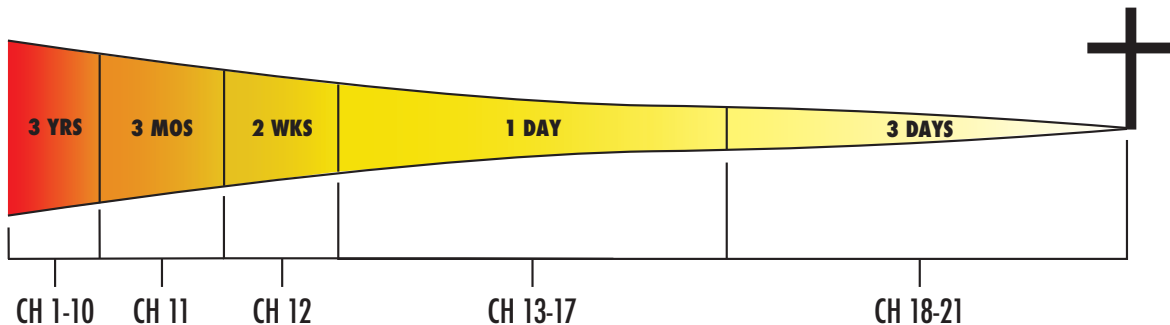


WEEK 4 HANDOUT – The Son Glorifies the Father

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Key Verse: “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.” – John 13:31 ESV

JOHN APPLIES THE SLO-MOTION EFFECT



- **John collapses the timeline**
 - He skips three entire days
 - According to 12:36, “Jesus hid himself”
 - Jesus removed Himself from “the Jews”
- **An eventful day**

*Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. **During supper...** – John 13:1-2 ESV*

 - This is a reference to the Passover meal
 - It is already Thursday of the Passion Week

- All of chapters 13-17 record the events of that day
- John purposefully left out a lot

		MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
Sunday	Triumphal Entry	21:1-11	11:1-10	19:29-44	12:12-19
	Jesus visits the Temple		11:11		
	Jesus returns to Bethany		11:11		
Monday	Jesus curses the fig tree	21:18-19	11:18		
	Jesus cleanses the Temple	21:12-13	11:15-18	19:45-48	
	Greeks ask to see Jesus				12:20-36
	Jesus rebukes unbelief				12:37-50
Tuesday	Jesus returns to Bethany		11:19		
	Lesson of the withered fig tree	21:19-22	11:20-26	21:37-38	
	Jesus' authority questioned	21:23-27	11:27-33	20:1-8	
	Jesus teaches in parables	21:23-22:14	12:1-12	20:9-19	
	Lesson regarding taxes	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26	
	Lesson regarding resurrection	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40	
	The Great Commandment	22:35-40	12:28-34		
	Lecture about David's Lord	22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44	
	Jesus pronounces woes	23:1-39	12:38-40	20:45-47	
	Lesson of the widow's mite		12:41-44	21:1-4	
	Jesus prophesies	24:1-51	13:1-37	21:5-36	
	Parable of the 10 virgins	25:1-13			
	Parable of the talents	25:14-30			
	Parable of the sheep & goats	25:31-45			
	Wednesday	Sanhedrin plot to kill Jesus	26:1-5	14:1-2	22:1-2
Judas agrees to betray Jesus		26:14-16	14:10-11	22:3-6	
Thursday	Preparation for the Passover	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13	
	The Passover Meal	26:20	14:17	22:14-16	13:1
	Lesson on humility & service			22:24-30	
	Jesus washed the disciples' feet				13:2-17
	Jesus reveals His betrayer	26:21-25	14:18-21	22:21-23	13:18-30
	The Lord's Supper	26:26-29	14:22-25	22:15-20	
	The commandment on love				13:31-35
	Jesus predicts Peter's denial	26:31-35	14:27-31	22:31-38	13:36-38
Upper room discourse				14:1-30	
	They depart the upper room	26:30	14:26		14:31

- **Jesus' betrayer revealed**

*After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **one of you will betray me.**" – John 13:21 ESV*

- Jesus is saddened, but not surprised

- Jesus knew this was going to happen
- It was all part of the Father's plan
- But He had spent more than 3 years with Judas
 - He had shown Judas unconditional love
 - He had taught Judas great truths
 - He had even washed Judas' feet
- But the disciples are shocked by the news
 - They didn't see this coming
 - And they didn't suspect Judas as the culprit
- Judas is exposed

"It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." – John 13:26 ESV

 - Jesus chooses a strange way to reveal the identity of His betrayer
 - He gives Judas a morsel of bread dipped in wine or a sauce
 - Judas is likely sitting at the place of honor to Jesus' left
 - Jesus' actions were intended to fulfill prophecy

