

JOHN'S GOSPEL 10 STEP VI

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Do You Love Me?

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STEP 01

The Father's Cup I

John 18:1-11

Introduction

Lent is a solemn observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. During the Lent, traditionally people commemorate Jesus' sufferings and His death on the cross, fasting and repenting of their sins. During the Lent, there is a Passion (Holy) Week. Our text deals with Jesus' arrest that happened on Thursday night. In it, we see that Jesus actively and voluntarily went in the way of the cross. We learn the grace of Jesus deeply.

Holy Week

Sunday

Palm Sunday – Matthew 21:1-11

Monday

Fig Tree & Temple – Mark 11:12-19

Tuesday

Lesson from Fig Tree – Mark 11:20-26

Wednesday

Teaching & Plot – Luke 21:37-38; 22:1-2

Thursday

Passover – John 13:1-35; Luke 22:14-23

Friday

Crucifixion & Burial – Mark 15: 1-47

Saturday

In the Tomb – Isaiah 53:9

Sunday

Resurrection Sunday – John 20:1-29

1. What did Jesus do in John 17? After finishing His prayer, where did Jesus go (1)? What happened there (2-4)? What was Jesus' attitude toward His cross? What have you personally learned from Jesus' attitude toward His cross?

2. What did Jesus say when the soldiers replied that they were looking for Jesus of Nazareth (5)? In what way, did Jesus use, 'I am He' (Jn 4:26; 6:20; 8:58)? Why did the soldiers draw back and fell to the ground at Jesus' word, 'I am He' (Ex 3:14)? How did Jesus protect His disciples even in the midst of His own arrest (7-9)? Who is this Jesus (Jn 10:11-15; 17:12)? ¹

¹ **Jn 4:26** I am He.

Jn 6:20 It is I; don't be afraid!

Jn 8:58 Before Abraham was born, I am.

Jn 10:11-15 ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Jn 17:12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

3. What did Peter do as he saw Jesus was in full control of the situation (10)? What did Jesus say to Peter (11; Mt 26:53)? What kind of cup was God giving Jesus to drink (Mt 26:39; Mt 27:46)? What should be our life like in following Jesus (Ps 116:13; Ac 3:19; Lk 9:23)? ²

² **Mt 26:53** Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

Mt 26:39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Mt 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Psalms 116:13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Lk 9:23 If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Reflection

STEP 02

The Father's Cup 2

John 18:12-27

Introduction

Our text is a story when Jesus was arrested in the night. We can see the evil high priest who wants to kill Jesus to keep their religious power. We also can see Peter, who denied Jesus three times. However, we can see Jesus who boldly witnesses the truth before the high priest. I pray that it will be a time to look ourselves spiritually.

1. Who did arrest Jesus (12)? Where did they lead Jesus to (12-14)? What can you see the high priesthood of Jesus' time? What advice did Caiaphas give to the Jews (Jn 11:50)? What life should we seek in the life of faith? ³

³ **Jn 11:50** Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.

2. How did Peter follow Jesus and what did he experience Jesus? How did he follow Jesus and what happened to him (15-16; Mk 14:54)? How did Peter deny Jesus three times (17-18, 25-27; Jn 13:37-38)? What was the cause of his failure? ⁴

⁴ **Mk 14:54** And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.

Jn 13:37-38 ³⁷ Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸ Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

3. What did Jesus answer when He was questioned (19-21)? What were His main teachings? What did Jesus say to the one who struck Him (22-23)? What did Annas do then (24)? What does it signify about Jesus being the light to the darkness?

Reflection

STEP 03

Jesus Before Pilate

John 18:28-40

Introduction

Our text is a story of Jesus' trial before Pilate. Jesus is the Christ, the king. Yet He was tried before Pilate, a sinner. What an irony! One day, Jesus Christ will come back in the Father's glory and will judge each person. The standard of His judgment is whether you received Him as your Lord and King. People in Jesus' time failed in receiving Him as their king. Only few received Him as their king. Let's learn how we should receive Jesus as our king.

