



1 example, that ye should do as I have done to you. [16] Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
2 The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that  
3 sent him. [17] If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

4 [18] I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture  
5 may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.  
6 [19] Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I  
7 am he. [20] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send  
8 receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. [21] When Jesus  
9 had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say  
10 unto you, that one of you shall betray me. [22] Then the disciples looked one on  
11 another, doubting of whom he spake. [23] Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom  
12 one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. [24] Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him,  
13 that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. [25] He then lying on Jesus'  
14 breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? [26] Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall  
15 give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to  
16 Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. [27] And after the sop Satan entered into him.  
17 Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. [28] Now no man at the table  
18 knew for what intent he spake this unto him. [29] For some of them thought,  
19 because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we  
20 have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. [30] He  
21 then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

22 [31] Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified,  
23 and God is glorified in him. [32] If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify  
24 him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. [33] Little children, yet a little  
25 while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye  
26 cannot come; so now I say to you. [34] A new commandment I give unto you, That  
27 ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. [35] By this  
28 shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

29 [36] Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him,  
30 Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.  
31 [37] Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my  
32 life for thy sake. [38] Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake?  
33 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me  
34 thrice.

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36 • THREE BASIC THINGS COME TO LIGHT AT THE LAST SUPPER

- 37 1. Jesus Washes the Feet of The Disciples
- 38 2. Jesus Institutes The Communion or Eucharist
- 39 3. Judas Displays His True Heart

*The treachery of Judas is seen at its worst. He must have been the perfect actor and the perfect hypocrite. One thing is clear – if the other disciples had known what Judas was about, he would never have left that room alive. All the time Judas must have been putting on an act of love and loyalty which deceived everyone except Jesus. He was not only a bare-faced villain; he was a suave hypocrite. There is warning here: By our outward actions we may deceive men; but there is no hiding things from the eye of Christ.” – Dr. William Barclay*

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2 THE GOSPEL OF JOHN / VOLUME 2 / WESTMINSTER PRESS / PAGE 144-145  
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## 4 VIDEO OF THE UPPER ROOM

### 5 Scenario:

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  - 8 ▶ The last supper would have taken most of the evening, probably from 7 or 8 p.m.  
9 until near midnight. While chapter 13 tells us of the occasion, chapters 14-17 tell us  
10 of Jesus’ teachings to the disciples during the remainder of that time around the table.  
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  - 12 ▶ Jesus and His remaining men would have left the Upper Room very late, gone down  
13 the old stone steps (still there) to the foot of Mount Zion, very near the Pool of  
14 Siloam, and turned left, or north, up the Kidron Valley, along the east side of  
15 Jerusalem.  
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  - 17 ▶ Sometime around 11 or 12 o’clock they would have arrived at the Garden of  
18 Gethsemane. There, Jesus left eight of His disciples to watch near the entrance, and  
19 took Peter, James and John farther up into the Garden (which goes along the foot of  
20 the Mount of Olives) where He told them to watch and pray. Alone He went even  
21 further and began to pray that God the Father would not make Him drink the cup of  
22 mankind’s iniquities.  
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  - 24 ▶ Probably around 1 in the morning, the Temple guards, along with Judas, would have  
25 arrived to arrest our Lord, and take Him back to Mount Zion where, about 3/4 of the  
26 way up the hill stood Caiphas’ house. Under it was the dungeon where Jesus spent  
27 the night alone until the meeting of the Sanhedrin at daybreak.  
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### 29 BACK AT THE LAST SUPPER:

30 \*\*\*\*\* Please note that while we believe every word in Scripture was given by God  
31 through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to some forty writers (over a 1500-year period),  
32 the scripture numbers and chapter numbers are not inspired. Between chapters 13 and  
33 14 we get a good example of this.  
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1                                   CHAPTER FOURTEEN THROUGH SEVENTEEN  
2                                   Jesus teaches His disciples for the last time prior to His crucifixion

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4   In chapter 13, Jesus was explaining to His men that He was going to leave. The narrative  
5 carries over without a break into chapter 14. So it should read like this:

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7   John 13:36-38

8       Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I  
9 go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. [37] Peter said  
10 unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. [38]  
11 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto  
12 thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice. John 14:1-6

13       Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. [2] In my Father's  
14 house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place  
15 for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you  
16 unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. [4] And whither I go ye know, and  
17 the way ye know. [5] Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and  
18 how can we know the way? [6] Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:  
19 no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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21   ▶ Christ has prepared us “a place” in eternity, not necessarily a mansion over the  
22       hilltop.  
23   ▶ Christ has promised to return.  
24   ▶ Christ has made it clear that He is the Way to the Father.

