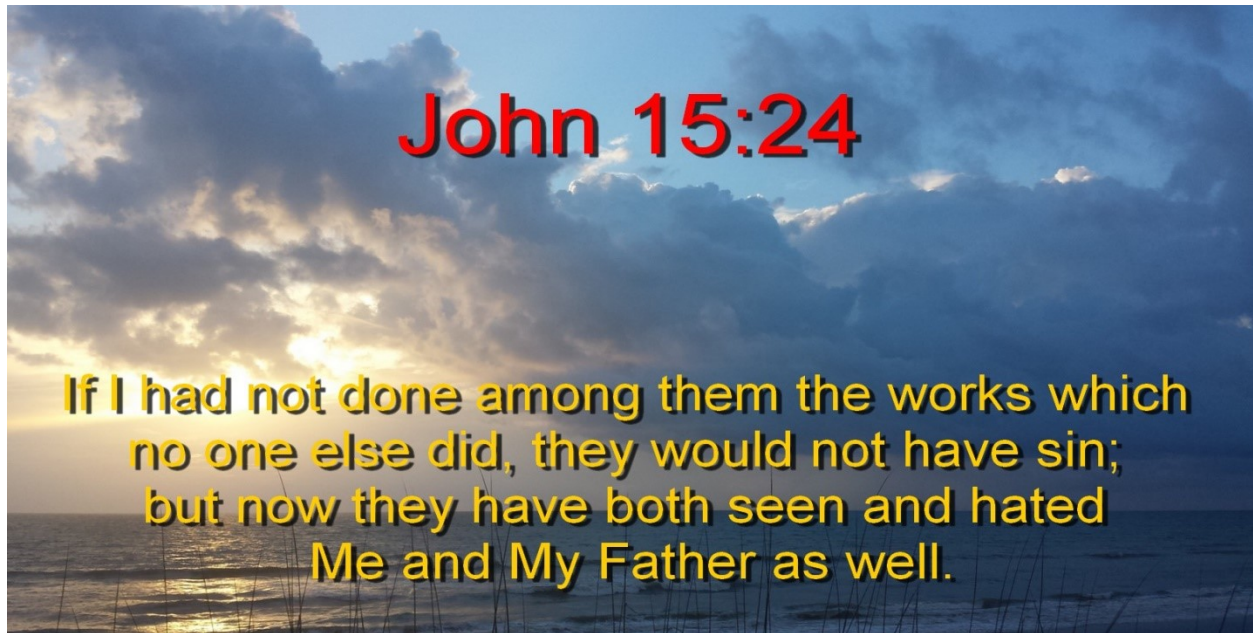
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting that everyone who hates Jesus also hates the Father. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving Jesus and His Father?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Sixty Five

The Works Today



Did Jesus do works no one else did? Jesus did works no one else did and so people have sin for hating Jesus and His Father.

Jesus revealed that people saw Him do works among them which no one else did. Because He did those works among them, they now have sin. If He had not done those works, they would not have sin.

Jesus meant that people sin when they see Him and His works and reject Him. Not only do they reject Him, but they hate both Jesus and His Father as well.

Jesus thoroughly prepared His disciples to face the hatred of the world. Jesus even helped them understand why the world hates Him and hates them.

Seen

1. **Saw.** Why did seeing Jesus produce greater sin in some people? Jesus said that He did works no one else did. Therefore the people who saw those works had greater sin.

2. **Jesus.** Seeing Jesus in the flesh was a great honor, although not everyone realized it at the time.

3. **God.** As God in human flesh, Jesus did many miracles and proclaimed the gospel to great crowds.

4. **Savior.** Jesus constantly identified God the Father as His Father and declared Himself to be the only begotten Son of God, the Messiah of Israel and Savior of the world.

5. **Hatred.** The works of Jesus confirmed His message and declared His Deity. Because Jesus did those works and people saw Him, they responded by hating Him which included hating His Father too.

6. **Greater Sin.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we know people had greater sin because they had seen Jesus in the flesh, doing God's works; those people hated Jesus resulting in hatred of the Father also, resulting in greater sin.

7. **We Accepted.** We rejoice today because the Father revealed Jesus to us and we accepted Him as Savior, resulting in the forgiveness of all of our sins forever and ever by grace through faith.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus for doing the works which no one else did among people.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we understand that people sin when they reject Jesus and His works.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by keeping in mind that the world saw Jesus and His works and hated Him and His Father.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by loving Jesus and His Father for the works that Jesus did among people. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by loving Jesus more because we know His works and the Father Who sent Him?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Sixty Six

Their Law Today



How did the Jews fulfill their Law? Jesus said they fulfilled their Law by hating Him without cause.

