

His Command Is Eternal Life: John 12:44ff and Intro to Last Discourse

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INTRODUCTION

NEW EXPOSITION:

(12:44) Believing in Jesus Christ logically entails believing in the Father, who sent Him

(12:45–46) Seeing the Father logically entails seeing Jesus Christ, because Jesus is the Light of the World who enlightens believers

(12:47–48) Rather than Jesus (the Savior of the world) being the ultimate judge of those who disbelieve Jesus and His words, it is Jesus' words will that judge the unbeliever at the last day (Great White Throne)

(12:49–50) Jesus ultimately speaks what the Father commanded Him to speak, specifically, the Father commands everlasting life, which is Jesus' summation of the Father's message which He gave to Jesus

Introduction to the Last Discourse: John 13:1–17:26

Why do I refer to it as the Last Discourse, rather than the Upper Room Discourse?

Note John 18:1

Note John 14:31

John 13:1–14:31 contains 69 verses

He spoke these words in the upper room

John 15:1–17:26 contains 86 verses

He spoke these words outside somewhere

However, John 13:1–17:26 constitutes one discourse: the Last Discourse

What is the topic of the Last Discourse?

It is not about how to live the Christian life

Remember that this book is evangelistic: John 20:30–31

The Purpose of the Last Discourse

13:18–19

13:33

13:36

14:1–4

14:16 and 18–19

14:29

15:20b–21

16:1

16:4

16:16

16:20

16:28

16:32

17:4–5

17:11a

17:13

The Audience of John's Gospel

A Comparison with Socrates in Plato's *Phaedo*

CONCLUSION

REVIEW:

