

# JOHN 12-21

John 12:1 Now Jesus, six days before the Passover, entered Bethany, where Lazarus was living, whom Jesus had raised [resuscitated] from among the dead.

John 12:2 As a courtesy, they prepared a dinner for Him, and Martha served it [waitress]. Furthermore, Lazarus was one of those who reclined at the table with Him.

John 12:3 Then Mary, after retrieving a pound of pure, very expensive, perfumed ointment from the oil of the nard plant, anointed [poured and rubbed it into] the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet dry with her hair. Consequently, the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfumed ointment.

John 12:4 Then Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, the one who was destined to betray Him, asked:

John 12:5 Why was this perfumed ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given [redistribution of wealth] to the poor?

John 12:6 However, he did not ask this because he cared for the poor himself, but because he was a thief and held the money bag [acting treasurer]. He made it a habit to steal that which was periodically deposited [he skimmed off the top].

John 12:7 Then Jesus replied: Leave her alone, because she observed this preparation [performed this honor] with a view towards the day of My future burial,

John 12:8 For you will always have the poor with you [no human scheme can eliminate poverty], but you will not always have Me.

John 12:9 Then a large crowd of people among the Jews discovered that He was there [in Bethany], and they came publicly not because of Jesus only, but so that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised [resuscitated] from the dead.

John 12:10 Meanwhile, the chief priests deliberated [secret counsel] specifically for the purpose of murdering Lazarus,

John 12:11 Since many of the Jews were departing [from the influence of their spiritual leaders] because of him [Lazarus] and were believing in Jesus.

John 12:12 On the next day, a large crowd of people who came to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

John 12:13 Took branches from palm trees and went out for the purpose of meeting Him, and they shouted: We pray [to God], blessed and praiseworthy is the One who is coming in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.

John 12:14 Then Jesus, after locating a young donkey, sat upon it, just as it stands written [in Zech. 9:9]:

John 12:15 Stop being afraid, daughter of Sion [Jerusalem]. Behold, your King is coming, seated on a young donkey, a female ass.

John 12:16 His disciples did not understand at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things [waving of palm branches, cheering] had been written about Him and these things would be done to Him.

John 12:17 Meanwhile, the crowd which was with Him when He called Lazarus out from the tomb and raised [resuscitated] him out from the dead, continued to bear testimony.

John 12:18 Because of this [testimony concerning the miracle of Lazarus' resuscitation], the crowd also came to meet Him, since they heard He had performed this miracle.

John 12:19 Consequently, the Pharisees brought accusations face-to-face to one another [arguing factions]: Do you not see why you have accomplished nothing [blame game]? Look, the world [those hostile to the Jewish leadership in Jerusalem] has begun to follow after Him.

John 12:20 Now there were some Greeks [Hellenistic Jews] who had come for the purpose of worshipping at the feast [Passover].

John 12:21 Then these same ones [Hellenistic Jews] approached Philip, the one from Bethsaida of Galilee, and made a request of him, saying: Sir, we would like to meet Jesus.

John 12:22 Philip departs and confers with Andrew. Andrew departs, likewise Philip, and they confer with Jesus.

John 12:23 Then Jesus replied to them with discernment, saying: The hour has been approaching and has now arrived [crucifixion, death and burial], in order that the Son of Man might be glorified [resurrection, ascension and session].

John 12:24 Most assuredly I am saying to you, unless a grain of wheat, which has fallen, dies [death of Christ], it will abide alone, but if it dies, it will bring forth much fruit [spiritual harvest].

John 12:25 He who is fond of his earthly life may lose it [both physically and spiritually], while he who detests his earthly life in the sphere of this world system [Satan's cosmos diabolicus] will guard and protect it [by remaining in fellowship] with a view to eternal life [both temporal and qualitative].

John 12:26 If anyone wants to serve Me [application of His teaching], let him make it a practice to keep on following Me [intake and metabolization of His teaching]. Furthermore, wherever I am, there also will My servant be [divine guidance]. If anyone makes it a practice to serve Me [application of doctrine], the Father will honor him [respect and reward].

John 12:27 Now that My soul has been stirred up [disturbed at the thought of becoming sin for us], what then shall I say as a result: Father, please deliver Me from this hour? Rather [instead], I have arrived at this hour for this reason [predetermined event].

John 12:28 Father, You may glorify Your name [Jesus accepts His role in the plan of redemption and consents to the crucifixion]. Then a voice came out of heaven: Indeed, I have glorified it [Jesus' dramatic entrance at the virgin birth] and I will glorify it again [Jesus' dramatic exit at the crucifixion].

John 12:29 Then the crowd which was standing nearby and listening, claimed that thunder had occurred. Others asserted: An angel spoke to Him.

John 12:30 Jesus replied with discernment and said: This voice did not come for My benefit, but for your benefit.

John 12:31 The judgment of this world system has now arrived. The prince of this world system [Satan] will now be thrown out [rejected and ejected from heaven].

John 12:32 And when I have been lifted up [resurrection & ascension] from beneath the earth [Hades], I will draw all kinds [Jew & Gentile, male & female, slave & free] face-to-face to Me.

John 12:33 In fact, He said this for the purpose of predicting what kind of death He was destined to die [substitutionary atonement on behalf of the elect].

John 12:34 Then the crowd replied to Him with discernment: We have heard and understand from the law that the Messiah will abide unto the ages [into eternity future]. So how can You say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?

John 12:35 Then Jesus replied to them: The Light [Jesus] is only going to be with you for a short time. Keep on walking [thinking and behaving according to divine standards] while you have the Light, so that darkness [Satan's power system] does not apprehend you. Indeed, the one who continues to walk in darkness [thinking and behaving according to demonic and human standards] does not understand where he is going [totally disoriented].

John 12:36 While you have the Light [Jesus Christ as the Light of the world], keep on believing in the Light, so that you may become sons of light [as opposed so sons of darkness]. Jesus spoke these things, and after departing, He was concealed [supernaturally hidden] from them.

John 12:37 But in spite of the fact that He had performed so many attesting signs [miracles] before them, they [the vast majority] did not believe on Him,

John 12:38 So that the word [prophecy] of Isaiah, the prophet, would be fulfilled, who asked: Lord, who will believe our report [preached message]? And to whom will the arm of the Lord be revealed [the elect are a small percentage of the overall population]?

John 12:39 They did not have the ability to believe [reprobation] due to one fact that Isaiah explained next:

John 12:40 He has completely blinded their eyes and hardened the mentality of their soul, with the result that they could not see with their eyes nor understand with the mentality of their soul and be converted so I might heal them.

John 12:41 Isaiah explained these things because he saw His glory [sovereignty and omnipotence] and spoke with respect concerning Him.

John 12:42 Nevertheless, even among the ruling authorities many believed on Him, though they would not acknowledge it because of the Pharisees, so that they might not become excommunicated from the synagogue.

John 12:43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

John 12:44 Then Jesus shouted out loud and said: He who believes on Me is not believing exclusively on Me, but also on Him [the Father] who sent Me.

John 12:45 Furthermore, he who sees Me is seeing Him [the Father] who sent Me.

John 12:46 I came into the world a light, so that every one who believes on Me [believers] may not abide in the sphere of darkness.

John 12:47 Furthermore, if anyone hears My words but does not observe them [experiential sanctification], I will not judge him [during the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union], for I did not come [1st advent] for the purpose of judging the world [which is hostile to God, lost in sin, ruined, depraved], but for the purpose of saving the world.