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26                                   CHRIST’S TEACHINGS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

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28   John 14:15-21

29       **"If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you. [16] I will talk to the Father,**  
30 **and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you.**  
31 **[17] This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can't take him in because**  
32 **it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him**  
33 **already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you!**

34       **[18] "I will not leave you orphaned. I'm coming back. [19] In just a little while the**  
35 **world will no longer see me, but you're going to see me because I am alive and**  
36 **you're about to come alive. [20] At that moment you will know absolutely that I'm in**  
37 **my Father, and you're in me, and I'm in you.**

38       **[21] "The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that's who**  
39 **loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love**  
40 **him and make myself plain to him."**

The Work Of The Holy Spirit

**John 16:5-16**

But now I am on my way to the One who sent me. Not one of you has asked, 'Where are you going?' [6] Instead, the longer I've talked, the sadder you've become. [7] So let me say it again, this truth: It's better for you that I leave. If I don't leave, the Friend won't come. But if I go, I'll send him to you.

[8] "When he comes, he'll expose the error of the godless world's view of sin, righteousness, and judgment: [9] He'll show them that their refusal to believe in me is their basic sin; [10] that righteousness comes from above, where I am with the Father, out of their sight and control; [11] that judgment takes place as the ruler of this godless world is brought to trial and convicted.

[12] "I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle them now. [13] But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won't draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. [14] He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you. [15] Everything the Father has is also mine. That is why I've said, 'He takes from me and delivers to you.'

[16] "In a day or so you're not going to see me, but then in another day or so you will see me."

- ▶ The Holy Spirit will be our COMFORTER.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit will CONVICT of sin. He awakens within us a sense for the need for holiness and righteousness.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit will always speak of Christ, not Himself.
- ▶ And in Acts 1:8 Jesus teaches us that the Holy Spirit gives us non-human power to do that which we have been called to do in His Name.

**THE WORLD'S HATRED OF CHRIST AND HIS FOLLOWERS**

**John 15:18-21**

"If you find the godless world is hating you, remember it got its start hating me. [19] If you lived on the world's terms, the world would love you as one of its own. But since I picked you to live on God's terms and no longer on the world's terms, the world is going to hate you.

[20] "When that happens, remember this: Servants don't get better treatment than their masters. If they beat on me, they will certainly beat on you. If they did what I told them, they will do what you tell them.

1 [21] "They are going to do all these things to you because of the way they treated  
2 me, because they don't know the One who sent me.

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4 Remember that when John wrote this Gospel, He was a very old man who had gone  
5 through persecution himself. At this period, Christianity was actually illegal.

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7 *"The Roman government hated the Christians because it regarded them as disloyal*  
8 *citizens. The Empire was vast; it stretched from the Euphrates to Britain, from*  
9 *Germany to North Africa. It included all kinds of peoples and all kinds of countries*  
10 *within it. Some unifying force had to be found to weld this varied mass into one; and*  
11 *that unifying force was 'Caesar worship.' So there came a day when once a year every*  
12 *inhabitant of the Empire had to burn his pinch of incense to the godhead of Caesar.*  
13 *By so doing, he showed that he was a loyal citizen of Rome. When he had done this,*  
14 *he received a certificate to say that he had done it. After a person had burned a pinch*  
15 *of incense and said 'Caesar is Lord,' he could go away and worship any god he liked.*  
16 *But the Christians would not do this. They would call no man 'Lord' except Jesus*  
17 *Christ. They refused to conform and the Roman government therefore regarded them*  
18 *as dangerous and disloyal."*

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21 ▶ The world believed some slanderous things about Christians:

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23 1. Christians were said to be insurrectionaries. If they would not bow to Caesar as  
24 their "god," then, the mobs assumed, they must be anti-Rome. Nothing could have  
25 been farther from the truth.

26 2. Christians were believed to be cannibals. This charge came from the words of  
27 "communion" – "This is my body which is for you. This cup is the new covenant in my  
28 blood."

29 3. Christians were said to practice the most flagrant immorality. The weekly meal  
30 of the believers was known as the *Agape* - or the love feast. When the Christians met  
31 each other in the early days, they did so with a kiss of peace.

