

Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ A New Commandment

Last time...Jesus identified and expelled Judas Iscariot, the betrayer
Judas fooled everyone...except Jesus
Only Jesus is “in the know” regarding Judas

This time...Jesus gives the remaining 11 disciples a new commandment

We will be in John 13

v31-32 when he was gone out:

When (and not until) the sin in the camp (Judas), was purged,
Jesus focuses on the remaining 11 who will be sent to begin God’s
“new work”, the Church

They will be the first preachers of the New Covenant,

Jer 31:31-33 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

made possible by a just God because Rom 10:4, as He promised in Matt 5:17

From here to the end of Chapter 16 are the “last words” of Jesus to His disciples
He will pour His heart into them and reveal/teach them things they will
not understand until later

Now...glorified:

The hour is truly at hand!

The time appointed from before the foundation of the world has come,
the most important Day in the history of the world

1. Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man, will be glorified, magnified, praised...lifted up
2. the Father will be glorified, magnified, praised in Jesus
3. the Father in Himself will glorify, magnify, praise Jesus

Foreshadowed...[Num 21:4-9](#)

1. brass serpent on a pole
 - serpent...sin
 - brass...judgment
 - pole...Cross
 - saved by...grace thru faith
2. Moses
 - Deliverer
 - Mediator

Foretold...[Is 45:21-23](#)

“Look unto Me and be saved”

Look unto God

- eternal
- LORD, the God of AI&J
- The only Living God
- The only Savior
- Who will be acknowledged as such by all

Who is to look unto God the Savior?

- all the ends of the earth
- every knee and every tongue
- Jew and Gentile

Jesus declared...

John 3:13-16	1 st year
John 8:25-28	3 rd year
John 12:23-33	Earlier this Final Week

[John 11:4, 40](#)...Resurrection unto eternal life = the glory of God
Before Resurrection must come...death (this day for Jesus)

Holy Spirit revealed...

Heb 2:9-10 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

[Phil 2:5-11](#)

2 Cor 4:6 The resurrected (glorified) Lord Jesus is “proof-positive”
2 Cor 5:17-21

1 Tim 2:5 There is one God and one mediator between God and man,
the man Christ Jesus

Rom 3:29 Is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also of the
Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also

Eph 2:8-9
Heb 12:2a

v33 Little children:

A very tender term of endearment...
the only time Jesus ever said it and it is directed at His...men

What is Jesus saying about the remaining 11 (grown) men?

They will be converted and “documented” as rightful citizens

Matt 18:3 *Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become
as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of
heaven*

What is Jesus saying about Himself, the Son of Man of 33 years of age?

He is the God of AI&J, the LORD

John 10:30 following John 13:31-32

Ps 103:13 Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD pitieth
them that fear him

pitieth = “loves”, “has mercy and compassion upon”

Prov 4:1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to
know understanding

The Spirit of Christ says “little children” to us 10x in Scripture...
once thru Paul and 9x thru John

a little while I am with you...cannot come:

For a little while longer they will be together...a few more hours

Then they, like the Jews (unbelieving religious leaders) will not be able to go
where He is going

John 7:32-36 Jesus told them where He was going – unto Him that sent
Him i.e. back to the Father in heaven;
they did not believe

John 8:21-24 they thought the grave, Jesus spoke of victory over the grave (the glory of God) they will not receive because they did not receive Him

Where is Jesus going that the 11 cannot come, cannot follow Him?

1. to be lifted up, to the Cross as the Father's sin sacrifice for Adam's race and the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world (as foreshadowed and foretold)
2. to descend, to the grave, the valley of the shadow of death
3. to Abraham's bosom to preach the Gospel to those in captivity
4. to the right hand of the Father, from whence He came

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God

so now I say unto you:

While there is still time (a few hours), I have much to say to you

He will reveal/teach them of things He is going to give them while He is gone

1. New commandment
2. another Comforter (**John 14:16**)
3. His peace (**John 14:27**)

v34-35 A new commandment:

Is this the "11th Commandment"?!

No, this is the fulfillment of the 10 Commandments

This one is not written by the finger of God on tables of stone,
it is written by the Spirit of God in fleshly tables of the hearts of men (Jer 31:33, 2 Cor 3:3)

"Love one another."

Rom 13:10b Love is the fulfilling of the Law

John 8:31-32

If you continue in My Word...Love
you are My disciples indeed and

1. you shall know the truth (Me, John 14:6)
2. the Truth (I) shall set you free...from the Law
 - **Rom 7:1-4**
 - **Rom 8:1-4**
3. all men will know you are My disciples

How are we to love each other?

As, in the same manner, Jesus loves us

How did Jesus love us?

Sacrificially, self-lessly, Self-lastly, supremely (unto the end, v1)

When we love each other as Jesus loves us,

- all people will know that we are followers of Jesus Christ
- our Christ-like love for each other will be
 - evidence
 - proof
 - testimony/witness
 - fruit

that cannot be denied that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of Living God

Jesus has taught us the doctrine of the Father: Love

John 7:16-17

Matt 22:36-40

Jesus is going to fulfill the doctrine of the Father

- for His Father's glory
- for the benefit of whosoever believes

As believers, "in Christ", we love as Jesus loves

- 1 John 3:14, 16, 18
- 1 John 3:22-23

That Love is

- God's very nature
 - 1 John 4:7-21
 - Love is of God...originates from/with God
 - God is Love
 - to love is to know God...His nature, His Person
 - Love initiates reconciliation
 - We are to love others as God loves us;
giving as we have received,
living water vs stagnant pool

1 Cor 13:1-8a

- Fruit of the indwelling Spirit, pleasing to the Father

Gal 5:22-26

John 15:1-8

That Love is NOT our nature or the world's nature

We need to be transformed by the renewing of our mind with...
the mind of Christ

That Love must come to and then thru us that

- we may love one another as Jesus loves us
- all people will know we are disciples of Jesus

And the people of this city/state/nation need to see Jesus!

They will see Jesus if Christ-like Love governs our
words and actions toward each other

We...the Bride of Christ...are "on display" in a dark world

Love/Light/Life...inseparable

Jesus Christ is God...Love, Light, and Life

He commands us, as His sent ones, to be Love, Light, and Love in the world

He did what He commands us to do, He empowers us to do as He did

Come receive this Love if you have not

Come receive the power to Love if you have not