John 12:48 He [the reversionistic believer] who makes it a habit to ignore Me and does not take hold of My words [ignores the spiritual life], may possess [positionally] the One who will evaluate him [at the Judgment Seat of Christ]. The word [norms and standards of Bible doctrine] which I have spoken will evaluate him on the last day [Judgment Seat of Christ],

John 12:49 Because, as for Me, I have not spoken from Myself as a source, but He who sent Me, the Father Himself, gave me a mandate regarding what I should say [content] and how I should proclaim it [method of delivery].

John 12:50 Furthermore, I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that His mandate [the effect of it] is eternal life. Therefore, whatever I proclaim, just as the Father has spoken to Me, in this manner I will proclaim.

John 13:1 Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that His hour had arrived, resulting in His eventual departure from this world to the presence of the Father, holding in the highest esteem His own [peculiar people: the elect], those in the world, displayed His profound love for them to the very end.

John 13:2 So while the supper was in progress, and the devil had already been deposited into the mentality of the soul of Iscariot, belonging to Simon, so that as a result [of satanic infiltration] Judas would betray Him,

John 13:3 And knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Father had placed [appointed] all things into His hands [divine sovereignty], and that He had come from God and was going to return face-to-face with God,

John 13:4 He was roused from the supper [encouraged by the others to begin the festivities], but laid aside His robe and cloak, and after grabbing a linen towel, He wrapped it around Himself.

John 13:5 Then He poured water into a wash basin and began to wash the disciple's feet and to wipe them dry with the linen towel which was wrapped around Him.

John 13:6 Then He [Jesus] came face-to-face with Simon Peter. He [Peter] asked Him: Lord, are you going to wash my feet?

John 13:7 Jesus answered with discernment and said to him: What I am about to do [humiliation of footwashing] you do not understand at this time, but you will comprehend after these things [humiliation of the cross].

John 13:8 Peter replied to Him: You will never wash my feet during this age [as long as we are alive on planet earth]! Jesus replied to him with discernment: If I do not wash you [cleansed from sin], you cannot have a continuous relationship [experiential] with Me.

John 13:9 Simon Peter exclaimed to Him: Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!

John 13:10 Jesus replied to him: He who has been completely bathed [regeneration] does not have a need [to have his hands and head washed again], except to wash his feet [to eliminate the daily defilement of sins], since he is entirely clean [positionally]. Indeed, you all [His disciples] are clean [true believers], but not every one of you [Judas Iscariot was an exception],

John 13:11 For He knew [omniscience] the one [Judas Iscariot] who was in the process of betraying Him. Because of this [divine foreknowledge], He declared: You are not all clean [the spiritual side of the footwashing was a waste of time for Judas].

John 13:12 Then after He had washed their feet and had picked up His robe and had taken His place at the table again, He asked them: Do you understand what I have done [feet-washing as a symbol] and am going to do in the near future for you [points to His spiritual death on the cross positionally and the ministry of the Holy Spirit experientially]?

John 13:13 You call Me the Teacher and the Lord, and you are speaking accurately, because I am [affirmation of deity].

John 13:14 Since, therefore, I alone, the Teacher and the Lord, have washed your feet, you should [by mutual obligation] also make it a practice to wash each other's feet,

John 13:15 For I have provided you with an example [feet-washing as a teaching aid for the confession of sins], so that just as I have done for you [service with genuine humility], you should also make it a habit to do [use customs as teaching aids to communicate doctrine].

John 13:16 Most assuredly I am saying to you: A slave is not greater than his master, nor is the envoy [messenger] greater than the one who sent him.

John 13:17 If you understand these things [the doctrines behind the ritual teaching aid], you can have spiritual happinesses [divine blessings] if you make it a practice to do them [correct thought followed by correct action].

John 13:18 I am not speaking [of the potential for spiritual happiness] concerning all of you. I have known from the beginning and I still know [omniscience] whom I have chosen [selected as one of my inner circle of disciples]. Nevertheless, in order that the Scripture may be fulfilled: He who is eating bread with me has lifted up his heel against me.

John 13:19 I am telling you now before it comes to pass [foreknowledge], so that when it comes to pass [foreordination], you will believe that I am He [the Messiah, God the Son].

John 13:20 Most assuredly I am saying to you: He who receives the Person of importance [the Holy Spirit] Whom I will send, is receiving Me [the Son], and he who receives Me, is receiving Him [the Father] Who sent Me.

John 13:21 After saying these things, Jesus became disturbed in His disposition [state of mind] when He confirmed by testimony and said: Most assuredly I am saying to you, that one of you [Judas Iscariot] will betray Me.

John 13:22 The disciples continued to look at each other, being at a loss [hesitant & perplexed] about whom He was referring to.

John 13:23 One of His disciples, whom Jesus held in high esteem [virtue love], was reclining on his arm near Jesus' chest [close quarters].

John 13:24 Consequently [because John was seated closest to Jesus], Simon Peter signals to him with a nod, that he [John] might inquire which one he [the betrayer] might be, concerning whom He has been referring to.

John 13:25 Accordingly [because of his close proximity to Jesus at the table], he [John] who was leaning on his elbow near Jesus' chest, asked Him: Lord, who is it?

John 13:26 Jesus answered with discernment: He is the one to whom I will give a small piece of bread after I have dipped it. Accordingly, He selected a small piece of bread and after He had dipped it, He gave it to Judas, related to [son of] Simon Iscariot.

John 13:27 Furthermore, in company with the small piece of bread [perfectly coordinated event], at that time [synchronized] Satan entered into [possessed] him. Then Jesus said: That which you are planning to accomplish, start carrying it out immediately.

John 13:28 However, not one of them who was reclining at the table understood the connection [strategic importance] behind what He had said to him,

John 13:29 For some of them supposed, since Judas carried the money bag, that Jesus had said to him: Buy in the marketplace whatever we have need of for the feast, or, that he should give something to the poor.

John 13:30 Then, after taking hold of the small piece of bread, he [Judas] immediately departed. Accordingly, night began to take place [sunset].

John 13:31 Then, when he had departed, Jesus said: Now [an important milestone in God's plan of redemption] the Son of Man will be glorified [voluntary self-surrender] and God will be glorified in Him [by giving up His Son to imminent death].

John 13:32 Since God [the Father] will be glorified in Him [by the redemptive work of the Son], God will also glorify Him [by means of His death, resurrection and ascension] in Himself [same divine essence]. In fact, He [God the Father] will glorify Him [Jesus] immediately [in a matter of hours].

John 13:33 Students [in His traveling seminary], I will be with you for a short time yet [a little while longer]. You will continue to search for Me [after the resurrection], but just as I told the Jews, that "Where I am going [face-to-face with the Father], you are not able to go," so also I am telling you now.

John 13:34 I am giving a new mandate [1st problem-solving device for the upcoming Church Age dispensation] to you [His disciples as the first recipients of the Christian way of life], that you should exercise [basic] virtue love towards one another of the same kind [fellow disciples], just as I have exercised [advanced] virtue love toward you [in the prototype divine dynasphere], with the result that

you increasingly exercise virtue love [progress from basic to advanced] towards one another of the same kind [fellow believers].

John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you increasingly have and hold within yourself [by progressing from basic to advanced] virtue love towards one another of the same kind [fellow believers].

John 13:36 Simon Peter asked Him: Lord, where are you going? Jesus replied to him with discernment: Where I am going [face-to-face with the Father] you are not able to follow Me just now, but you will follow later [at the moment of his death by crucifixion].

John 13:37 Peter asked Him: Lord, why am I not able to follow You right now? I will lay down my life on your behalf.

John 13:38 Jesus replied with discernment: Will you lay down your life on My behalf? Most assuredly I am saying to you: A rooster will absolutely not crow until which time you have denied Me three times.

John 14:1 Stop allowing the mentality of your soul to be continually disturbed. Keep on putting your confidence in God [the Father] and keep on putting your confidence in Me [faith rest].

