



## CUNNING

Week 10: WHAT JESUS SAYS, PART II  
As Jesus Battles Through the Eyes of JOHN  
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- STUDY NOTES: Pr. Mike and Pr. Orleen's and Pr. Robin's sermon series and study notes.
- Kingdom Principles – Hayford, J. W. 1995. Hayford's Bible handbook. Thomas Nelson Publishers: Nashville
- **BOOK:** Cook, W. F., III, & Lawless, C. (2019). *Spiritual warfare in the storyline of scripture*. B&H Academic.
- **Handouts:** **Week 1:** Angelic Beings, H.O. of Week 1 Outline Notes. **Week 2:** H.O. of Week 2 Outline Notes.
- **Week 3:** Prayer reference; Sequence of Power **Week 5:** Daniel's Timeline
- **Week 9:** Wilderness Lesson H.O.

## CUNNING: The Spiritual Battle from Genesis to Revelation

*I am sending you out like sheep amongst wolves...Matthew 10:16*

*so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. NRSV*

**Luke 10:3** *Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.*

**Romans 16:19** *For your obedience is known to all; therefore, I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and guileless in what is evil. NRSV*

**Our Definition of CUNNING:** ~~Having or showing skill in achieving one's ends by deceit or evasion.~~

Having or showing skill in achieving one's ends by:

Knowledge. Wisdom. Shrewdness. Skill. Resourcefulness. Cleverness. Practice.

## WEEK 10: What Jesus Says – Part II As Jesus Battles - through the eyes of JOHN

### Intro:

- John does NOT include the Wilderness victory nor any incidents of the demonic exorcisms.
- We have the Enemy being referenced 10X and the demonic only 3X.
- What we know about John:
- Youngest of the Apostles.
- Last book John wrote. HE WROTE THIS AFTER REVELATION.
- Asked to write this Gospel to compliment the other three.
- Jesus' bestest friend here on earth (i.m.o.)

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#### **FIRST passage:**

Light Overcomes the Darkness                      **JOHN 1:1-5**

#### **SECOND passage:**

Judas yielding to the devil                      **JOHN 6:70-71**

#### **THIRD & FOURTH passages:**

Jesus is Accused of Having a demon & Jesus  
Identifies the Children of the Devil                      **JOHN 7 & JOHN 8**

#### **FIFTH passage:**

Satan Is a Thief of Thieves                      **JOHN 10:1-21**

#### **SIXTH passage:**

Ruler of This World                      **JOHN 12:31; 14:30; 16:11**

#### **SEVENTH passage:**

Satan Enters into Judas                      **JOHN 13:2, 27**

#### **EIGHT passage:**

Prayer for Spiritual Protection                      **JOHN 17:1-26**

#### **FIRST passage:**

Light Overcomes the Darkness **John 1:1-5**

#### NOTE:

- Poet Parallelism. Used extensively in Hebrew poetry. And throughout John.
- Expresses ideas through repetition – synonymous parallelism.
- Repetition of words and/or ideas.

#### **John 1:1-5**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not <sup>[a]</sup> **comprehend [overcome]** it. NKJV*

NRSV: Darkness did not overtake it. HSCB: Overcome

- John immediately sets up his account of Christ by letting us, the readers, know that this is a cosmic event.  
YOU HAVE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING LIKE THIS!
- A filter for the rest of the book. Read it through this lens:  
Jesus is NOT a normal human being.  
He is God in human form.
- God = God + the Word (Concept part of Hebraic Lit. Pr 8:22 Wisdom is a person)

*"The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old."*

**I would say that the entire Gospel of John is a Battle Document based on this introduction.**

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**NOTE:**

Cook, W. F., III, & Lawless, C. (2019). *Spiritual warfare in the storyline of scripture* (pp. 43–80). B&H Academic.

- The verb “overcome” (*katalambanō*) means to “seize,” often with hostile intent...

The NASB/NKJV translates the verb as “comprehend,” with the thought of grasping with the mind. I find it more likely considering the larger narrative that John intended the idea of *overcoming*, thus introducing the theme of conflict in the opening lines.

- The Word brings light & life into a dark world and the darkness is unable to extinguish it.
- That the light “shines” (*phainō*) in the darkness suggests that the light was overcoming, and continues to overcome, the darkness.
- Verse 1:5 = 12:35: “Walk while you have the light so that the darkness doesn’t **overtake** [*katalambanō*] you.”