32 4. Christians were believed to be incendiaries. After all, their current leader had  
33 preached: **2 Peter 3:10** **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in**  
34 **the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall**  
35 **melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned**  
36 **up.**

37 5. Christians were believed to tamper with family relationships. Sometimes a wife  
38 would accept Christ, while the husband did not, bringing division to the home.

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40 ▶ Yet another reason the Christians were persecuted is because they were "different." The  
41 world does not like "different" people. Sociologists refer to this as "the herd instinct."

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**THE PRAYER OF JESUS**  
**CHAPTER SEVENTEEN**  
**The True Lord's Prayer\***

\* The prayer that Jesus taught in His Sermon on the Mount was the pattern of prayer He gave to His disciples. The prayer found here in John 17 is truly the prayer of our Lord and it had three distinct segments:

1. Jesus Prays for Himself 17:1-5
2. Jesus Prays for His Disciples 17:6-19
3. Jesus Prays for His Church 17:20-26

Jesus Prays For Himself

15 **John 17:1-5**

16 **When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he looked up to heaven and said,**  
17 **"Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. [2]**  
18 **For you have given him authority over everyone in all the earth. He gives eternal life**  
19 **to each one you have given him. [3] And this is the way to have eternal life—to know**  
20 **you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. [4] I brought**  
21 **glory to you here on earth by doing everything you told me to do. [5] And now,**  
22 **Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.**

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24 1. The time has come! What time? The time that God set before creation. The  
25 time when God Himself would pay the price for mankind's sinning. Jesus came to die!  
26 When Mary, His mother, asked Him for a miracle in Cana, He replied, **John 2:3-4**

27 **The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother spoke to him**  
28 **about the problem. "They have no more wine," she told him.**

29 **[4] "How does that concern you and me?" Jesus asked. "My time has not yet**  
30 **come."**

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32 2. In verse 3, Jesus defined life: **John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they**  
33 **might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**

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35 ▶ What a wonder! Through Jesus Christ, you and I and every other human being  
36 can actually have a personal knowledge of God. Oh friend, how vital are  
37 missions today? It is not through fetishes, superstitions or little man-made gods  
38 that we can know the Creator, but through Jesus Christ! **Romans 10:13-15**

39 **For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. [14] How then**  
40 **shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in**  
41

1 **him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?**  
2 **[15] And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful**  
3 **are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good**  
4 **things!**

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6 3. Jesus declared His work finished! On the cross, again He cried out, "It is finished!"  
7 John 19:30

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9 ▶ My friend, it is vital that we finish the work God has given to US - and not get  
10 sidetracked onto peripheral issues that don't really mean very much.  
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If I were asked, What is the greatest potential enemy to First Assembly, my answer would come quickly: **GETTING SIDETRACKED FROM OUR MISSION OF REACH, TEACH AND SEND!**

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14 4. Hear Jesus' prayer in verse 5: **John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me**  
15 **with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**

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17 In Philippians 2, we learn of Jesus emptying Himself of His former eternal glory.  
18 John states it again in his first chapter: "The Word became flesh..." We cannot  
19 conceive of Christ's sacrifice in coming to this world to be abused, tormented and killed  
20 so that we could have life.  
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*"Because He who was rich became poor, we through His poverty shall be made rich. Because He entered through a stable door and rested on a bed of straw, we shall someday be borne by the winged seraphs of God and sweep through gates of pearl to occupy our eternal dwelling places. Jesus became like us, that we might become like Him, for we shall see Him as He is!"*

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24 Jesus Prays for His Disciples John 17:6-19

25 **John 17:6-19**

26 **I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world:**  
27 **thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. [7] Now**  
28 **they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. [8] For I**  
29 **have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received**  
30 **them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that**  
31 **thou didst send me. [9] I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which**  
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1 thou hast given me; for they are thine. [10] And all mine are thine, and thine are mine;  
2 and I am glorified in them. [11] And now I am no more in the world, but these are in  
3 the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom  
4 thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. [12] While I was with them in the  
5 world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of  
6 them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. [13] And now  
7 come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy  
8 fulfilled in themselves. [14] I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them,  
9 because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [15] I pray not that  
10 thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the  
11 evil. [16] They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [17] Sanctify them  
12 through thy truth: thy word is truth. [18] As thou hast sent me into the world, even so  
13 have I also sent them into the world. [19] And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they  
14 also might be sanctified through the truth.

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16 1. In verses 11 and 15, Jesus prays for spiritual covering or protection for His people.  
17 It is so helpful to me to know that at this very moment, Jesus is interceding for me before  
18 His Father.