John 14:2 There are many abiding places in My Father's house [heaven]. Indeed, if it were not true, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you [each and every one of the eleven remaining disciples]?

John 14:3 Furthermore, after I go and prepare a place for you [the Groom builds a house for His bride], I will return again [at the rapture] and will receive you with favor face-to-face with Myself [the Groom comes for His bride], so that where I Myself am residing, there you may also be residing [Groom and Bride living in the same house together].

John 14:4 And where I am departing, you [disciples] know the road.

John 14:5 Thomas asked Him: Lord, we do not know where you are going. How is it possible to know the road?

John 14:6 Jesus answered him: I alone am the road [one way] and the [redemptive] truth and the [everlasting] life. No one comes face-to-face to the Father [in heaven] except through Me.

John 14:7 If you [disciples] had come to know Me [doctrine in the soul] in the past with the result that you knew Me well in the present [but you don't], then you would also know the Father [the Father and Son are one in essence]. However, from now on [it's not too late to begin] you may come to know Him [doctrine upon doctrine] and experience Him [advance to spiritual maturity].

John 14:8 Philip said to Him: Lord, show us the Father [theophany] and it will be enough for us [a miraculous manifestation will ameliorate their doubts].

John 14:9 Jesus replied to him: Have I been with you [disciples] for such a long time, Philip, and still you [in particular] have not come to a firm knowledge of Me? He who has come to know Me spiritually in the past with the result that he knows Me spiritually now knows the Father [Father and Son are one in essence]. How is it possible that you [Philip] are requesting: Show us [the disciples] the Father?

John 14:10 Are you [Philip] not confident that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me [one in essence]? The words [hearing] which I am speaking to you [disciples] I am not communicating from Myself as the ultimate source. Furthermore, the Father who continues to abide in Me keeps on performing His works [observation].

John 14:11 Keep on increasing your confidence in Me, that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me [concentrate on the divine attributes]. But if not [if you can't manage to do this], keep on increasing your confidence because of the works themselves [focus on My spiritual production].

John 14:12 Most assuredly I am saying to you [disciples]: He who increases his confidence in Me [by the intake, metabolization and application of doctrine] should be able to perform the works [spiritual production] which I am performing, and even perform a greater quantity than these, since [due to the time limitation on My earthly ministry] I am about to go face-to-face to the Father.

John 14:13 Furthermore, whatever you [disciples] may request in My Name [prayer], this I will accomplish [during the interim period between dispensations], so that the Father may be glorified [attested] in the Son.

John 14:14 If you [disciples living during the interim period between dispensations] ask Me anything in My Name [prayer request from one of lower rank], I will do it.

John 14:15 If you love Me [virtue love], you will keep My mandates [that He was enumerating in the Upper Room Discourse].

John 14:16 Also, I will ask the Father [on terms of equality] and He will give another of the same kind [deity] of Advocate [Helper, Energizer] to you, with the result that He [the Holy Spirit] will be with you in perpetuity [during the Church Age and beyond],

John 14:17 The Spirit of Truth [veracity], Whom the world [of unbelievers] is not able to grasp, because it cannot see nor know Him [no frame of reference]. You know Him, because He abides [currently] with you [externally] and will [in the near future] reside in you [internally].

John 14:18 I will not leave you, orphaned [without spiritual parents]. I will return face-to-face to you [indwelling us with the Spirit at Pentecost].

John 14:19 A little while longer, and the world [unbelievers] will not see Me any more, but you [disciples] will continue to see Me [spiritually]. Because I will continue to live [executing His plan from heaven], you will continue to live also [indwelled by the Spirit for a spectacular ministry on earth].

John 14:20 In that day [Church Age dispensation], you will know that I am in My Father [one in essence] and you are in Me [union with Christ as positional truth] and also I will be in you [indwelling of the Son].

John 14:21 He who keeps My mandates [Church Age protocol] at his disposal [metabolized doctrine in the soul] and continues to execute them [application of doctrine to daily life], that person only [he alone] is the one who is progressively exercising virtue love for Me [spiritual growth]. Furthermore, the one who is progressively exercising virtue love for Me [continued spiritual growth] will be increasingly loved by My Father [reward for faithfulness]. Not only that, but I will also increasingly love him [reward for faithfulness] and will progressively reveal Myself to him [Christ intimacy increases as the faithful believer progresses from spiritual self-esteem to spiritual autonomy to spiritual maturity].



John 14:22 Judas [Thaddaeus Lebbaeus], not Iscariot, asked Him: Lord, what has happened in the past that is unfolding in the present concerning Yourself that You are about to explain to us [during a private session with the disciples], but not to the world [public announcement to those outside of the upper room]?

John 14:23 Jesus answered with discernment and said to him: If anyone continues to exercise virtue love for Me [spiritual momentum], he will increasingly keep and apply My Word [consistently metabolize and execute doctrinal principles]. Furthermore, My Father will increasingly love him [as a reward for faithfulness] and We ourselves [both Father and Son] will come face-to-face with him [intimate fellowship] and will build an abiding place [spiritual house] with him [construct an edification complex in his soul].

John 14:24 He who is not continuously, progressively exercising virtue love for Me [making spiritual progress] is not increasingly keeping and applying My words [doctrinal principles]. In fact, the word [doctrinal teaching] which you are hearing is not My own possession, but belongs to the Father who sent Me.

John 14:25 I have communicated these things [doctrinal principles] to you repeatedly while abiding with you [on earth].

John 14:26 However, the Intercessor, the Holy Spirit – Whom the Father will send in My Name – He will teach you everything [spiritual] and will remind you of all the things [doctrinal principles] which I have communicated to you.

John 14:27 Peace [spiritual tranquility] I am leaving you; the peace which I am giving to you is Mine, not as the cosmic system gives [fleeting] am I giving to you. Stop allowing the mentality of your soul to be agitated [troubled] or fearful [cowardly].

John 14:28 You were listening when I told you: I am going away [ascension], but will return face-to-face to you. If you were exercising virtue love for Me, you would be pleased, because I will be proceeding face-to-face to the Father, since the Father is greater than Me [higher rank].

John 14:29 And now I have told you before it happens, in order that when it happens [His death, resurrection, and ascension], you may believe [confirmation].

John 14:30 I will no longer communicate many things [doctrinal teachings] with you, for the prince [ruler] of the world [Satan] is coming, and he has absolutely nothing within himself with reference to Me [the antithesis of holiness].

John 14:31 But in order that the world [believers and unbelievers] might understand that I love the Father, and insofar as the Father has commanded Me, I will simply proceed [obedience without question]. Get up. Let us leave here.

John 15:1 I alone am the Vine, the true One, and My Father is the Vinedresser.

John 15:2 Every vine branch in Me [Christians only] which does not consistently bear fruit [lack of spiritual growth], He [the Father as the Vinedresser] lifts it up [help and encouragement for new believers]. And every vine branch which does consistently bear fruit [spiritual growth], He periodically prunes it [cleansing and testing], so that it may continue to bear more fruit [spiritual progress].

John 15:3 You [disciples] are already pruned ones through the word [doctrine] which I have spoken to you in the past and am speaking to you now [He has prepared them to bear more fruit when He departs].

John 15:4 Abide in Me [maintain continuous fellowship], and I in you [reciprocal relationship]. Just as a vine branch is not able to bear fruit from itself as a source, if it does not abide in the vine, likewise neither you, unless you keep on abiding [maintaining continuous fellowship] in Me [the True Vine].

John 15:5 I alone am the Vine [source of life], you are the vine branches. He who keeps on abiding in Me [maintains continuous fellowship], and I in him [reciprocity], this one will bear much fruit [spiritual growth], because without Me you are not able to produce anything [powerless in the spiritual life].