"...the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'" – John 13:18

- He quotes from the Book of Psalms

*Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. – Psalm 41:9 ESV*

- All of this was in fulfillment of God's revealed will

- **The darkness descends**

*So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he [Judas] immediately went out. **And it was night.** – John 13:30 ESV*

- John packs a lot of symbolism into this short phrase

*"We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; **night is coming**, when no one can work." – John 9:4 ESV*

*"Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But **if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles**, because the light is not in him." – John 11:9-10 ESV*

*“The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. **The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.**” – John 12:35 ESV*

- **The Son glorifies the Father**

*When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man **glorified**, and God is **glorified** in him. If God is **glorified** in him, God will also **glorify** him in himself, and **glorify** him at once.” – John 13:31-32 ESV*

- Jesus spoke as if His death had already happened
 - Just as the raising of Lazarus had brought glory to God, so would the raising of Jesus
 - God was going to accept Jesus’ sacrificial death
 - And as proof of His acceptance, He would raise Him back to life
 - Through His death, Jesus would receive glorification, returning to His Father’s side
- Jesus would be leaving
 - *“Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘**Where I am going you cannot come.**’” – John 13:33 ESV*
 - Jesus had said the same thing to the religious leaders of Israel

*So he said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. **Where I am going, you cannot come.**”...He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.” – John 8:21, 23-24 ESV*

- For the Jewish religious leaders, this would be a **permanent** condition
 - They would refuse to believe
 - So, they would not be “born from above”
 - And they would die in their sins
 - But for the disciples of Jesus, this would be a **temporary** condition
 - They would believe
 - And they would be “born from above”
 - But for now, they would remain below
- **The confusion of the disciples**
 - These men did not understand what Jesus was telling them
 - Peter: “Where are you going and why can’t we come, too?” – vs 36
 - Jesus: “you can’t follow me **NOW**, but you will follow **afterward.**” – vs 36
 - Peter couldn’t accompany Jesus **now**, but he would later
 - Jesus promised to return one day

*“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.**” – John 14:1-3 ESV*

- God's timing versus ours
 - The disciples were stuck on a **temporal** and **terrestrial** plane
 - They were still hoping for an **earthly kingdom**
 - As Jews, the disciples had no concept of the church age
- Peter declared his dying allegiance
 - But he was not ready for heaven
 - He wasn't even prepared for earth
 - He had not yet been “born from above”
 - He had **the will**, but not **the power**
 - The following night, Jesus would warn Peter:
*“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” – Matthew 26:41 ESV*
- Thomas gets into the act
 - Thomas: “we do not know where you are going. How can we know **the way?**” – vs 5
 - Jesus: “I am **the way**, and the truth, and the life.” – vs 6
 - Thomas is thinking of a physical destination and a literal path
 - But Jesus is talking about a change of **identity**, not **location**
 - This was all about **knowing** and **believing** who Jesus was
*“If you had **known** me, you would have **known** my Father also. From now on you do **know** him and have seen him.” – John 14:7 ESV*
- Now Philip gets involved
 - Philip: “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” – vs 8
 - Jesus: “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” – vs 9
- **The necessity of Jesus' divinity**
 - John has spent 14 chapters defending Jesus' identity as the Son of God
 - Now, Jesus is relating the non-negotiable and essential nature of His identity
*“Do you not **believe** that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?” – John 14:10 ESV*
*“**Believe** me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me...” – John 14:11 ESV*
 - He doesn't say:
 - ...believe in heaven
 - ...believe in justification by faith alone
 - ...believe in salvation by grace, not works

- He says, “Believe that I am one with God!”
 - It is Jesus’ identity that John is stressing
 - He is the one and only Son of God

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son. – John 1:14 ESV

- His **deity** is what gave His mission **validity**
 - And it’s His unity with the Father that provides the hope of our salvation, sanctification, and future glorification
 - It is through Him that we are made one with God
 - We are adopted into His family and become His sons and daughters
- Jesus was offering them more than they could ever imagine

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.” – John 14:12 ESV

Peter was obsessed with **location**

“Lord, where are you going?” – 13:36

Thomas was concerned about **directions**

“How can we know the way?” – 14:5

Philip just wanted a **glimpse of God**

“show us the Father, and it is enough...” – 14:8

- They had missed the point
 - Jesus *was* the final **destination**
 - Jesus *was* “**the way**”
 - Jesus *was* the invisible **God made visible**
 - But they hadn’t missed the opportunity
 - Jesus *was* **destined** for the cross
 - His death would open **a way**
 - And the Spirit would provide **God’s presence**
- **FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**
 - Why did Jesus emphasize His unity with the Father? And why should it matter to us?
 - Do you think we can be guilty of making too much of heaven as our final destination while losing sight of our relationship with God?
 - Read John 17:3. How does Jesus’ statement change the way you think about eternal life?