**The light/darkness imagery implies that the battle played out on earth through the life and ministry of Jesus is representative of a bigger battle being played out on a cosmic level.**

**SECOND passage:**

Judas yielding to the devil.

**John 6:70-71**

*<sup>70</sup> Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?” <sup>71</sup> He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.*

- 1<sup>st</sup> direct reference to “devil”.
- When was this spoken?
  - Feeding of the 5,000 **Jn 6:1-14**
  - Perceived (discernment). Jesus walks on the water & boat miraculously hits shore (miracles) [in Mk&Mt – Peter walks on the water]

*<sup>15</sup> Therefore **when Jesus perceived** that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.*

*<sup>16</sup> Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. <sup>18</sup> Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> So when they had rowed about <sup>[c]</sup>three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. <sup>20</sup> But He said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup> Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.*

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**Jn 6:26-27 Jesus correcting the crowd for WHY they were following Him**

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.** <sup>27</sup> <sup>(B)</sup> **Do not labor for the food which perishes, but <sup>(S)</sup>for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, <sup>(D)</sup>because God the Father has set His seal on Him."** [LAST WEEKS BAPTISM]

Psalm 2:7 NKJV

"I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Isaiah 42:1 NKJV

"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit...

Matthew 3:17 NKJV

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 17:5 NKJV

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came...

Mark 1:11 NKJV

Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Mark 9:7 NKJV

And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My...

Luke 3:22 NKJV

And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven...

Luke 9:35 NKJV

And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

John 5:37 NKJV

And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at...

Acts 2:22 NKJV

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles,...

2 Peter 1:17 NKJV

For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the...

**AGAIN: John 6:70-71**

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- 1<sup>st</sup> direct reference to the Enemy: devil - *diabolos*  
And attaches it to a human, Judas Iscariot.

**ASK:** Why is Jesus saying this so early in the training of the Disciples?

[write on board]

- Not catch Jesus off guard. WHO really is in charge here.
- JESUS underscored "I CHOSE ALL OF YOU". Including Judas.

**John:** THE DARKNESS ATTEMPTING TO OVERCOME THE LIGHT

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- WHAT did John know?
  - FG is filled with references to Judas
  - Shows the descent into darkness via Judas' choices (Yield)

**John 12:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, who would betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and **had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.**

- Betrayal (*paradidōmi*, cf. 13:2). And <sup>[a]</sup>supper being ended, <sup>[Δ]</sup>the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to **betray** Him,
- Judas = The object lesson of YIELDing into the Enemy's Kingdom

**Judas in JOHN'S Gospel(8)**

1. **Jn 6:71** He spoke of **Judas** Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.
2. **Jn 12:4** But one of His disciples, **Judas** Iscariot, Simon's *son*, who would betray Him, said,
3. **Jn 13:2** And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of **Judas** Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray Him,
4. **Jn 13:26** Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to **Judas** Iscariot, *the son* of Simon.
5. **Jn 13:29** For some thought, because **Judas** had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.
6. **Jn 18:2** And **Judas**, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.
7. **Jn 18:3** Then **Judas**, having received a detachment of *troops*, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.
8. **Jn 18:5** They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am *He*." And **Judas**, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

**MATTHEW(5):**

1. Mt. 10:4 Simon the Cananite, and **Judas** Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.
2. Mt 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called **Judas** Iscariot, went to the chief priests [Judas agrees to betray Jesus]
3. Mt 26:25 Then **Judas**, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."
4. Mt 26:47 And while He was still speaking, behold, **Judas**, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. [Betrayal and arrest in Gethsemane]
5. Mt 27:3 Then **Judas**, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

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**MARK(3)**

1. Mk 3:19 and **Judas** Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. And they went into a house.
2. Mk 14:10 Then **Judas** Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. [Judas agrees to betray Jesus]
3. Mk 14:43 And immediately, while He was still speaking, **Judas**, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. [Betrayal and arrest in Gethsemane]

**LUKE(4)**

1. **Lk 6:16 Judas** the son of James, and **Judas** Iscariot who also became a traitor.
2. Lk 22:3 Then Satan entered **Judas**, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.
3. Lk 22:47 And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called **Judas**, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. [Betrayal and arrest in Gethsemane]
4. Lk 22:48 But Jesus said to him, "**Judas**, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Judas = The object lesson of YIELDing into the Enemy's Kingdom = **WHERE IS MY YIELD?**

**THIRD & FOURTH passages:**

Jesus is Accused of Having a demon & Jesus  
Identifies the Children of the Devil

**John 7 & John 8**

- How important is it that we understand the Character of Evil?
- Detailing its actual behavior?
- Jesus thought there was merit to this. John recorded it.