John 15:6 If anyone [of the eleven disciples, who are all believers] does not keep on abiding in Me [temporal fellowship with the Lord], he will be cast aside [out of fellowship with the Lord] like a vine branch [sprig] that has been withering [lack of spiritual growth]. In fact, they [angels] will gather them together [cuttings: works] and will throw them into the fire [Evaluation Seat of Christ] and they will be burned [loss of rewards].

John 15:7 If you [eleven disciples] will abide in Me and My spoken words abide in you, when you ask for what you wish, it will, in fact [as an answer to prayer], take place for you [preparing them for the interim period between the end of the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union and the beginning of the Church Age, during which time they would be empowered to perform miracles].

John 15:8 My Father will be glorified by this, that you [disciples] continue to bear fruit [spiritual growth] and you become My disciples [representatives to Church Age believers].

John 15:9 Just as the Father has loved Me [from eternity past], I have also loved you [during the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union]. Get ready to begin and continue to abide [during the Church Age with the advent of the Spirit] in the sphere of My love [complex].

John 15:10 If you keep My mandates [Church Age protocol], you will abide in the sphere of My love complex [operational system], just as I have kept My Father's mandates [standard operating procedures] and am abiding in the sphere of His love complex [prototype system].

John 15:11 I have communicated these things [doctrinal principles] to you so that My inner happiness may increasingly reside in you [continual spiritual growth], and your inner happiness might become full to the point of overflowing.

John 15:12 This is My mandate, that you should keep on exercising virtue love with reference to each other [fellow disciples or believers] just as I have exercised virtue love with reference to you.

John 15:13 Nobody has greater virtue love than this, that someone lays down his life on behalf of his friends.

John 15:14 You [disciples] are My friends if you make it a practice to do the things [Church Age mandates] I am commanding you.

John 15:15 I will no longer call you servants, because a servant does not understand what his master is doing. Instead, I will call you friends, since all the things [Bible doctrine] which I have heard from My Father, I have revealed to you.

John 15:16 You did not choose Me [free will has its limitations], but rather I chose you [election by sovereign grace] and appointed you [for a particular ministry], so that you might go [accept your divine commission] and continuously bear fruit [evangelism] and your fruit might persist [pastoral responsibility], so that whatever you might ask the Father in My Name [petition by prayer], He will give it to you.

John 15:17 I am giving orders to you with reference to these things [Upper Room and Farewell discourses], so that you will keep on exercising virtue love towards one another [they will need this new protocol to continue to grow spiritually as a team].

John 15:18 Since the cosmic system [those in it] will hate you [those residing and functioning in the divine dynasphere], you should understand that it hated Me before you [suffering by association].

John 15:19 If you make it a habit to live according to the cosmic system, the cosmic system [those in it] would be favorably disposed towards one of its own people. But since you do not make it a habit to live according to the cosmic system – and I did indeed elect you out from the cosmic system – because of this [combination of positional and experiential truth], the cosmic system [those in it] will hate you.

John 15:20 Keep on remembering the proverb [doctrine] which I communicated to you: The slave is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted Me [and they did], they will also persecute you. If they pay attention to My word [some did], they will also pay attention to yours.

John 15:21 Furthermore, they will do all these things to you because of My Name, since they do not know the One [the Father] who sent Me.

John 15:22 If I had not come before them publicly [Jewish and Roman authorities] and talked to them, they would not have considered sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

John 15:23 He who hates Me also hates My Father.

John 15:24 If I had not performed works among them which nobody of the same kind [religious leaders] could perform, they would not have considered sin. But now they have also seen [attesting miracles] and they still hate both Me and My Father.

John 15:25 But, in order that the word which stands written in their law [Psalm 35:19, 69:4] might be fulfilled: They hated Me without cause.

John 15:26 When the Advocate [Holy Spirit] arrives, Whom I will send to you from the side of the Father - the Spirit of Truth Who will proceed from the side of the Father - He will testify concerning Me.

John 15:27 Furthermore, you [disciples] will also testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning [of His earthly ministry].

John 16:1 I have told you in the past and I'm telling you these things again [warnings about hatred from the cosmic system], so that you may not become shocked and fall apart spiritually [stumble in the spiritual life: implode, explode and revert].

John 16:2 They will expel you from the synagogues [excommunication]. In fact, the time will come when anyone who attempts to kill you will believe that he is offering an act of worship to God [because blasphemy in the Jewish religion was punishable by death].

John 16:3 Now they will do these things [attempts to destroy you] because they have not come to know the Father nor Me.

John 16:4 Furthermore, I am telling you these things [predictions], so that when their time comes [persecution by the Jewish and Roman leaders], you may remember them because I informed you. Also, I did not communicate these things to you at the beginning [of My ministry], because I was with you [protecting them from harm].

John 16:5 But now I am about to return home face-to-face to Him [the Father] Who sent Me, and yet not one of you has asked Me [due to preoccupation with themselves]: Where are you going?

John 16:6 Instead, because I am telling you these things [predictions concerning His departure and their persecution by the cosmic system], grief is filling up the mentality of your soul to the point of overflowing [overwhelmed with sorrow].

John 16:7 Nevertheless, I am going to keep on telling you the truth. It is advantageous for you that I depart [leave planet Earth], for if I do not leave, the Advocate will not come face-to-face to you. But when I depart, I will send Him face-to-face to you.

John 16:8 Furthermore, after He [the Holy Spirit] has arrived, He will enlighten [expose and maybe convict] the world about sin and about righteousness and about judgment:

John 16:9 On the one hand (a), about sin, because they do not believe on Me;

John 16:10 On the other hand (b), about righteousness, because I am returning face-to-face to the Father and you will no longer see Me;

John 16:11 On the other hand (c), about judgment, because the ruler of this world system [Satan] has been judged in the past and is now under judgment.

John 16:12 I still have many things [prophetic teachings] to tell you, but you are not able to bear [carry] them now.

John 16:13 However, when He comes, the Spirit of Truth, He will instruct you [teaching ministry of the Spirit] in all Truth [Bible doctrine]. In fact, He will not speak from Himself as the ultimate source, but everything that He hears [from the Father and the Son in heaven], He will communicate, even [especially] proclaiming things which are coming [eschatology, pneumatology, experiential sanctification].

John 16:14 He [the Holy Spirit] will glorify Me, because He will select from that [body of OT doctrine] which pertains to Me and will reveal it to you.

John 16:15 Everything [all doctrine] that the Father has within Himself is Mine. Because of this [unlimited supply of absolute Truth], I can say that He [the Holy Spirit] will select from that [body of OT doctrine] which pertains to Me and will reveal it to you.

John 16:16 Now in a little while [a few short hours], you will no longer see Me visibly [in a physical body], but a short time later [a few days], and you will see Me reappear [in a resurrection body].

John 16:17 Consequently, some of His disciples asked among themselves: What is this which He is telling us, Now in a little while [a few short hours], you will no longer see Me visibly [in a physical

body], but a short time later [a few days] and you will see Me reappear [in a resurrection body]? And also, Because I am going face-to-face to the Father?

John 16:18 Then they asked: What is this which He keeps on saying, In a little while? We did not understand the first time and we still do not understand what He is talking about.

John 16:19 Jesus recognized that they wanted to ask Him a question, so He addressed them: Are you searching for clarification among yourselves concerning this point that I communicated, Now in a little while [a few short hours], you will no longer see Me visibly [in a physical body], but a short time later [a few days] and you will see Me reappear [in a resurrection body]?

John 16:20 Most assuredly I am saying to you: You shall weep and mourn, but the cosmic system [those in it] shall be happy. You shall be distressed, but your grief shall be turned into inner happiness.

John 16:21 When a woman gives birth, she experiences increasing pain and anguish, because her time has arrived. But as soon as she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the anguish due to a state of inner happiness, because a human being was delivered into the world.