J-Baptist testified of Christ, so all might believe; the few of His own who believed would all be God's children 1:1-18
1st Disciples 1:19-51: John the Baptist pointed all to Christ, so some of John's disciples followed & believed 1st Sign Apostle John Witnessed 2:1-11: JC turned H ₂ O to wine (first Galilean sign), disciples believed Judean Passover 2:13-3:36: Signs lead many (inc. Nic.) to believe in JC; said cross/resurrection = sign that He = Christ Samaritess 4:1-26: He offered Samaritess living H ₂ O, who asked if He were the Christ when He told her about herself Ministry in Sychar 4:27-42: She drew men to see JC & food-distracted 12 join in reaping harvest; many believed In Galilee 4:43-45: He went to Galilee, because no prophet is hometown celebrity; they welcome Him after seeing signs Heal Official's Son 4:46-54: Official urged JC to heal son; He (& servants) said, "Son lives;" He & house believed
Heal Lame Man 5:1-15: On Sabbath JC told lame man to walk. Officials scolded & sought to confront healer Heal Lame Man 5:16-23: Judeans seek to kill JC as blaspheming sabbath-breaker, He imitates Father to do greater works. Honor Father by Honoring Son 5:24-30: Wants foes to live (if believing); will be condemned (if disbelieve) 2+ Witnesses 5:31-47: JC, impartial GWT Judge, isn't accuser nor is J-Baptist, so works, Father, Bible & Moses accuse Bread of Life JC asked where to buy food for crowd; prayed & broke bread; they were satisfied & called Him <i>Prophet</i> Walking on H₂O 6:15-21: JC went up mount; 12 left by boat w/o Him; gale arose, JC walked on sea & entered boat JC = Bread of Life 6:22-40: He told men (who found Him) to labor for food for EL & said God persuades that He is Father-sent heavenly bread, that gives the world life & secures bells forever (because He obeys the Father) Grumbling over Bread of Life 6:41-59: JC said to stop grumbling, because, Living Bread gives life for world, but only gives EL to those drawn thru teaching, but they argued over what eating His flesh meant, so He said that (only if they eat/drink His flesh/blood) would they have EL & Christ would indwell, so life-giving Bread differs from lifeless manna Grumbling over Bread of Life 6:60-71: JC asked offended disciples how ascension would affect them & warned of lifeless leaders' words, but HS gives life thru word; & said some don't believe, which is why (apart from being granted thru the Father teaching) people can't believe JC; as many left, He asked 12 if they want to go, but Peter said JC has words of EL (that they believe) & JC said He chose them, even Judas Surprise Appearance at Booths 7:1-36: Unbel brothers say to make show in Judea to get disciples, but His time not yet come. Some said He would skip feast, but His authoritative teaching glorifying Father amazed them (reaffirming right to heal on Sabbath)—some said no arrest because they knew He is Christ), & leaders tried an arrest He Who Tabernacled w/ Us at Booths 7:37-8:1: JC urged to drink of (believe) Him, so they (when HS came) would have living H ₂ O abundantly (fulfilling Booths): Division resulted; Nic' scolds rulers for bypassing legal inquiry Light of World Gives Adulteress Justice 8:2-13: Phars ask JC if (per Law) should stone woman they brought; JC wrote on floor; said sinless one "Cast 1st stone;" accusers left; He taught crowd [& woman] that He is Light of world (unlike Pharisees); His followers walk in Light of life
Truth Will Free You 8:14-32: JC's testimony is valid, because Father = 2nd witness; Pharisees don't know Father try to arrest Him; He will go where they can't; they will die if don't believe; they demand to know who He is; He affirms that He always said Father sent Him; but lifting Him (on cross) will show Father sent Him & abides w/ Him; many Judeans believed, so He said abide to be disciples--free from [legalistic] bondage
Abraham's Seed & Satan's Seed 8:33-59: [Pharisees] retort that they aren't slaves, but JC said only He can free from sin; their desire to kill Him came from their father; they would love & believe Him if they were God's children, but they reject Him w/o disproving Him; they scoff when He said bells won't see death & Abe rejoiced to see His day
Healing Man Born Blind 9:1-41: Sin didn't blind one born-blind, but blindness let God heal him, wash in Siloam & saw; people debate if is same man, said he is & sees, didn't know where JC is; told Phars how he sees; some say Sabbath breaker not of God, others deny sinner could heal, man said He = Prophet; parents say son born blind; Phars know he was blind; parents say ask of-age son; they oathed him & he said he now sees; they repeat query, he said they ignore him & don't want to follow Him; they claim to follow Moses; don't know JC's origin, only healer of born-blind, but God doesn't use sinners, so He is of God; they called him born in sin & banned him; JC asks if he believes in God's Son; after saying He = God's Son, he believed; He came so blind may see, sighted may be blind; Pharis scoff at being blind; culpable because say they see
Good Shepherd 10:1-21: Leaders misunderstand Good Shepherd, whom gateman lets into pen (vs. sneaky rustlers); sheep follow Him, not coercive strangers; so He retold it: He is entryway; earlier shepherds bully, steal & kill sheep, but He even dies for sheep (vs. hirelings who let wolves steal/scatter); He knows sheep/they know Him, as He knows God who knows Him—He dies for sheep & has other (non-Judean) sheep who hear Him who makes 1-flock/1-shepherd; God loves Him, because (for sheep) He dies to be raised (no one takes His life), but He lays it down to take it up—as God commands; some called Him crazy demoniac; others denied His speech was demoniac & demon can't make blind see
At Hannukah 10:22-39: Judeans demand if He is the Christ; He said they disbelieve His words, but works in Father's name also testify; they disbelieve because not of His sheep; Shepherd guarantees sheep (bells) EL & can't lose it, because Father & Son (in union) secure them; He asked (as they try stoning) which good work led to seeking His death; said they seek His death for making self God; He said God (ψ 82 ^b) calls (wicked judges) gods; Bible is always true; so Father-sent One doesn't blaspheme in calling self God's Son; if He didn't do Father's works, they should disbelieve, but Father's works lead to believing His words (2nd witness) that Father & Son are united; they again seek His death, but He escaped
Lazarus' death 10:40-11:16: Rec'd word that Laz sick; said illness not to death, but will glorify God; when (2 days later) He planned to go to Laz, 12 said Judeans seek death; said still is day (time to live) & He needs to wake Laz & it is good He was not there, so they would believe
Resurrection & Life 11:17-37: JC came 4 days after Lazarus' burial; many mourners present; Martha hurried to meet Him; Mary stayed home; Martha said JC would have stopped Lazarus' death, if He were there; God answers His prayers; He said Lazarus will rise; she agreed; He said that He is resurrector & grantor of EL; asked if she believed; she affirmed this, because she believes He is Christ, God's Son, whom [God sent] to earth; she said that JC wants to see her, Mary went quickly to Him; some said she went to tomb & followed; Mary worshipped Jesus & said He would have stopped Lazarus' death, if He were there; crying of Mary & others moved JC w/ empathy, so He asked where they put Lazarus; they said <i>Come & see</i> ; JC also wept, so some said He greatly loved Lazarus; others asked why He let Lazarus die (since He healed blind man)
Raising Lazarus 11:38-57: Said <i>Open Tomb</i> ; Martha spoke of stench; reminds re God's glory, if she believed He'd raise Laz; tomb opened; thanks God He always hears Him (saying this) so they might believe God sent Him; told Laz, <i>Come out</i> ; did so bound; said <i>free him</i> ; many believe; some told Phars (who try) to stop Him, lest Rome take their position & nation; Caiaphas urged His death for nation (prophecying His death giving Jewish bells life/gather in one flock); rulers want His death; went to Ephraim; feast's earlybirds said He'd avoid feast, because APB
Anointing & Entry 12:1-19: At Bethany a meal was fixed for Jesus, Lazarus & others; Martha served; when Mary anointed His feet, Judas feigned concern for the poor & scolded her, but Jesus defended her; pilgrims came to Jesus & Lazarus because He raised him; officials sought Lazarus' death also, He rode donkey to Jerusalem, throngs hearing Lazarus was raised laid palm fronds before Him, leaders sought His death.
Helenized (Jews) at Passover 12:20-26: some asked to meet Jesus; He told Philip & Andrew that the hour of His glorification had come: One seed dies in earth that many seeds may sprout to life; loving the mortal life has detrimental effects on the immortal life; hating the mortal life enhances the immortal life; the Father will glorify servants who follow Jesus (where He goes)
Who Believes Rept? 12:27-43: Didn't ask to avoid cross, because came to die; asks for God's glory (God said He did so/will do so); voice was to benefit them; judging world involves Satan's defeat, cross to draw people to JC; object that Christ has EL; He said believe & be enlightened/regenerate before He leaves; He left; disbelief tho seeing signs fulfills Isa 53 & Isa 6, but many rulers believe & fear exclusion