**JN7**

Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve

7 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, <sup>(A)</sup>because the <sup>(B)</sup>Jews sought to kill Him. <sup>2</sup>(C)Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. <sup>3</sup>(D)His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. <sup>4</sup>For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." <sup>5</sup>For <sup>(E)</sup>even His <sup>(F)</sup>brothers did not believe in Him. <sup>6</sup>Then Jesus said to them, <sup>(G)</sup>"My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. <sup>7</sup>(H)**The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me** <sup>(I)</sup>because I testify of it that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup>You go up to this feast. I am not <sup>(J)</sup>yet going up to this feast, <sup>(K)</sup>for My time has not yet fully come." <sup>9</sup>When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

The Heavenly Scholar

<sup>10</sup>But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. <sup>11</sup>Then <sup>(L)</sup>the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" <sup>12</sup>And <sup>(M)</sup>there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. <sup>(N)</sup>Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." <sup>13</sup>However, no one spoke openly of Him <sup>(O)</sup>for fear of the Jews. <sup>14</sup>Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and <sup>(P)</sup>taught. <sup>15</sup>(Q)And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" <sup>16</sup>(R)Jesus answered them and said, <sup>(S)</sup>"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. <sup>17</sup>(T)If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*. <sup>18</sup>(U)He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who <sup>(V)</sup>seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and <sup>(W)</sup>no unrighteousness is in Him. <sup>19</sup>(X)Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? <sup>(Y)</sup>**Why do you seek to kill Me?"**

<sup>20</sup>**The people answered and said, (W)"You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?"**

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<sup>21</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. <sup>22</sup> <sup>(C)</sup> Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, <sup>(U)</sup> but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. <sup>23</sup> If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because <sup>(C)</sup> I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? <sup>24</sup> <sup>(AA)</sup> **Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."**

#### Could This Be the Christ?

<sup>25</sup> Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "**Is this not He whom they seek to <sup>(AB)</sup>kill?**" <sup>26</sup> But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. <sup>(AC)</sup> Do the rulers know indeed that this is <sup>(U)</sup> truly the Christ? <sup>27</sup> <sup>(AD)</sup> However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, <sup>(AE)</sup> "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and <sup>(AF)</sup> I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me <sup>(AG)</sup> is true, <sup>(AH)</sup> whom you do not know. <sup>29</sup> <sup>(AI)</sup> But <sup>(AJ)</sup> I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me." <sup>30</sup> **Therefore <sup>(AJ)</sup> they sought to take Him; but <sup>(AK)</sup> no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.** <sup>31</sup> And <sup>(AL)</sup> many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this *Man* has done?"

#### Jesus and the Religious Leaders

<sup>32</sup> The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him. <sup>33</sup> Then Jesus said <sup>(U)</sup> to them, <sup>(AM)</sup> "I shall be with you a little while longer, and *then* I <sup>(AN)</sup> go to Him who sent Me. <sup>34</sup> You <sup>(AO)</sup> will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you <sup>(AP)</sup> cannot come." <sup>35</sup> Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to <sup>(AQ)</sup> the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup> What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"

#### The Promise of the Holy Spirit

<sup>37</sup> <sup>(AR)</sup> On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, <sup>(AS)</sup> "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> <sup>(AT)</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, <sup>(AU)</sup> out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." <sup>39</sup> <sup>(AV)</sup> **But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those <sup>(G)</sup> believing in Him would receive; for the <sup>(H)</sup> Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet <sup>(AW)</sup> glorified.**

Who Is He? <sup>40</sup> Therefore <sup>(U)</sup> many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is <sup>(AX)</sup> the Prophet." <sup>41</sup> Others said, "This is <sup>(AY)</sup> the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? <sup>42</sup> <sup>(AZ)</sup> Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, <sup>(BA)</sup> where David was?" <sup>43</sup> So <sup>(BB)</sup> there was a division among the people because of Him. <sup>44</sup> Now <sup>(BC)</sup> some of them wanted to take Him, **but no one laid hands on Him.**