John 16:22 Likewise, you, in a similar fashion, are now experiencing increasing pain and anguish. But I will see you again [after the resurrection], and the mentality of your soul will receive inner happiness. Furthermore, nobody will take your inner happiness away from you [permanent possession].

John 16:23 And in that day [the transition period between the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union and the Church Age], you will not ask Me any questions [the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit will take over]. Most assuredly I am saying to you: If you request anything from the Father [in prayer] in My Name, He will give it to you.

John 16:24 Up to the present time [imminent dispensational change] you have not requested anything in My Name. Keep on asking [prayer petition] and you will receive, in order that your inner happiness might continue to be full to the point of overflowing in the present and remain so until the end.

John 16:25 I have communicated these things [Bible doctrine] to you in the past and I am continuing to communicate them in the present by means of figures of speech. The time is coming [dispensational change] when I will no longer communicate to you by means of figures of speech, but instead I will tell you about the Father with plain speech.

John 16:26 In that day [during the Church Age dispensation], you will request in My Name [prayer], but I am not telling you that I Myself will ask the Father on your behalf,

John 16:27 For the Father Himself has affection for you [personal relationship], because you have shown affection for Me in the past and continue to have it now [category 3 friendship], and have believed in the past and continue to believe that I came from the presence of God [deity of Christ].

John 16:28 I originated from the Father [His deity preexisted in heaven] and came into the world [became part of humanity on planet Earth]. In turn, I am leaving the world [planet Earth] and returning face-to-face to the Father [in heaven].

John 16:29 His disciples replied: We notice that you are now communicating with plain speech [frankness & simplicity] and are no longer speaking with figures of speech [metaphors & similes].

John 16:30 Now [since you have spoken to us in simplicity and frankness] we recognize and understand fully that You know all things [divine omniscience] and have no need for anyone to petition you [prayer requests go straight to the Father]. Because of this, we believe that you came [descended] from God.

John 16:31 Jesus replied to them with discernment: Are you just now [after 3-1/2 years in His traveling seminary] beginning to believe?

John 16:32 Look, the time has now arrived – you are going to be dispersed [scattered by Roman soldiers], each man to his own [mind your own business and go home], and you will abandon Me. However, I will not be alone, because the Father will be with Me.

John 16:33 I have communicated these things [prophetic events] to you, so that you might have continuing peace in Me. You will have [meet face-to-face] outside pressure [affliction, oppression] in the cosmic system, but be courageous. I have conquered in the past and will keep on conquering [prevailing over] the cosmic system [we are affiliated with the Winner of the angelic conflict].

John 17:1 Jesus communicated these things [final words to His disciples], and while lifting up His eyes toward heaven, He said: Father, the time has arrived [for the fulfillment of the plan of redemption on the cross]. You may begin to glorify Your Son [during the betrayal, arrest, and trials], so that the Son may glorify You [by submitting to the cross],

John 17:2 Insofar as You entrusted Him with authority over all flesh [human beings], so that [according to the divine plan] with reference to all those You have entrusted to Him [the elect, His sheep], He will give them eternal life.

John 17:3 Furthermore, this is eternal life: that they [the elect, His sheep] might come to know You on an increasingly personal basis [as a result of the intake, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine in the filling of the Holy Spirit], the only true God, as well as the One You sent, Jesus Christ.

John 17:4 I have glorified You [the Father] on earth, having completed the work which You gave Me to do.

John 17:5 And now, Father, may You glorify [reward] Me at Your side [right hand] with the glory which I had with You before the universe existed [eternity past].

John 17:6 I have made Your Name [Person] known to the men [disciples] whom You gave to Me out from the cosmic system. They were Yours [in eternity past], and then [in time] You entrusted them to Me. Furthermore, they have kept Your Word [divine evaluation focused on successes, not failures].

John 17:7 As things now stand, they [disciples] know that all things which You have entrusted to Me are from You [the basic relationship between the Father and Son is understood],

John 17:8 Because I gave the spoken words to them which You entrusted to Me, and they themselves received them. Furthermore, they truly understand that I descended [to earth] from Your side [in heaven] and they believe that You sent Me on a divine mission.

John 17:9 I make a request [prayer] concerning them [primarily the disciples, secondarily the elect]. I do not make a request [prayer] concerning the cosmic system [the non-elect: those whose father is the devil], but rather concerning those [the elect] You gave to Me [in eternity past], because they are Yours [the Father's sheep].

John 17:10 In fact, all those [the elect] who are Mine are Yours [mutual, double ownership and eternal relationship], and those who are Yours are Mine [because the Father and Son are one in essence], and I stand glorified in them [viewing His death for them on the cross as if it has already occurred].

John 17:11 When I am no longer in the world [absent from planet Earth], but they themselves [the eleven disciples] remain in the world [enveloped by Satan's cosmic system], and I have returned face-to-face to You, holy Father, guard and protect them [spiritually] at the mention of Your Name [prayer request addressed to the Father], which You have given to Me, so that they might be one [united in mind, will & purpose] just as we are.

John 17:12 While I was with them [on planet Earth in the midst of Satan's cosmic system], I constantly guarded and protected them [spiritual custodian over the disciples] in Your Name – those whom You gave and entrusted to Me [the eleven elect disciples]. Furthermore, none of them were lost [ruined] but the son of perdition [Satan's ambassador, Judas Iscariot], so that the Scripture [Psalm 41:9] might be fulfilled.

John 17:13 But now I am returning face-to-face to You [Father], so I have been communicating these things [Church Age doctrines] in the world [on planet Earth], so that they might have an ever increasing supply of My inner happiness [from living in the prototype divine dynasphere], being filled to the point of overflowing in themselves [from living in the operational divine dynasphere].

John 17:14 I gave Your Word to them repeatedly [repetition] and the cosmic system came to hate them [the world hates Christians], because they are not from the cosmic system just as I am not from the cosmic system [seed of the woman as opposed to the seed of the serpent].

John 17:15 I do not ask that You should remove them from the cosmic system [take them off planet Earth], but that You will guard and protect them from the wicked one [Satan, the creator of the cosmic system].

John 17:16 They are not from the cosmic system just as I am not from the cosmic system [seed of the woman as opposed to the seed of the serpent].

John 17:17 Sanctify them [experientially] in the sphere of the truth. Your Word [Bible doctrine] is truth [veracity].

John 17:18 Just as You sent Me on a mission into the cosmic system, I also am about to send them on a mission into the cosmic system.

John 17:19 Similarly, I have been sanctifying Myself, so that they also might become the same [by following My example], sanctified [experientially] by means of the truth [doctrine in the soul].

John 17:20 Now I am not making this prayer request on behalf of them [the eleven disciples] only, but also on behalf of those [future Christians] who will believe on Me through their word [spoken & written evangelistic message],

John 17:21 In order that all [believers] might become one [Church], just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, so that they also might be in Us, with the result that the world [the elect that have not yet believed] might come to believe that You sent Me on a mission.

John 17:22 And as for Me, the glory which You have given to Me, I have given to them [positional unity], in order that they may become one [experiential unity], just as We are One.

John 17:23 I in them [My words] and You in Me [positional unity], in order that they may live as one [experiential unity], after being brought to a state of spiritual maturity [experiential sanctification], so that the world [the elect who have not yet believed] may come to know that You sent Me and loved them [His sheep] just as You loved Me.

John 17:24 Father, with reference to that [body of believers] which You have given to Me, I desire that where I am [in heaven or in the Millennial kingdom], they may also be with Me, so that they may see My glory, which You gave to Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:25 Righteous Father, to be sure, the world [unbelievers] did not come to know You, but I know You and these [eleven disciples] have come to know that You sent Me on a divine mission.