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20 Do you remember this song?

21 *And He's ever interceding / to the Father for His children /*

22 *Yes, He's ever interceding / to the Father for His own /*

23 *Through Him you can reach the Father / So bring Him all your heavy burdens /*

24 *Yes, for you He's interceding / So come boldly to the throne.*

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26 \* One writer comments: "There is a mystical relationship between the Lord Jesus  
27 and His own. They belong to the Father and were given to Jesus Christ! What a  
28 wonderful relationship!"

29  
30 2. Jesus does NOT intercede for the world (that's our responsibility); instead, He  
31 intercedes for US. **John 17:9** **I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for**  
32 **them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.**

33  
34 3. Note something else that Jesus prays concerning us: **John 17:15** **I pray not that**  
35 **thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from**  
36 **the evil.**

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38 How many times to believers pray, "O Lord, take me home!" But Jesus does not  
39 pass that prayer on to the Father. He prays instead, "Don't bring them home yet,  
40 Father, until their work is done; but I DO pray that you keep them from Satan's clutches!

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS CHURCH John 17:21-26

**John 17:21-26**

**That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. [22] And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: [23] I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. [24] Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. [25] O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. [26] And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**

1. Verse 21: “That the world may believe.....!” What a theme for our lives - to be so lived and spent that they enable the lost to believe in the Christ of God! We do not live for ourselves, but for Him and His divine purpose!

2. In verse 22 Jesus prays that one day you and I, like John, will be allowed “to see His glory....”

*What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see /  
When I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace /  
And He takes me by the hand and leads me through the promised land /  
What a day, glorious day! that will be!*

THE FINAL SEGMENT OF JOHN’S GOSPEL: THE CRUCIFIXION, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

- ▶ It is important to know that this story is told in all four of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. But the first three writers approach this sacred story from the humanity of Christ, His human nature and His terrible sufferings. But John emphasizes the DEITY of Jesus. The emphasis in this Gospel is on Christ’s glory.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

**John 18:1**

**When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.**

1 ▶ One of the true highlights of each trip we make to Israel is the morning we spend in  
2 the Garden of Gethsemane. Strange as it seems, *we do not know that Jesus ever*  
3 *spent a night in Jerusalem.* Each night He would cross the Kidron Valley and the  
4 little brook to go to the foot of the Mount of Olives (to the immediate east of  
5 Jerusalem). He would either sleep on the ground under the olive trees or would visit  
6 the home of His dear friends Lazarus (and his sisters) Mary and Martha in the little  
7 village of Bethany.

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9 ▶ John here omits the agony in the garden. He does not tell us about our Lord's  
10 request to the Father to remove the cup of sin. Remember, John is emphasizing the  
11 glory of Jesus, not the humanity of Him.

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13 ▶ Around the midnight hour, as Jesus prayed alone in the garden, the Temple guards  
14 came down the other side of the valley and entered the olive grove: **John 18:4-9**  
15 **Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and**  
16 **said unto them, Whom seek ye? [5] They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus**  
17 **saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. [6]**  
18 **As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the**  
19 **ground. [7] Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of**  
20 **Nazareth. [8] Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me,**  
21 **let these go their way: [9] That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of**  
22 **them which thou gavest me have I lost none.**

23  
24 ▶ Jesus was arrested, the disciples fled, and He was led back along the Kidron Valley to  
25 the foot of Mount Zion, there escorted up the hill to Caiaphas' house and placed in the  
26 dungeon (I believe) still located beneath the house. Early the next morning, the  
27 Sanhedrin convened and placed Jesus on trial. In the cold air of the morning, as  
28 curious onlookers huddled around a fire, Peter (who earlier had boasted that he would  
29 die with Christ) found out how weak he really was:

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31 John 18:15-18

32 **And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple (John): that disciple**  
33 **was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high**  
34 **priest. [16] But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple,**  
35 **which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and**  
36 **brought in Peter. [17] Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not**  
37 **thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. [18] And the servants and**  
38 **officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed**  
39 **themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.**

40 John 18:25-27

1 **And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not**  
2 **thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. [26] One of the**  
3 **servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not**  
4 **I see thee in the garden with him? [27] Peter then denied again: and immediately the**  
5 **cock crew.**