Jesus often quoted the Old Testament to show its New Testament fulfillment. Jesus wrote the Old Testament. He perfectly understood how it related to the New Testament.

Jesus proved His points from the Old Testament. In this case, Jesus was not surprised by the Jews hating him, because He knew that the Old Testament provided that they would hate Him without cause.

Jesus had already made the point to the disciples that the world would hate them. Jesus then showed them that the Jews people hated Jesus without cause.

Hated Me

1. **What?** What causes people to hate Christians? Ultimately people hate Christians because Jesus chose us out of the world.

2. **Caused.** What caused people to hate Jesus? People hated Jesus without a cause. At all times Jesus acted without sin.

3. **Hate.** In my life I have done things to make people hate me, and they had cause to hate me. I sinned and people hated me.

4. **World.** Other people have hated me because Jesus chose me out of the world; I was no longer one of the world's own and so they hated me.

5. **Sinless.** Because Jesus never sinned and performed works which no one else did, people hated him without a cause.

6. **Jesus.** Living Godly in the family of God means that Jesus wanted us to remember that the world hated Him without a cause, just as David proclaimed in Psalm 35.

7. **Love.** We rejoice today because Jesus loves both the people who hated Him without a cause and the people who love Him because He first loved us.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by remembering the Scriptures and their fulfillment.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we remember that people hated Jesus without cause.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God by encouraging one another that people hated Jesus without cause and so if people hate us, it does not necessarily mean we have done something wrong.**

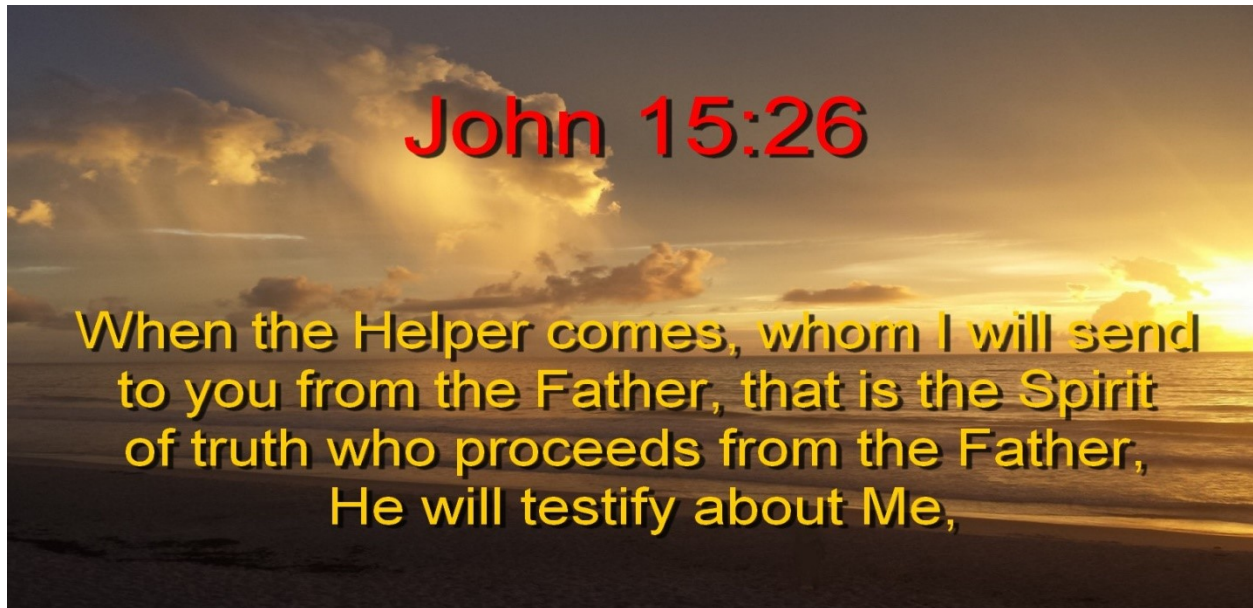
Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by expecting that people will hate us without cause. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering that people hated Jesus without cause?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Sixty Seven

The Helper Comes Today



Where did the Holy Spirit come from? The Father sent the Holy Spirit to us.

Jesus described the Holy Spirit as the Helper. As a divine Person, One with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit comes to us. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit from the Father to us.

The Holy Spirit is known as the Spirit of Truth. He proceeds from the Father. The Holy Spirit testifies about Jesus. Jesus explained that the Holy Spirit will empower the disciples to do great works and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus prepared His disciples for His departure by prophesying about the Holy Spirit and His ministry in their lives. Jesus fully prepared His disciples to have a new relationship with the Holy Spirit coming into their lives.