#### Rejected by the Authorities

<sup>45</sup> Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" <sup>46</sup> The officers answered, <sup>(BD)</sup> "No man ever spoke like this Man!" <sup>47</sup> Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? <sup>48</sup> Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? <sup>49</sup> But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus <sup>(BE)</sup> (he who came to <sup>(U)</sup> Jesus <sup>(U)</sup> by night, being one of them) said to them, <sup>51</sup> <sup>(BF)</sup> "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" <sup>52</sup> They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for <sup>(BG)</sup> no prophet <sup>(U)</sup> has arisen out of Galilee." <sup>53</sup> <sup>(U)</sup> And everyone went to his *own* house.

#### JN8 Jesus the Light of the World

**8** But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Now <sup>(U)</sup> early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and <sup>(A)</sup> taught them. <sup>3</sup> Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, <sup>4</sup> they said to Him, "Teacher, <sup>(U)</sup> this woman was caught in <sup>(B)</sup> adultery, in the very act. <sup>5</sup> <sup>(C)</sup> Now <sup>(U)</sup> Moses, in the law, commanded us <sup>(U)</sup> that such should be stoned. But what do You <sup>(U)</sup> say?" <sup>6</sup> This they said, testing Him, that they <sup>(U)</sup> might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, <sup>(U)</sup> as though He did not hear. <sup>7</sup> So when they continued asking Him, He <sup>(U)</sup> raised Himself up and said to them, <sup>(U)</sup> "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." <sup>8</sup> And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> Then those who heard *it*, <sup>(U)</sup> being <sup>(U)</sup> convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. <sup>10</sup> When Jesus had raised Himself up <sup>(U)</sup> and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers <sup>(U)</sup> of yours? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, <sup>(U)</sup> "Neither do I condemn you; **go <sup>(U)</sup> and <sup>(U)</sup> sin no more."**

**12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, <sup>(U)</sup> "I am the light of the world. He who <sup>(U)</sup> follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."**

#### Jesus Defends His Self-Witness

<sup>13</sup> The Pharisees therefore said to Him, <sup>(U)</sup> "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not <sup>(U)</sup> true."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but <sup>(U)</sup> you do not know where I come from and where I am going. <sup>15</sup> <sup>(U)</sup> You judge according to the flesh; <sup>(U)</sup> I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for <sup>(U)</sup> I am not alone, but I *am* with the Father who sent Me. <sup>17</sup> <sup>(U)</sup> It is also written in



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your law that the testimony of two men is true.<sup>18</sup> I am One who bears witness of Myself, and <sup>(Q)</sup>the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”<sup>19</sup> Then they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, <sup>(R)</sup>“You know neither Me nor My Father. <sup>(S)</sup>If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.”<sup>20</sup> These words Jesus spoke in <sup>(T)</sup>the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and <sup>(U)</sup>**no one laid hands on Him, for <sup>(V)</sup>His hour had not yet come.**

Jesus Predicts His Departure

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus said to them again, “I am going away, and <sup>(W)</sup>you will seek Me, and <sup>(X)</sup>will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come.”  
<sup>22</sup> So the Jews said, “Will He kill Himself, because He says, ‘Where I go you cannot come?’”<sup>23</sup> And He said to them, <sup>(Y)</sup>“You are from beneath; I am from above. <sup>(Z)</sup>You are of this world; I am not of this world.”<sup>24</sup> **Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; <sup>(AB)</sup>for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.**

<sup>25</sup> Then they said to Him, “Who are You?” And Jesus said to them, “Just what I <sup>(AC)</sup>have been saying to you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup> I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but <sup>(AD)</sup>He who sent Me is true; and <sup>(AE)</sup>I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.”<sup>27</sup> They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father. <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “When you <sup>(AF)</sup>lift<sup>[m]</sup> up the Son of Man, <sup>(AG)</sup>then you will know that I am He, and <sup>(AH)</sup>that I do nothing of Myself; but <sup>(AI)</sup>as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.”<sup>29</sup> And <sup>(AJ)</sup>He who sent Me is with Me. <sup>(AK)</sup>The Father has not left Me alone, <sup>(AL)</sup>for I always do those things that please Him.”<sup>30</sup> As He spoke these words, <sup>(AM)</sup>many believed in Him.