1. When and where did they lead Jesus (28)? Why did the Jews not enter the governor's headquarters? What do you see their false religious life here? What characteristics do you find from the people who live as their own king? In the accusations of the Jews, how Jesus' word about His death was fulfilled (29-32; Jn 3:14-15)? What do we need to do with Jesus who came as our King? ⁵

⁵ **John 3:14-15** ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

2. What conversation did Pilate and Jesus have (33-35)? What intention did Jesus have toward Pilate in it? How did Jesus invite Pilate to His kingdom and what was Pilate's response to it (36-38)? In what way did Pilate fail to have Jesus' kingdom?

3. What was Pilate's attempt to release Jesus (39)? What was the reply of the Jews (40)? In what sense, we ourselves are Barabbas (1 Pe 2:24-25)? What life should we live as the ones who re-ceived salvation through Jesus' redemption? ⁶

⁶ **1 Pe 2:24** ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reflection

STEP 04

Behold the Man!

John 19:1-16

Introduction

At Jesus' trial before Pilate, we can see the sharp contrast between Jesus and the chief priests and also between Jesus and Pilate. Jesus is the King of truth; He spoke in truth and acted in truth. There was nothing false about Him. On the other hand, the chief priests, who looked holy outwardly, were full of evil; they had pride, jealousy and a murderous spirit. Pilate should have practiced justice as the Roman governor. Although he knew Jesus was innocent (18:38), he sought political compromise (18:39). In our text, we see the final process of Jesus' trial before Pilate. As we study the text, please keep this question in mind, "Who ultimately crucified Jesus?"

1. What effort did Pilate make to release Jesus (1)? What do you know about Roman flogging? What else did the soldiers do to Jesus (2-3)? What did Pilate say to the Jews (4-5)? What was the re-sponse of the high priests and their officials (6)? What charge did they also bring against Jesus (7)? Why did Jesus suffer in this way?

2. Why was Pilate became very fearful with their religious charge (8; Mt 27:19)? What did Pilate ask Jesus (9)? What was Jesus' response to Pilate? In what way, did Jesus teach Pilate that there is a supreme authority (10-11)? What do you learn from Jesus who led Pilate to His kingdom, even in the midst of his trial? ⁷

⁷ **Mt 27:19** Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."

3. In what way, Pilate's attempt of releasing Jesus was frustrated by the Jews (12)? What was Pilate's final attempt to release Jesus (13-14)? What was the response of the Jews to Pilate (15)? What did Pilate do (16)? What is your answer to the question, "Who ultimately crucify Jesus?" Why did Jesus have to be crucified?

Reflection

STEP 05

The Cross of Jesus

John 19:17-30

Introduction

Christianity is the religion of the cross; Jesus came to this world solely to die on the cross. The cross of Jesus is the climax of God's love as He redeemed people from sins. Therefore, Christianity can't exist without Jesus' cross. We know who God truly is through the cross of Jesus. We know who Jesus truly is through the cross, Jesus took up for us.

1. Where did Jesus go, bearing His own cross (17)? How did the soldiers crucify Him (18)? Imagine the pains Jesus went through on the cross. Why did Jesus, sinless one, had to go through these pains (Ro 6:23; 1 Jn 3:2; 1 Pe 2:24)? What can we realize about our sins and the grace that we have received? ⁸

⁸ **Ro 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Jn 3:2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1 Pe 2:24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

2. What can we realize that Jesus bore the cross voluntarily (17)? Why had Jesus taken up the cross (Ro 5:8; Gal 3:13)? What do you learn about God's amazing love? What did Jesus say before He gave up His spirit (28-30)? What did He mean by it? Who is this Jesus (19-20)?⁹

⁹ **Ro 5:8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”

3. Two criminals were crucified with Jesus (18). What did each one do on the cross (Lk 23:40-43)? What did the soldiers who were crucifying Jesus do (23-24)? What did Jesus do for His mother (25-26)? What did the disciple (John) do (27)? What does this tell us about the seriousness of our attitude toward the cross of Jesus? ¹⁰

¹⁰ **Lk 23:40-43** ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Reflection

STEP 06

The Blood and Water of Jesus

John 19:31-42

Introduction

On the cross, criminals had suffered for 12 hours and then died. Jesus and the criminals of the left and right would die around 9:00pm. Yet Jesus died around 3:00pm, giving up His spirit for He fulfilled God's purpose in His life. Since it was the day of Preparation, the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him (32). But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs (33). Let's learn the significance of Jesus' death.