John 17:26 Furthermore, I have made Your Name known to them and I will keep on making it known, so that the love with which You have loved Me might reside in them and I in them [indwelling of Christ].

John 18:1 After He said these things [completed His prayer to the Father], Jesus proceeded with His disciples to the other side of the Kedron brook where there was a garden [Gethsemane], into which He and His disciples entered.

John 18:2 But Judas, the one who was engaged in the act of betraying Him, also knew the place well, since Jesus gathered His disciples together there on many occasions [secret meeting place].

John 18:3 Consequently, Judas, after requisitioning the cohort of soldiers [600 Roman troops], and police officers [temple guards] from the chief priests and Pharisees, arrived there [at the Garden of Gethsemane] with torches and lamps and weapons.

John 18:4 Jesus, therefore, knowing all the things [divine omniscience] which were coming upon Him [they were destined to occur], stepped forward [without intimidation] and asked them [politely]: Who are you looking for?

John 18:5 They answered Him with discernment [arrogantly]: Jesus from Nazareth. He replied to them [politely]: "I am [affirmation of deity]." Furthermore, Judas, the one who was engaged in the act of betraying Him, also stood with them.

John 18:6 Immediately after He said to them: "I am," they [the entire military contingent] stepped backwards and collapsed to the ground [a momentary display of divine omnipotence forced them to genuflect].

John 18:7 Then He interrogated them further [His tone changed from His humanity to His deity]: Who are you looking for? And they replied [respectfully]: Jesus from Nazareth.

John 18:8 Jesus replied with discernment: I told you that "I am." Therefore, since you are looking for Me, dismiss these [eleven men] so they may leave,

John 18:9 In order that the word which He spoke might be fulfilled: With reference to those [eleven elect disciples] whom you have given to Me [in eternity past], I have not lost any from among them.

John 18:10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the slave of the High Priest and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.



John 18:11 In turn, Jesus said to Peter: Put the sword back into the sheath. The cup [metonym for undergoing a violent death] which the Father gave Me, shall I not drink it?

John 18:12 Then the cohort of soldiers and the military tribune [commander] and the Jewish officers apprehended Jesus and tied Him up,

John 18:13 And led Him face-to-face to Annas first [high priest emeritus], since he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year.

John 18:14 Now Caiaphas was the one who had given [previous] advice to the Jews, that it was advantageous for one man [Jesus in particular] to die on behalf of the people.

John 18:15 Meanwhile, Simon Peter and another disciple tried to follow Jesus. And since that disciple [probably John] was known by the high priest [recognized as a frequent visitor], he also accompanied Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.

John 18:16 However, Peter remained outside standing at the door. Consequently, the other disciple [John], known by the high priest, stepped out and spoke to the doorkeeper and then escorted Peter in.

John 18:17 Then the female slave, the doorkeeper, asked Peter [to confirm her suspicions]: Aren't you also one of this man's disciples? He replied: I am not.

John 18:18 Now some slaves and officers, after building a charcoal fire because it was cold, stood firm and tended to [the fire] and tried to warm themselves. Furthermore, Peter was also there, standing firm and tending to [the fire] and warming himself.

John 18:19 Then the high priest [Annas] began interrogating Jesus [preliminary hearing] concerning His disciples [to determine the extent of the rebellion] and His teaching [to document the nature of his heresy and blasphemy].

John 18:20 Jesus answered him with discernment: I have always communicated openly to humanity in general. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple, where all kinds of Judeans [rich & poor, free & slave, brilliant & unintelligent] make it a practice to assemble together. In fact, I have communicated nothing in secret [like the closed door sessions the Sanhedrin had been holding against Him].

John 18:21 Why are you interrogating Me? Start interrogating those [potential witnesses] who listened to what I was communicating to them [Jesus knows how the law of evidence should work and demands that Annas adhere to it]. You may start [following legal protocol] by considering them; they know what I have proclaimed in the past and am still maintaining.

John 18:22 Now, after He had asserted these things [His legal right to call witnesses for His defense], one of the officers who was standing by inflicted a blow to Jesus' face [struck Him with a rod], and said with a scornful rebuke: How dare you answer the high priest in this manner?!

John 18:23 Jesus answered him [the officer] with discernment: If I have spoken erroneously [about My legal rights under the Mosaic Law], then issue a clarifying statement concerning the error. But if I have spoken correctly [and I have], then why are you striking Me [violence during a legal hearing is forbidden by the law]?

John 18:24 Subsequently, while remaining tied-up, Annas sent Him face-to-face to Caiaphas, the high priest.

John 18:25 Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still present, standing firm and tending [the fire] and warming himself. Then they [some of the soldiers and slaves around the campfire] asked him: Are you not also one of His disciples? He repudiated them, and replied: I am not.

John 18:26 One of the slaves of the chief priest, being a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked: Did I not see you in the garden with Him?

John 18:27 Then Peter denied again [3rd time], and immediately a rooster crowed.

John 18:28 Meanwhile, they [the temple guards] led Jesus from Caiaphas into the governor's official residence [Praetorian Guard HQ]. However, it was early in the morning, and they themselves would not enter into the governor's official residence, so that they might not become defiled, but might eat the Passover.

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John 18:29 Consequently [because the Jewish contingent wouldn't enter the Roman governor's official residence], Pilate went outside face-to-face to them and asked for confirmation: What accusation are you bringing against this man?

John 18:30 They replied with discernment [blackmail] and said to him: If this man was not habitually engaged in doing evil, we would not have delivered Him to you [don't question our assessment of Him if you want to keep your job as Governor].

John 18:31 Then Pilate said to them: You take Him and judge Him according to your law [delegation of authority]. The Jews replied to him: We are not permitted to kill anyone [before the Passover],

John 18:32 In order that the prediction of Jesus would be fulfilled, which He communicated when He signified beforehand what kind of death He was destined to die.

John 18:33 Then Pilate entered into the governor's official residence [praetorium] again, and he summoned Jesus and asked Him: Are You [in particular] the King of the Jews?

John 18:34 Jesus asked with discernment: Did you conclude this yourself, or did others maintain this charge about Me to you?

John 18:35 Pilate answered with discernment: I am not a Jew, am I? Your people, even the high priests, delivered you to me. What did you do?

John 18:36 Jesus answered with discernment: My kingship is not of this world [satanic system]. If My kingship was of this world [satanic system], then My officers would fight with all their strength so that I would not be delivered to the Jews. But My kingship is not here [place] at the present time.

John 18:37 Then Pilate asked Him: So then, are you a king? Jesus answered with discernment: You have [already] concluded that I am a king. I was born for this purpose, in fact, for this purpose I entered the

universe, so that I might bear witness to the truth. Everyone who makes it a habit to live according to the truth [Bible doctrine] is listening to My voice [teaching].

John 18:38 Pilate asked Him [with cynicism and sarcasm]: What is truth? Then after he had asked this, he went out again face-to-face to the Jews, and said to them: I have found nothing with respect to grounds for a legal charge [indictment] in Him [as far as I'm concerned, He's an innocent man].

John 18:39 But there is a custom with you that I should pardon and release one [convicted criminal] to you at the Passover. Do you want me, therefore, to pardon and release to you the King of the Jews?

John 18:40 Then they shouted in turn, saying: Not this man [Jesus], but Barabbas! Now Barabbas was a robber [community organizing insurrectionist].

John 19:1 Consequently [after the Jewish leaders picked Barabbas over Jesus], Pilate had Jesus seized and then scourged.

John 19:2 Furthermore, the soldiers, having woven a victor's crown made of thorns, place it upon His head and wrapped a purple robe around Him,

John 19:3 And they presented themselves face-to-face to Him one after the other and shouted [mockingly] in turn: Hail [pleased to meet you], King of the Jews! In the same manner [one after the other], they took turns inflicting Him with blows to the face.