The Truth Shall Make You Free

<sup>31</sup> **Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him,** “If you <sup>(AN)</sup>abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup> And you shall know the <sup>(AO)</sup>truth, and <sup>(AP)</sup>the truth shall make you free.”

<sup>33</sup> They answered Him, <sup>(AQ)</sup>“We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free?’”<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, <sup>(AR)</sup>whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> And <sup>(AS)</sup>a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.”<sup>36</sup> <sup>(AT)</sup>Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Abraham’s Seed and Satan’s

<sup>37</sup> **“I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but <sup>(AU)</sup>you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. <sup>38</sup> <sup>(AV)</sup>I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have <sup>(AW)</sup>seen with your father.”**<sup>39</sup> They answered and said to Him, <sup>(AX)</sup>“Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, <sup>(AY)</sup>**“If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. <sup>40</sup> <sup>(AZ)</sup>But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth <sup>(AZ)</sup>which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. <sup>41</sup> You do the deeds of your father.”**

Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; <sup>(BA)</sup>we have one Father—God.”<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, <sup>(BB)</sup>“If God were your Father, you would love Me, for <sup>(BC)</sup>I proceeded forth and came from God; <sup>(BD)</sup>nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.”<sup>43</sup> **<sup>(BE)</sup>Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. <sup>44</sup> <sup>(BF)</sup>You are of your father the devil, and the <sup>(BG)</sup>desires of your father you want to <sup>(BH)</sup>do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and <sup>(BI)</sup>does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**<sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. <sup>46</sup> Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? <sup>47</sup> <sup>(BJ)</sup>He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

Before Abraham Was, I AM

<sup>48</sup> Then the Jews answered and said to Him, **“Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and <sup>(BK)</sup>have a demon?”**

<sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and <sup>(BL)</sup>you dishonor Me. <sup>50</sup> And <sup>(BM)</sup>I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. <sup>51</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, <sup>(BN)</sup>if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

<sup>52</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, **“Now we know that You <sup>(BO)</sup>have a demon! <sup>(BP)</sup>Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’”**<sup>53</sup> Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. <sup>(BQ)</sup>Who do You make Yourself out to be?”

<sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, <sup>(BR)</sup>“If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. <sup>(BS)</sup>It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is <sup>(BT)</sup>your God. <sup>55</sup> Yet <sup>(BU)</sup>you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and <sup>(BV)</sup>keep His word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham <sup>(BV)</sup>rejoiced to see My day, <sup>(BW)</sup>and he saw it and was glad.”

<sup>57</sup> Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, <sup>(BX)</sup>before Abraham was, <sup>(BY)</sup>I AM.”

<sup>59</sup> Then <sup>(BZ)</sup>they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, <sup>(CA)</sup>going<sup>[n]</sup> through the midst of them, and so passed by.

- Jesus keeps the long term game plan in focus.
- He confronts evil – mainly for the believers sake so they can see the contrast.
- He calls out evil for the non-believers sake.
  - IF you are not a child of God you are a child of the enemy.



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- He defines what the embrace of evil looks like
  - The embrace of lies (Gen 3:1-6) Adam & Eve
  - Murderer (Gen 4:8-16) Cain & Abel
  - THIS spirit of murder is from the enemy. Jews desire to kill Jesus reflects this.
  - NO truth resides in Satan.
- Unable to hear the Word
  - Not willing to change
  - Not willing to admit they have sinned
  - THEY know better
- He did not retaliate to their accusations. He spoke to the characteristics in their hearts.