1. Why did one of the soldiers pierce Jesus' side with a spear and what came out from Jesus (34)? What is its significance (think about the preciousness of Jesus' shedding His blood: Lev 17:11)? In what sense, do you learn here about God's amazing love for us? ¹¹

¹¹ **Lev 17:11** For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

2. In what sense, are those two events that Jesus' leg wasn't broken and He shed His blood and wa-ter important? How do they help us to believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah to come (Nu 9:10-12; Ps 34:19-20)? What happens if we reject Jesus to the end (Rev 1:7)? ¹²

¹² **Nu 9:10-12** ¹⁰ "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If any one of you or of your descendants is unclean through touching a dead body, or is on a long journey, he shall still keep the Passover to the Lord. ¹¹ In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight they shall keep it. They shall eat it with un-leavened bread and bitter herbs. ¹² They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break any of its bones; according to all the statute for the Passover they shall keep it.

Ps 34:9-10 ⁹ Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! ¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

3. What kind of person of Joseph of Arimathea (38; Mk 15:43)? What did he do (38b, 40-42)? Who was Nicodemus (Jn 3:1-4)? What change occurred in their hearts? What courage do we need to have as people who had received Jesus' love (Heb 10:19-20)? ¹³

¹³ **Mk 15:43** Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Jn 3:1-4 ¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Heb 10:19-20 ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh.

Reflection

STEP 07

I Have Seen the Lord

John 20:1-18

Introduction

The most important truth of Christianity is Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus forgave our sins through His death on the cross. Through His resurrection, Jesus gave us hope for our resurrection and eternal life in the kingdom of God. Christianity is different from other religions in that we receive forgiveness of sins and the power of the resurrection. If John's gospel was the story of an ordinary man, it should end in John chapter 19. But we have chapters 20-21 that show us the glory of Jesus' resurrection. In our text, we see the resurrection experiences of Mary Magdalene and the disciples.

1. Who went to Jesus' tomb early in the morning on Sunday (1; Mk 16:1)? What was her concern (Mk 16:2-3)? What did she see when she arrived at the tomb and what did she do (2)? What did Peter and the other disciple do (3-4)? What did they see in Jesus' tomb (5-8)? What did they do after seeing the empty tomb (9-10)? What do you learn here about believing in the resurrection of Jesus? ¹⁴

¹⁴ Mk 16:1-3 ¹ When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

2. What did Mary see inside of the tomb while she was weeping (11-12)? What did the angels mean by the question 'Woman, why are you weeping?' (13a)? What was Mary's answer to the angels (13b)? In a sense, Jesus' body was gone is good news for us (1 Cor 15:20). Why is this so (1 Cor 15:17)? ¹⁵

¹⁵ **1 Cor 15:20** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Cor 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

3. Why didn't Mary recognize Jesus when she saw Jesus behind her (14)? What did Jesus mean when He said to Mary, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" (15)? How did Jesus help her to recognize Him (16)? What did Jesus say to Mary and what did she do (17-18)? How did you meet the risen Jesus personally? What should we do as people who believe in the resurrection of Jesus?

Reflection

STEP 08

Peace Be with You!

John 20:19-23

Introduction

We've celebrated Easter (4/1/2018). We celebrate it not as an annual event, but to live in the reality of the resurrection. What does Jesus' resurrection do in our lives? The resurrection of Jesus is not a vague hope for the future. It completely changes our life. That is what happened to the disciples and the witnesses of Christ's resurrection. We should experience such a change in the risen Christ.

1. On the evening of that first day of the week, what were the disciples doing (19)? How did Jesus appear to them (19-20)? What did Jesus say to them (19, 21)? What was the disciples' response (20; Jn 16:19-20)? How can you have true peace in this troubled world (Jn 14:27; Ro 5:1; Phi 4:6-7)? ¹⁶

¹⁶ **John 16:19-20** ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

Jn 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Ro 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Phi 4:6-7 ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2. After giving His gift of peace, what did Jesus say to the disciples (21b)? In what sense is “being sent” to the world a great privilege (Heb 3:1; Jn 17:18; Jn 13:20)? What should our greatest concern and interest be as Jesus’ people in the world? ¹⁷

¹⁷ **Heb 3:1** Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.