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7 Yet some 50 days later, on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) Peter stood before thousands  
8 of people not far from there to preach Christ to them and thousands were saved. What  
9 was the difference between Judas and Peter? **JUDAS UNDERESTIMATED THE**  
10 **MERCY AND GRACE OF GOD! PETER DID NOT!**

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12 You may have failed God in your life. But the Scriptures promise: **Romans 5:20**  
13 **...where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:**

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15 ▶ After the Sanhedrin hearing, Jesus was taken back to the north end of the walled old  
16 city to the Antonia Fortress to stand before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor (also  
17 known as the Procurator).  
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#### PONTIUS PILATE

Pilate was the Roman governor of Judea from 26 to 36 A.D., best known for his appearance in the New Testament. The great historian of that time, Josephus, writes that Pilate was not well liked by the Jews and he came into conflict with them a number of times over religious issues. He reportedly used Temple funds to build an aqueduct and violently quashed the resulting riot. He was so unpopular as a governor that Rome removed him after a decade in office. After the recall, Pilate's history is shrouded in historical mystery. One of the strongest legends is that he was exiled to Switzerland where he reportedly took his own life and was buried near a mountain today known as Pilatus. There is a fine aircraft manufactured there known by that name - Pilatus.

## CHAPTERS NINETEEN AND TWENTY

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21 Here John relates the revered story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. John  
22 tells of our Lord's post-resurrection appearances to Mary, the disciples and to Thomas.

## CHAPTER TWENTY ONE

### **John 21:1-25**

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26 **After this, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the**  
27 **Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it: [2] Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed "Twin"),**  
28 **Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were**  
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1 together. [3] Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing."

2 The rest of them replied, "We're going with you." They went out and got in the  
3 boat. They caught nothing that night. [4] When the sun came up, Jesus was standing  
4 on the beach, but they didn't recognize him.

5 [5] Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?"

6 They answered, "No."

7 [6] He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens."

8 They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren't  
9 strong enough to pull it in.

10 [7] Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Master!"

11 When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for  
12 he was stripped for work, and dove into the sea. [8] The other disciples came in by  
13 boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full  
14 of fish. [9] When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread  
15 cooking on it.

16 [10] Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." [11] Simon Peter  
17 joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish,  
18 the net didn't rip.

19 [12] Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who  
20 are you?" They knew it was the Master.

21 [13] Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish.  
22 [14] This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since  
23 being raised from the dead.

24 [15] After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love  
25 me more than these?"

26 "Yes, Master, you know I love you."

27 Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

28 [16] He then asked a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

29 "Yes, Master, you know I love you."

30 Jesus said, "Shepherd my sheep."

31 [17] Then he said it a third time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

32 Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, "Do you love me?" so he  
33 answered, "Master, you know everything there is to know. You've got to know that  
34 I love you."

35 Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. [18] I'm telling you the very truth now: When you  
36 were young you dressed yourself and went wherever you wished, but when you get  
37 old you'll have to stretch out your hands while someone else dresses you and takes  
38 you where you don't want to go." [19] He said this to hint at the kind of death by  
39 which Peter would glorify God. And then he commanded, "Follow me."

40 [20] Turning his head, Peter noticed the disciple Jesus loved following right  
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1 behind. [21] When Peter noticed him, he asked Jesus, "Master, what's going to  
2 happen to him?"

3 [22] Jesus said, "If I want him to live until I come again, what's that to you?  
4 You—follow me." [23] That is how the rumor got out among the brothers that this  
5 disciple wouldn't die. But that is not what Jesus said. He simply said, "If I want him  
6 to live until I come again, what's that to you?"

7 [24] This is the same disciple who was eyewitness to all these things and wrote  
8 them down. And we all know that his eyewitness account is reliable and accurate.

9 [25] There are so many other things Jesus did. If they were all written down, each  
10 of them, one by one, I can't imagine a world big enough to hold such a library of  
11 books.

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- 13 ▶ In this story we learn clearly that Jesus does not take us all along the same tracks of  
14 life. Peter was told that his death would come by crucifixion (which it, indeed, did).  
15 Peter almost indignantly asked Jesus, "Well, what about John?" Jesus responded,  
16 "What's that to you? You follow me!" Don't ever pattern your life after someone  
17 else, only pattern your life by Christ.
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  - 19 ▶ John makes it clear that the Gospels do not tell all that Jesus did in His earthly life.  
20 Oh, the things we will one day learn about our Lord when we sit at His feet!
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25 **Next Wednesday night, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we will study the glorious BOOK OF ACTS -**  
26 **PART ONE!**

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