The Spirit of Truth

1. **Spirit.** Why did Jesus send the Spirit of Truth? Jesus sent the Spirit of Truth to minister to believers.
2. **Helper.** Jesus identified the Spirit of Truth as the Helper. Jesus will send the Helper to the disciples.
3. **Proceeds.** Jesus revealed that the Spirit of Truth proceeds from the Father. As God, the Helper was not created, and He has no beginning or end, just like Jesus and the Father.
4. **Ministry.** Jesus emphasized a particular ministry of the Helper: He will testify about Jesus.
5. **Continuously.** As we consider the daily ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we should remember that the Holy Spirit testifies continuously about Jesus.
6. **Testifies.** Living Godly in the family of God means that the Holy Spirit testifies in our lives about Jesus.
7. **Lives.** We rejoice today because the Holy Spirit lives within us and testifies about Jesus in our lives.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by loving the Holy Spirit Who came to us from the Father.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we appreciate the ministry of the Holy Spirit testifying about Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we experience the Holy Spirit telling us about Jesus.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by relying upon the Holy Spirit to tell you about Jesus? Will you live Godly in the family of God today by reading the Bible and hearing the Holy Spirit testify about Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Day Six Hundred Sixty Eight

Testify Also Today



Why will the disciples testify about Jesus? The disciples will testify about Jesus because they have been with Him from the beginning.

Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit will testify about Jesus to the disciples. Then Jesus added that the disciples will also testify about Jesus. The disciples will testify about Jesus because they have been with Jesus from the beginning.

When the disciples had to choose a replacement to hold the office of apostle, they looked for a man who had been with them since the baptism of John the Baptist. So, two men met that requirement as to being with Jesus since the beginning. In the verse for today, Jesus was specifically talking about the eleven disciples with Him.

You Will Testify

1. **Trained.** Why did Jesus prepare His disciples to testify about Him? Jesus trained the disciples so that they would continue His ministry.
2. **Beginning.** Because the disciples had been with Jesus since the beginning, He revealed that they would testify about Him, just like the Holy Spirit would testify.
3. **Matthias.** Matthias had been with Jesus since the beginning and replaced Judas because the lot fell to him (Acts 1:21-26).
4. **Eyewitnesses.** Jesus chose men to testify about Him because they had been eyewitnesses to the miracles, healings, messages and love of Jesus Christ.
5. **Peter.** Peter testified that the disciples were eyewitnesses of the Majesty of Jesus.
6. **Testimony.** Living Godly in the family of God means that we rely upon the eyewitness testimony of the disciples to know the truth about Jesus.
7. **Disciples.** We rejoice today because the disciples testified about Jesus and the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to spread eternal life.

Summary for Today

- **We live Godly in the family of God by testifying about Jesus.**
- **We live more Godly in the family of God as we thank God for the privilege of testifying about Jesus.**
- **We live mutually Godly in the family of God as we encourage one another to testify about Jesus.**

Application for Today

Today, we may live Godly in the family of God by testifying about Jesus. Will you live Godly in the family of God today by remembering to glorify God by testifying about Jesus?

HALLELUJAH !

Conclusion

Jesus taught His disciples about triumph, service, and betrayal. He lived those lessons before the disciples. He explained why He came to earth and why He was sending them out to continue His mission. His Father sent Him and so He was sending the disciples in the same way.

Jesus also taught His disciples about His relationship with His Father. He came to do the will of His Father, and to keep His commandments. Jesus loved His Father and obeyed Him in all things. Jesus commanded His disciples to abide in Him as He abides in His Father. Unless they abide in Jesus and His love, obeying His commandments, they can do nothing.

Jesus also taught His disciples about the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit after He left and returned to heaven. The Helper would come and lead them into all truth and bring to their remembrance all that Jesus had said to them. Through the Holy Spirit, His disciples would do greater works than Jesus.

Jesus described Himself as the vine and the disciples as the branches. His Father was the Vinedresser. He pruned the disciples so that they would bear much fruit. Jesus emphasized the need for the disciples to abide in Him and to keep His commandments, so that they would bear much fruit and glorify the Father in the world.

Jesus explained that the world hated Him and so the world would hate His disciples. He chose them out of the world and so the world hated them. They were no longer of the world. Jesus said the world hated Him without a cause, just as the Scriptures provided. The world hated Him because He took away their excuse for their sin.

We triumph in Jesus today because we abide in Him and He will never leave us as orphans. He sent the Holy Spirit to us, and we love one another and so show to the world that we are His disciples.

HALLELUJAH !