John 19:4 Then Pilate went outside again and said to them [the Jewish leaders]: Behold, I have brought Him outside to you, so that you may know that I have found no legal grounds for conviction in Him [no crime was committed].

John 19:5 Then Jesus came outside, wearing the victor's crown made of thorns and the purple robe. And he [Pilate] said to them: Look! The man!

John 19:6 However, when the chief priests [Annas and Caiaphas] and police officers [temple guards] saw Him, they shouted, yelling: Crucify! Crucify! Pilate replied to them: You take Him and crucify Him, for I have found no legal grounds for conviction in Him.

John 19:7 The Jews [chief priests and temple guards] replied to him with discernment: We have a law, and according to the law He must die, because He claimed Himself [blasphemy] to be the Son of God.

John 19:8 Consequently, when Pilate heard this declaration, he became afraid to an even greater degree,

John 19:9 And entered into the governor's official residence again and asked Jesus: Where are You from? But Jesus would not give him an answer.

John 19:10 Consequently, Pilate asked Him: Aren't You going to speak to me? Don't You understand that I have the authority to release You and I have the authority to crucify You?

John 19:11 Jesus answered with discernment: You would not have authority over Me in any capacity, unless it was delegated to you from above. Because of this [divinely delegated authority], he [Caiaphas] who delivered Me to you has the greater sin [judicial lying and murder].

John 19:12 Because of this [Jesus' words made an impression on him], Pilate strived to release Him, but the Jews shouted, yelling: If you release this man, you are not a friend of Caesar [Tiberius]! Every man who claims himself to be a king is speaking against [challenging] Caesar!

John 19:13 Then Pilate, after hearing these complaints, brought Jesus outside and sat down on a judicial bench [bema: judgment seat] at a place called the Stone Platform, that is, in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

John 19:14 Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover [Friday]. It was about the sixth hour [6 o'clock in the morning]. And he shouts [in a bitter taunt] to the Jews: Look [Caiaphas]! Your King [the entire crowd]!

John 19:15 However, they shouted: Do away with Him! Do away with Him! Crucify Him! Pilate asked them: Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests [Annas, Caiaphas] answered with discernment: We have no king except Caesar [Tiberius].

John 19:16 Consequently, then, he [Pilate] surrendered Him to them [the Jewish leaders] in order that He might be crucified. Then they [Roman guards] took Jesus away,

John 19:17 And bearing the cross Himself, He proceeded to a place called Skull, which is called Golgotha in Hebrew,

John 19:18 Where they [Roman soldiers] crucified Him, and two others with Him - one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

John 19:19 Furthermore, Pilate also wrote an inscription and fastened it to the cross, on which it was written: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

John 19:20 Now many Jews read this inscription, because the place where He was crucified was near the city [Jerusalem]. In addition, it was written in Hebrew [local Jews], Latin [Roman government], and Greek [commerce & culture].

John 19:21 However, the chief priests of the Jews [Annas and Caiaphas] pleaded with Pilate: Please do not allow it to remain written: "The King of the Jews," but rather, "This man claimed, I am King of the Jews."

John 19:22 Pilate replied with discernment: That which I have written, stands written.

John 19:23 Then some soldiers, after they had crucified Jesus, grabbed His clothing and divided them into four parts, to each soldier a part, including His tunic [undergarment]. Now His tunic was seamless, woven from the top throughout.

John 19:24 Consequently, they discussed face-to-face with each other: "Let us not rip it apart, but rather cast lots [gamble] for it, concerning whom it will belong to," in order that the scripture [Psalm 22:18] might be fulfilled, which said: "They distributed My clothing among themselves, but they cast lots [gambled] for My garment [one-piece, seamless tunic]." Therefore [because it was divinely decreed], the soldiers indeed carried this [prophetic act] out.

John 19:25 Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus, were His mother [Mary] and His mother's sister [Salome], Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

John 19:26 Now, when Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He held in high esteem [John] standing by, he said to His mother: Woman, look at your son [John].

John 19:27 Then He said to His disciple [John]: Look at your mother. And from that hour, the disciple received her as his own relative.

John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had now been brought to a conclusion, in order that the scripture [Psalm 22:15] might be fulfilled, said: I am thirsty.

John 19:29 A vessel was standing there full of sour wine. So after attaching a sponge full of sour wine to a hyssop branch, they placed it to His mouth.

John 19:30 Then, after Jesus had received the sour wine, He said: “It [redemption] has been accomplished.” Then, after bowing His head, He dismissed His spirit.

John 19:31 Now the Jews, because it was the day of preparation [Friday], so that bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath – for that Sabbath was special [Passover] – pleaded with Pilate that their legs might be broken [to quicken death] and they might be carried away [removed for immediate burial].

John 19:32 In reply, soldiers came and broke the legs of the first one and then of the other one [one on each side] who had been crucified with Him.

John 19:33 But upon coming to Jesus, after they saw He had already died, they did not break His legs.

John 19:34 Nevertheless, one of the soldiers pierced His lung with a spear and immediately blood clots and serum came out.

John 19:35 Furthermore, he [John, the author] who saw it has confirmed it; indeed, his testimony is true and accurate. As a matter of fact, he stands in close relation [stakes his reputation] that he is telling the truth, so that you also might come to believe it,

John 19:36 For these things took place so that the scripture [Numbers 9:12] might be fulfilled: Not a bone of His will be broken.

John 19:37 And again, another scripture [Zech. 12:10] says: They will look on Him whom they pierced.

John 19:38 Now after these things, Joseph from Arimathaea, who was a student of Jesus, but concealed [in secret] due to fear of the Jews, pleaded with Pilate, that he might take down and carry away the body of Jesus. When Pilate granted him permission, then he took down and carried away His body.

John 19:39 Now Nicodemus also appeared, he who came to Him initially at night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about one hundred pounds.

John 19:40 Then they took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with linen bandages accompanied by aromatic oils and spices, just as the Jewish habit was when preparing for burial.

John 19:41 Now, there was a garden near the place where He was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been buried.

John 19:42 Therefore, due to the preparation of the Jews [for the Passover], and because the tomb was nearby, they buried Jesus there.

John 20:1 Now, on the first day of the week [Sunday], Mary Magdalene arrived early in the morning at the tomb while it was still dark, and she discovered that the stone had been removed from the tomb [violently disengaged from its track or groove].

John 20:2 Then she ran and came face-to-face to Simon Peter and the other disciple [John] whom Jesus was fond of, and reported to them: They have removed the Lord from the tomb and we do not know where they have laid Him.

John 20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple [John] proceeded [on the trail] and arrived at the tomb.

John 20:4 As a matter of fact, the two began running together, but the other disciple [John] ran ahead, quicker than Peter, and arrived at the tomb first,

John 20:5 And after crouching [stooping], he [John] noticed strips of linen cloth lying there. However, he did not enter.

John 20:6 Then, when Simon Peter arrived, who was following him, he entered the tomb [without hesitation] and also observed the strips of linen cloth lying there,

John 20:7 And the facecloth which was around His head, not lying with the strips of linen cloth, but folded up neatly in a separate place by itself.

John 20:8 Then, in turn, the other disciple [John] who had arrived at the tomb first, also entered and understood [comprehended the significance of what he had only noticed earlier] and believed [in the resurrection].

John 20:9 For they did not yet comprehend the scripture [Psalm 16:10], that it is a necessity for Him to rise out from the dead ones [resurrection].

John 20:10 Then the disciples [John & Peter] returned again to their own places [homes or lodging places].