**Jesus went on to contrast himself with the devil (vv. 45–47):**

- While the devil cannot speak the truth because of his nature, Jesus spoke the truth;
- while the devil has sinned from the beginning, Jesus’s opponents could not “convict” him of any sin.
- The reason they rejected Jesus’s teaching is that they did not belong to God, **implying** that they belonged to the devil.
- The Jews resorted to **name-calling** (v. 48).
- They moved from a **defensive posture to a more aggressive** tone.
- They accused Jesus of being a “Samaritan” and “demon possessed.”
- He did not respond [KNOWING WHEN AS WELL AS HOW TO RESPOND TO EVIL] to the **Samaritan charge, but he rejected the accusation that he had a demon by appealing to his relationship with God (8:49).**

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**When Jesus is ultimately betrayed and crucified, the devil is behind it (13:2, 27).**

**FIFTH passage:**

**Satan Is a Thief of Thieves**

**John 10:1-21**

*“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by <sup>(A)</sup>name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> Yet they will by no means follow a <sup>(B)</sup>stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”<sup>6</sup> Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.*

**Jesus the Good Shepherd**

*<sup>7</sup> Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who ever came <sup>(C)</sup>before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup> <sup>(D)</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.*

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**<sup>10</sup> The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

<sup>11</sup> <sup>(D)</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> But a <sup>(H)</sup> hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and <sup>(E)</sup> leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd; and <sup>(E)</sup> I know My sheep, and <sup>(G)</sup> am known by My own. <sup>15</sup> <sup>(H)</sup> As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; <sup>(U)</sup> and I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And <sup>(U)</sup> other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; <sup>(K)</sup> and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup> "Therefore My Father <sup>(U)</sup> loves Me, <sup>(M)</sup> because I lay down My life that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I <sup>(N)</sup> have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. <sup>(O)</sup> This command I have received from My Father."

<sup>19</sup> Therefore <sup>(E)</sup> there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. <sup>20</sup> And many of them said, <sup>(O)</sup> "He has a demon and is <sup>(I)</sup> mad. Why do you listen to Him?"

<sup>21</sup> Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. <sup>(R)</sup> Can a demon <sup>(S)</sup> open the eyes of the blind?"

#### Jesus uses CONTRAST to communicate:

- Thief vs 8-10  
The thieves (*kleptēs*) and robbers of 10:8 are the religious leaders who **prey** on the sheep (cf. Ezekiel 34).
- **The imagery of a thief brings to mind thoughts of subterfuge and deception.**
- **DEFINE THIEF:** COVETOUS. WANTS WHAT THEY HAVE NOT EARNED. LAZY, AS IN NOT WILLING TO EARN IT? SELF CENTERED. NARCISSITIC? HIDDEN/SECRETIVE.
- Doing THEIR father's will (John 8:44), **they ravage the sheep for their own advantage**—making Satan, their father and model (8:44), AND ARE PROUD OF THEMSELVES FOR DOING IT.
- Eventually their desire yields into the Enemy's: Whom delights in the destruction of the sheep (see e.g., Rev 12:7–17).
- **In stark contrast, Jesus came to give abundant life.**

RESULT OF CONTRAST TEACHING: "He has a demon and he's crazy. Why do you listen to him?" Others were saying, "These aren't the words of someone who is demon-possessed. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?" (10:10, 19–21)

**Nehemiah 8 <sup>12</sup>** *And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to <sup>(A)</sup> send portions and rejoice greatly, because they <sup>(B)</sup> understood the words that were declared to them.*

**Do I rejoice that I understand this?**

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**SIXTH passage:**

Ruler of This World

In three passages the devil is identified as the ruler of this world: **John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11**

**JOHN 12:31**

*“Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”*

**Mt 12:29** Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the...

**Lk 10:18** And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

**Acts 26:18** to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to...

**2 Corinthians 4:4** whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe,

- Ruler (*archōn*), = **significant sway over the world.**
- “World” (*kosmos*) = humankind in its rebellion against God.

**1 John 5:19** has a similar thought: “the whole world is under the sway of the evil one.”

- The verb “cast out” (*ekballō*) = to drive out or expel (John 12:31).

J. Ramsey Michaels is correct to describe the words “casting out” as exorcism language.

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- Satan’s authority over the world does not include power or authority over Jesus.

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The cosmic battle that took place on the cross was not visible to the human eye. **A victory was secured when Jesus died on the cross, a picture of Johannine irony: what appears to be a cataclysmic defeat of Jesus on the cross is actually a monumental victory over Satan.**

[LAUGHTER IS APPROPRIATE HERE.]

**SINCE EVIL HAS SIGNIFICANT SWAY OVER THE WORLD – THIS BEING A BIBLICAL STATEMENT – HOW DOES THIS KNOWLEDGE INFLUENCE MY DECISIONS OF TOMORROW?**

**JOHN 12:31**

*“Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”*

**JOHN 14:30**

*“I will not talk with you much longer, because the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me.”*

**So**, when the crucifixion happened, did they recall this statement?

- Satan’s authority over the world does not include power or authority over Jesus.

