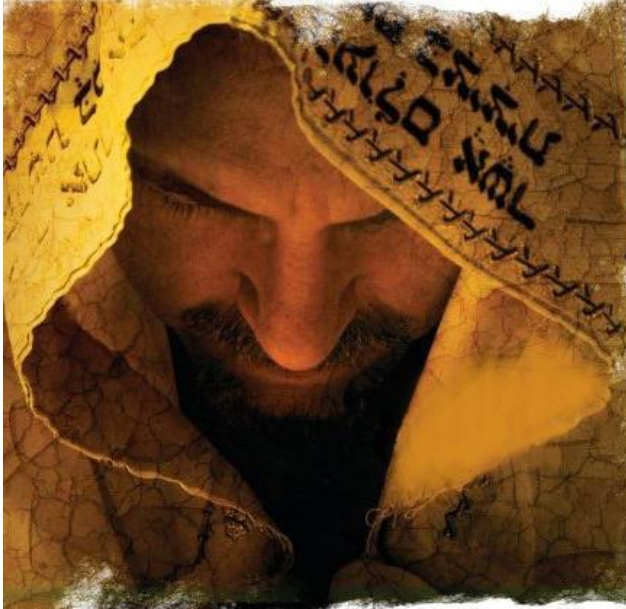




ONE LAST NIGHT

SERMON 3

Sunday, April 6, 2014



SCENE SEVEN: JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS OWN

John 17

- I. Jesus Prays for **Himself** (John 17:1-5)
 - A. The Cross - A Consecration (1)
 - B. The Cross - A Consolation (2-3)
 1. God's **Purpose** (2)
 - That purpose was to give men eternal life.
 2. God's **Plan** (3)
 - God's plan is that men might know God.

C. The Cross - A Consummation (4-5)

1. His Ministry Finished (4)

2. His Mission Finished (5)

Our text answers two important questions:

a. A Question of Resurrection - Is There Life After Death?

b. A Question of Redemption - Is the Provision for My Salvation Complete?

II. Jesus Prays for His Disciples (John 17:6-19)

A. The Salvation of the Disciples (17:6-10)

B. The Safety of the Disciples (11-16)

1. Do Not Let the World Destroy Their Unity (11-12)

Three principles revealed in this text:

1) Unity is not easily kept.

2) Unity is God's Will.

3) Unity is impossible between saved and lost church members.

QUOTE: Judas illustrates that mere association does not make anyone a believer or a godly person. For all those who have gone to church all their lives, the fact that Judas was an intimate of Jesus Himself carries a definite warning. Not association with, but commitment to Jesus Christ makes the difference. Richards, L. (1999). *Every man in the Bible* (Page 192). Nashville: T. Nelson.

2. Do Not Let the World Destroy Their Joy (13-14)

a. The Prayer (13)

b. The Problem (14)

c. The Power (15-16)

C. The **Sanctification** of the Disciples (17-19)

1. The **Method** (17)
2. The Mission (18)
3. The Master (19)

III. Jesus Prays for **Us** (John 17:20-26)

A. Jesus' Prayers for Us (20-21, 24; 10:16; Heb. 7:25)

1. For Our **Harmony** (with Believers) (21)

a. The Prayer for Unity (21A)

QUOTE: Christ also prays for the unity of His church (v. 21). There is a vast difference between unity (oneness of heart and spirit) and uniformity (everybody exactly alike). Christ never prayed that all Christians would belong to one world church. (Wiersbe)

b. The **Pattern** for Unity (21B)

- Our pattern for unity is that of the Trinity of God!
- We should think of that before lashing out at others!

c. The Purpose for Unity (21C)

QUOTE: Jesus' parting prayer is for believers' love and unity, so that unbelievers may come to know him through them. The church has miserably failed to live up to this longing of Jesus' heart. It has constantly been plagued by painful divisions, competitiveness, and an unforgiving spirit. How can we expect unbelievers to be attracted to Jesus if this is the state of the company of his followers? We must repent and make it our ambition to promote love and unity with other Christians so that those outside the faith will see Christ in us. *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*

QUOTE: I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field. - John Wesley

2. For Our Home-going (With Him) (24)

a. The Prayer for Our Home-going

- “I will” - how much more assurance might I have than this!

b. The Purpose for Our Home-going

B. Jesus’ Presents to Us (22-23, 25-26)

1. He Gave Us The Glory of God (22-23)

- In beholding Jesus, the world caught a glimpse of God’s glory!
- Why was this given?

a. For Our Oneness (22B)

b. For Our Witness (23B)

1) Christ’s Coming

2) Christ’s Compassion

2. He Gave Us The Knowledge of God (25)

3. He Taught Us the Name of God (26A)

4. He Showed Us The Love of God (26B)

- It is not just the marvel that God loves us!
- It is the marvel that He has given us the capacity to love each other!!!