John 20:11 Now, Mary stood outside, facing the tomb and weeping and wailing. Then, while she was weeping and wailing, she crouched down [stooped] and looked into the tomb,

John 20:12 And she observed two angels sitting there in brilliant white, one facing the head and one facing the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.

John 20:13 And they asked her: Woman, why are you weeping and wailing? She replied to them: Because they removed my Lord and I do not know where they have laid Him.

John 20:14 After saying these things, she turned around, backwards [180 degrees], and observed Jesus standing there, but she did not recognize that it was Jesus.

John 20:15 Jesus asked her: Woman, why are you weeping and wailing? Who are you looking for? She, supposing that he was the gardener, asked Him: Sir, if you removed Him, tell me where You have laid Him, so I may carry Him away.

John 20:16 Jesus said to her [in Aramaic]: Mariam. She, after turning around, said to Him in Aramaic: Rabboni, which means, Teacher.

John 20:17 Jesus said to her: Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended face-to-face to the Father, but rather go face-to-face to My brethren and tell them I am going to ascend face-to-face to My Father, even your Father, and My God, even your God.

John 20:18 Mariam the Magdalene appeared before the public and reported to the disciples: I have seen the Lord! In addition, He had spoken these things to her [which she now conveyed to them word-for-word].

John 20:19 Then, when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week [Sunday night], the doors having been shut and barricaded where the disciples were assembled [hiding from the world] due to fear of the Jews, Jesus appeared and stood in their midst and said to them: Peace to you.

John 20:20 And after He said this, He showed them His hands and side. Consequently, after looking over the Lord [brief examination], the disciples became jubilant.

John 20:21 Then Jesus said to them again: Peace to you. Just as the Father sent Me on a mission in the past [first commission] which is in effect up to this moment, I am also sending you [second commission begins].

John 20:22 And after saying this, He breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit [special endowment, not baptism or indwelling of the Spirit].

John 20:23 If you proclaim the remittance of the sins of someone [confirming their belief in the Gospel], they have been forgiven of them in the past with the result that they are in a current state of forgiveness [by God]. If you deny with reference to someone [not confirming their belief in the Gospel], they have been denied in the past with the result that they are in a current state of being denied [their sins are not forgiven by God].

John 20:24 But Thomas, one of the Twelve, who was called Didymus [the twin], was not with them when Jesus had appeared.

John 20:25 Therefore, the other disciples tried to assure him: We have seen the Lord. But he said to them: If I do not see the mark [impression] of the nails in His hands, and put my finger into the place [holes] of the nails, and put my hand into His side [gash], I will definitely not believe.

John 20:26 Now after eight days, His disciples were inside again, including Thomas with them. Jesus appeared, the doors having been shut and barricaded, and stood in their midst, and said: Peace to you.

John 20:27 Then He said to Thomas: Reach your finger out here, and look at My hands. Then reach your hand out and put it into My side. Then stop being progressively faithless [getting worse by the day], but instead faithful [believing].

John 20:28 Thomas replied with discernment and said to Him: My Lord and my God.

John 20:29 Jesus said to him: Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Happinesses to those who have not seen Me, yet will believe.

John 20:30 As a matter of fact, Jesus also performed many other attesting signs in the sight of the disciples, which have not been written in this book.

John 20:31 But these [attesting signs] have been documented so that you may come to believe that Jesus is now and always has been the Christ, the Son of God, and that, after you have believed [positional: justification salvation], you might continue to have life [experiential: sanctification salvation] in His Name.

John 21:1 After these things [in Jerusalem], Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Now He revealed Himself as follows.

John 21:2 There were together: Simon Peter, and Thomas, the one who was called Didymus [the twin], and Nathanael [Bartholomew], the one from Cana of Galilee, and the offspring [sons] of Zebedee [John and James], and two others of His disciples.

John 21:3 Simon Peter announced to them: I am going to fish. They replied to him: Likewise; we are coming with you. They departed and embarked on the [Peter's] commercial fishing boat, but during that night they caught nothing.

John 21:4 When morning was about to arrive [daybreak], Jesus stood on the shore. However, the disciples did not recognize that it was Jesus.

John 21:5 Then Jesus shouted to them: Young lads, do you have any fish? They answered Him with discernment: No!

John 21:6 Then He shouted to them: Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some. In response, they cast the net and they were no longer able to haul it back because of the abundance of fish.

John 21:7 Then that disciple whom Jesus held in high esteem [John] proclaimed to Peter: It is the Lord! Consequently, when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his fishing uniform - for he was naked - and threw himself [diving] into the sea.

John 21:8 Meanwhile, the other disciples proceeded by means of a small skiff [row boat] – for they were not far from dry land, only about two hundred cubits [300 feet] – dragging the net containing fish.

John 21:9 Then when they got out [of the skiff] onto the shore, they saw a charcoal fire which had been set up, as well as a fish and a loaf of bread [breakfast appetizers] which had been laid upon it.

John 21:10 Jesus said to them: Bring some of the fish which you just [recently] caught.

John 21:11 Simon Peter got up [from the campfire] and dragged [miraculously by himself] the net full of large fish – one hundred fifty three - onto the shore. Even though there were so many, the net did not split apart.

John 21:12 Jesus said to them: Come! Eat breakfast. Now none of the disciples presumed to inquire of Him: Who are you? Because they knew that it was the Lord.

John 21:13 Jesus went [to the fire] and took the loaf of bread and distributed it to them, and likewise the fish.



John 21:14 Jesus had already made Himself visible to the disciples for this third time since He was raised from among the dead.

John 21:15 Then, when they had finished eating breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter: Simon, [son] of Jonas, do you love Me with virtue love more than these [disciples]? He replied to Him: Yes, Lord. You know that I have brotherly love for You. He said to him: Keep on feeding My lambs [teach new converts basic doctrine].

John 21:16 He asked him again a second time: Simon, [son] of Jonas, do you love Me with virtue love? He replied to Him: Yes, Lord. You know that I have brotherly love for You. He said to him: Keep on shepherding My sheep [teach Church Age protocol to those who have already learned basic doctrine].

John 21:17 He asked him a third time: Simon, [son] of Jonas, do you love Me with brotherly love? Peter was distressed that He had asked him a third time: Do you love Me with brotherly love? So he replied to Him: Lord, You know all things. You have come to comprehend [from my prior confessions] that I have brotherly love for You. Jesus said to him: Keep on feeding My sheep [mature believers still need doctrine every day].

John 21:18 Most assuredly I am saying to you [Peter]: When you were young, you girded yourself and walked wherever you wanted. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will gird and lead you where you do not want [crucifixion].

John 21:19 Now He made this prediction for the purpose of indicating beforehand by what manner of death he [Peter] will glorify God. Then, after making this prediction, He said to him [Peter]: Keep on following Me.

John 21:20 Peter, having turned around [he was walking beside Jesus], noticed the disciple [John] whom Jesus loved, following – the one who had also reclined [on his elbow] near the chest of Jesus during the supper, and asked: Lord, who is the one who is going to betray You?

John 21:21 Then Peter, after seeing him [John], asked Jesus: But Lord, what about him [John]?

John 21:22 Jesus answered him [Peter]: If I want him [John] to continue living until I return [2nd Coming], what is it to you [mind your own business]? You keep on following Me.

John 21:23 Consequently, this message [gossip] returned to the brethren, that this disciple [John] will not die. But Jesus did not tell him [Peter] that he [John] would not die, but rather: If I want him to continue living until I return, what is it to you?

John 21:24 This is the disciple [John] who is bearing testimony about these things and who has written these things. Indeed, we [pastors in Ephesus] know that his testimony is accurate and true.

John 21:25 Now there are many other things, which Jesus also did, which are of such a quality that, if they could be documented, I suppose that the planet itself would not even have enough room for the books which could be written.