Jesus CHOSE the cross

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Paul understood this:

**Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God<sup>(A)</sup> as something to be used for His own advantage.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Instead He emptied Himself<sup>(B)</sup> by assuming the form of a slave,<sup>(C)</sup> taking on the likeness of men.<sup>(D)</sup>

And when He had come as a man in His external form,

<sup>8</sup> He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—

even to death on a cross.<sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>9</sup> For this reason God highly exalted Him<sup>(E)</sup> and gave Him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow<sup>(G)</sup>—

of those who are in heaven<sup>(H)</sup> and on earth and under the earth<sup>(I)</sup>—

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue<sup>(J)</sup> should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,<sup>[b]</sup>

to the glory<sup>(K)</sup> of God the Father.

- Even though Satan is defeated at the cross, GOD'S TIMELINE that none should perish = the Enemy will still harass (Like the Wizard in Oz).

**JOHN 12:31**

*"Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out."*

**JOHN 14:30**

*"I will not talk with you much longer, because the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me."*

**JOHN 16:11**

*"[The Spirit convicts the world] ... about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged."*

- Judge (*krinō*) is a verb = the Enemy was already in a state of defeat and judgment by God.
- Jesus' authority trumps the Enemy.

**SEVENTH passage:**

Satan Enters into Judas

The **devil's involvement in the passion of Jesus** is as clear in John's Gospel as in the Synoptic Gospels. The devil had already been at work in the heart of Judas and in the upper room indwelt him.

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**JOHN 13:2, 27**

<sup>2</sup> And <sup>[a]</sup>supper being ended, <sup>(A)</sup>the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,...

<sup>27</sup> <sup>(A)</sup>Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

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#### THE POWER OF YIELD:

##### JOHN 12:1-6

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was <sup>[a]</sup>who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

<sup>4</sup> But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for <sup>[b]</sup>three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> **This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.**

##### MATTHEW 26:14-16

<sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup> **So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.**

#### WHAT WE ARE TO DO:

##### EPHESIANS 4:20-31

<sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ, <sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

##### Do Not Grieve the Spirit

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup> **nor give <sup>[c]</sup>OPPORTUNITY place to the devil.** <sup>28</sup> Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary <sup>[d]</sup>edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, <sup>[e]</sup>clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

#### NOTES:

Jesus told Judas to act quickly after he took the morsel (John 13:27).

John went on to point out that Judas responded immediately, and when Judas left the room, it was night (*nyx*). The term *night* can refer either *literally* to nighttime or *figuratively* to moral darkness (Rom 13:12; 1 Thess 5:5) or spiritual darkness (John 3:2).

Judas left the upper room at nighttime, but one wonders if John did not intend to communicate more. In light of the luminous imagery of the Gospel, John may have been saying something similar to what Luke wrote: "But this is your hour—and the dominion of darkness" (Luke 22:53). **The driving force behind the crucifixion of Jesus was not Pilate, or the Jewish leadership, but none other than Satan himself.** Yet, standing above Satan's diabolical plot to murder Jesus is God himself, accomplishing his plan of redemption. **What takes place in the physical world often represents a battle being fought in the spiritual realm.**

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**EIGHT passage:**

Prayer for Spiritual Protection

**JOHN 17:1-26**

Jesus' desire for us = IN the world NOT OF the world.

**WHY?**

How am I doing at my why?

**Prayer just before His arrest.**

**Bares His heart for us, for the world.**

The followers of Jesus are permitted neither the **luxury of compromise with a "world"** that is intrinsically evil and under the devil's power, **nor the safety of disengagement.**

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**READ – FOLLOW ALONG WHILE I READ? OR TOGETHER?**

**JOHN 17:1-26**

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**JOHN 17:1-26 NKJV**

**Jesus Prays for Himself**

**17** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He <sup>3</sup> should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. <sup>4</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>5</sup> I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. <sup>6</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together <sup>7</sup> with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

**Jesus Prays for His Disciples**

<sup>8</sup> "I have <sup>9</sup> manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>10</sup> Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. <sup>11</sup> For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

