Jesus: The Last Conversation

I. Introduction

In the last two sessions, we have compared the Passover-Lord's Supper-Marriage Feast of the Lamb. We discussed the Lord's statements that He would be betrayed, His expectations for His Disciples, and His washing of their feet. This study will further analyze concepts He tried to teach His Disciples during His last night with them.

II. Jesus Last Conversation with His Disciples

A. Jesus knew His Hour (Time) Had Come

Jn 13:1, 3, 33, 36 Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end....3Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God.... Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you....36Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.

Jesus told His Disciples that His time was up and He was going back to the Father.

B. Jesus gave a New Commandment

<u>Jn 13:34-35</u> A new commandment I give unto you, *That ye love another*; *as I have loved you*, that ye also love one another. 35By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

We show others that we are Jesus' Disciples when we love each other like He loved us.

C. Jesus was Going to Prepare a Place.

<u>Jn 14:2-3</u> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us so that we can all with together with Him!

D. Jesus is the Way to the Father

Jn 14:4-9 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. 5Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way*, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 7If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: *and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.* 8Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficiently him.

us. 9Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? *He that hath seen me hath seen the Father*; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

Jesus made an astounding statement that when they saw Him they saw the Father!

E. Believers will do Greater Works than Jesus

Jn 14:11-12 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 12Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Believers will do greater works than Jesus because He is going to the Father.

F. Jesus will Grant our Requests if We Ask in His name.

<u>Jn 14:13-14</u> And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.

If we ask anything in Jesus' name, He will do it to glorify the Father.

G. Love Jesus by Keeping His Commandments

Jn 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Keeping Jesus' commandments shows that we love Him.

H. Jesus will send the Comforter

<u>Jn 14:16-18, 26</u> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; 17Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.... 26But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Jesus sent the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, to dwell with and comfort us.

I. Jesus will Manifest Himself to Those Who Keep His Commandments

<u>Jn 14:21-24</u> He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him. 22Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto

him, and make our abode with him. 24He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Jesus said that if we love Him, He and the Father will come and live with us.

J. Jesus gave Us Peace

Jn 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. 29And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

Jesus told us that He gave us peace, to not be troubled. He is coming back for us, and He told us everything beforehand so we would believe.

K. Jesus is the Vine while the Father is the Husbandman.

Jn 15:1-4 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it *abide in the vine; nor more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

Jesus said that Father God prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit.

L. Jesus said we produce fruit through Him or be burned in the Fire.

Jn 15:5-6 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

We are nothing without Jesus, and are to be thrown into the fire to be burned.

M. The Father is glorified if we bear much fruit.

<u>Jn 15:7-8</u> If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

When we ask of the Father, He is glorified when we bear fruit.

N. Jesus wants us to have joy in Him.

Jn 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that your joy might be full.

O. We are the Friends of God.

<u>Jn 15:13-15</u> Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15Henceforth, I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

We are friends of God because we obey Him, and He has made things known to us.

P. We are chosen and ordained of God.

<u>Jn 15:16</u> Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

We are chosen and ordained by Jesus to bear fruit that will remain.

Q. The World persecuted Jesus and will persecute Believers.

<u>Jn 15:18-20</u> If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20Remember that word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you if they have kept my saying they will keep yours also.

The world persecuted and hated Jesus, and will persecute Believers.

R. They hated Jesus without a Cause.

<u>Jn 15:24-25</u> If I had not done among them, the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

The World saw the works no other man did, and hated Jesus without a cause.

S. The Spirit of truth shall testify of Jesus.

Jn 15:26-27 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about Jesus, and Believers will bear witness also.

III. Summary

In the last night that Jesus spent with His Disciples, there were things that He wanted to share like a dying man would want to share with His loved ones before passing on.

The following is a recap of the most important points Jesus shared with His Disciples:

- 1. Jesus knew that His time had come so He began to prepare them for His departure.
- 2. Jesus gave the Commandment that they were to love each other as He loved them.
- 3. Jesus was going to prepare a place for them so they could come be with Him.
- 4. Jesus was the only way to the Father.
- 5. Greater works would we do because He was going to the Father.
- 6. Jesus said if we asked anything in His name He would do it to glorify the Father.
- 7. We were to show our love for Jesus by keeping His commandments.
- 8. Jesus was going to send the Comforter or Holy Spirit.
- 9. Jesus wants us to bear fruit so that the Father will be glorified.
- 10. If we do not produce fruit, we will be burned in the fire.
- 11. Jesus wants us to have joy and peace in Him.
- 12. We are chosen and ordained by God, and are friends of God.
- 13. They persecuted Jesus without a cause and will persecute Believers also.
- 14. The Spirt of truth and Believers will bear witness to Jesus.
- 15. Jesus will manifest Himself to those who keep His commandments.

These were a few of the things that Jesus shared with His Disciples before He left them in the earth to return to the Father in heaven.