Jn 17:18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

Jn 13:20 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

3. How did Jesus equip the disciples when He sent them out into the world (22)? What happened through the disciples' apostolic ministry (23)? What should be our number one priority in our Christian lives (Ac 2:38; Eph 5:18; Ac 1:8)? ¹⁸

18 Ac 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

Ac 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Reflection

STEP 09

Do Not Disbelieve but Believe

John 20:24-31

Introduction

We've studied that Jesus rose from the dead and met Mary Magdalene and the disciples. He solved their sorrow and fears as they were convinced of Jesus' resurrection. The resurrection faith is the summit of our faith. In this text, we see it is not easy to have the resurrection faith. Yet we also see that the risen Christ helped Thomas to believe in His resurrection. In the same way, He helps us.

1. What did the disciples say when Thomas came to them (24-25)? What kind of person was Thomas (11:16; 14:5-6)? What was the response of Thomas (25b)? When did Jesus come again and what did He say to the disciples (26)? What do you learn about Jesus who understands our weaknesses and helps us (Heb 13:8)? ¹⁹

¹⁹ **Jn 11:16** So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Jn 14:5-6 ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

2. What did Jesus say to Thomas (27)? What did Jesus mean when He said, "Do not disbelieve, but believe"? What was Thomas' response (28)? What did Jesus say about true faith (29; 1 Pe 1:8; Heb 11:1)? What is Jesus' way in helping weak people like Thomas? ²⁰

²⁰ **1 Pe 1:8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

3. What is the purpose of John's gospel (30-31)? What is the result of our faith in Jesus Christ (31b)? What does it mean that we believe in Jesus (Jn 8:12; 11:9; 12:36; 15:10)? ²¹

²¹ **Jn 8:12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Jn 11:9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world."

Jn 12:36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

Jn 15:10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

Reflection

STEP 10

Come and Have Breakfast

John 21:1-14

Introduction

John's gospel 21 is the epilogue of John's gospel. Thus, John can't omit this text, but he wanted to share with his readers. In this epilogue, we see Jesus, who was encouraging the disciples to rise from their failures and live a life of His calling. We are all weak and experience failures in our life of faith. The risen Jesus comes and encourages us to rise and live a life of victory in Him.

1. What was the Sea of Tiberias like for the disciples (1)? Who was there (2)? What did Simon Peter say and what did other disciples do (3)? What does this signify for the disciples going out for fishing? What was the result of their efforts (3b; Jn 15:5)? ²²

²² **Jn 15:5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

2. Why didn't the disciples recognize Jesus, who was standing on the shore (4)? What did Jesus say to them (5)? What did He tell them to do and what was the result (6)? What was the response of the disciples (7)? Why did Jesus help the disciples in this way?

3. What did Jesus prepare for the disciples (8-9)? Why did Jesus tell the disciples to bring some of the fish they had just caught (10-11)? What did Jesus say and what did he do for the disciples (12-13)? What does Jesus' words, "Come and have breakfast" mean to you?

Reflection

STEP 11

Do You Love Me?

John 21:15-25

Introduction

The risen Christ visited the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias and helped them to be restored from their failures. He even fed them breakfast in the warmth of His love. He showed them His unfailing love so that they may be restored to live a life in His love, in His purpose and in His glory. Let's hear His voice, "Do you love me?" and answer to Him about our love and do His will.

1. What question did Jesus ask Peter after the breakfast (15-17)? What were Peter's reply to Jesus each time? Why did He ask the same question three times (in Greek, the first two words of love is agape – God's unconditional love and the third love is phileo – friendly love)? Why is it important that we confess our love to Jesus regularly (Rev 2:4)? ²³

²³ **Rev 2:4** Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

2. What did Jesus say to Peter when Peter confessed his love to Jesus (15-17)? What relation do you see here for loving Jesus and shepherding Jesus' sheep? What did Jesus say about Peter's future (18-19)? In what way, is it a blessed life that we follow Jesus? What question did Peter ask Jesus and what was Jesus' answer (20-23)? What does it tell us about the difference of each individual's calling in Jesus Christ? What is your response to Jesus' call, 'Follow me'?

Reflection

Prayer Topics

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