<sup>12</sup> "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>13</sup> And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>14</sup> Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep <sup>15</sup> through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are*. <sup>16</sup> While I was with them <sup>17</sup> in the world, I kept them in <sup>18</sup> Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is <sup>19</sup> lost except the son of <sup>20</sup> perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>21</sup> But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>22</sup> I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>23</sup> **I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.** <sup>24</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>25</sup> Sanctify <sup>26</sup> them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>27</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>28</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

**Jesus Prays for All Believers**

<sup>29</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who <sup>30</sup> will believe in Me through their word; <sup>31</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. <sup>32</sup> And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: <sup>33</sup> I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

<sup>34</sup> "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. <sup>36</sup> And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."



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**JOHN 17:1-26 NLT**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**17** After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. <sup>2</sup>For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. <sup>4</sup>I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

<sup>6</sup>"I have revealed you<sup>[a]</sup> to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, <sup>8</sup>for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

<sup>9</sup>"My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. <sup>10</sup>All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. <sup>11</sup>Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name;<sup>[b]</sup> now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. <sup>12</sup>During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me.<sup>[c]</sup> I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.

<sup>13</sup>"Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>**I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.** <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to this world any more than I do. <sup>17</sup>Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. <sup>18</sup>Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

<sup>20</sup>"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup>I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

<sup>22</sup>"I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup>I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

<sup>25</sup>"O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. <sup>26</sup>I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them."

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**JOHN 17:1-26 HCSB**

Jesus spoke these things, looked up to heaven, and said:

Father,

the hour has come.

Glorify Your Son

so that the Son may glorify You,

<sup>2</sup> for You gave Him authority

over all flesh;<sup>[a]</sup>

so He may give eternal life

to all You have given Him.

<sup>3</sup> This is eternal life:

that they may know You, the only true God,

and the One You have sent—Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I have glorified You on the earth

by completing the work You gave Me to do.

<sup>5</sup> Now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence

with that glory I had with You

before the world existed.

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<sup>6</sup> I have revealed Your name

to the men You gave Me from the world.

They were Yours, You gave them to Me,

and they have kept Your word.

<sup>7</sup> Now they know that all things

You have given to Me are from You,

<sup>8</sup> because the words that You gave Me,

I have given them.

They have received them

and have known for certain

that I came from You.

They have believed that You sent Me.

<sup>9</sup> I pray<sup>[a]</sup> for them.

I am not praying for the world

but for those You have given Me,

because they are Yours.

<sup>10</sup> Everything I have is Yours,

and everything You have is Mine,

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and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup> I am no longer in the world,  
but they are in the world,  
and I am coming to You.

Holy Father,  
protect<sup>[a]</sup> them by Your name  
that You have given Me,  
so that they may be one as We are one.

<sup>12</sup> While I was with them,  
I was protecting them by Your name  
that You have given Me.  
I guarded them and not one of them is lost,  
except the son of destruction,<sup>[a]</sup>  
so that the Scripture may be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> Now I am coming to You,  
and I speak these things in the world  
so that they may have My joy completed in them.

<sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word.  
The world hated them  
because they are not of the world,  
as I am not of the world.

<sup>15</sup> **I am not praying  
that You take them out of the world  
but that You protect them from the evil one.**

<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world,  
as I am not of the world.

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify<sup>[a]</sup> them by the truth;  
Your word is truth.

<sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world,  
I also have sent them into the world.

<sup>19</sup> I sanctify Myself for them,  
so they also may be sanctified by the truth.

I pray not only for these,  
but also for those who believe in Me  
through their message.

<sup>21</sup> May they all be one,  
as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You.

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May they also be one in Us,  
so the world may believe You sent Me.  
<sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory You have given Me.  
May they be one as We are one.  
<sup>23</sup> I am in them and You are in Me.  
May they be made completely one,  
so the world may know You have sent Me  
and have loved them as You have loved Me.  
<sup>24</sup> Father,  
I desire those You have given Me  
to be with Me where I am.  
Then they will see My glory,  
which You have given Me  
because You loved Me before the world's foundation.  
<sup>25</sup> Righteous Father!  
The world has not known You.  
However, I have known You,  
and these have known that You sent Me.  
<sup>26</sup> I made Your name known to them  
and will make it known,  
so the love You have loved Me with  
may be in them and I may be in them.