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**Scared to Death of Life**  
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**John 10:1-21**

**Parable of the Good Shepherd**

<sup>1</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is a 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 name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and <sup>[a]</sup>have it abundantly.

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*. <sup>13</sup> *He flees* because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, <sup>15</sup> even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup> No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

<sup>19</sup> A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words. <sup>20</sup> Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?” <sup>21</sup> Others were saying, “These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”

**Footnotes:**

- a. John 10:10 Or *have abundance*

**Mark 16**

**The Resurrection**

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of <sup>[a]</sup>James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week,

they \*came to the tomb when the sun had risen.<sup>3</sup> They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”<sup>4</sup> Looking up, they \*saw that the stone had been rolled away, <sup>[b]</sup>although it was extremely large.<sup>5</sup> Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed.<sup>6</sup> And he \*said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him.<sup>7</sup> But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.’”<sup>8</sup> They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

<sup>9</sup> [<sup>[c]</sup>Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.<sup>10</sup> She went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping.<sup>11</sup> When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they refused to believe it.

<sup>12</sup> After that, He appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking along on their way to the country.<sup>13</sup> They went away and reported it to the others, but they did not believe them either.

### **The Disciples Commissioned**

<sup>14</sup> Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining *at the table*; and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen.<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, “**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.**<sup>16</sup> **He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.**<sup>17</sup> These <sup>[d]</sup>signs will accompany those who have believed: **in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;**<sup>18</sup> **they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”**

<sup>19</sup> So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.<sup>20</sup> And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the <sup>[e]</sup>signs that followed.]  
[<sup>[f]</sup>And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]

### **Footnotes:**

- a. Mark 16:1 Or *Jacob*
- b. Mark 16:4 Lit for
- c. Mark 16:9 Later mss add vv 9-20
- d. Mark 16:17 Or *attesting miracles*
- e. Mark 16:20 Or *attesting miracles*
- f. Mark 16:20 A few late manuscripts and versions contain this paragraph, usually after v 8; a few have it at the end of the chapter

**“Cold” by Annie Lennox**

Listen to the song by clicking the link below or copy and paste it into your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fH9COrXXRC0>

Come to me  
Do and be done with me  
(Cold cold cold)  
Don't I exist for you  
Don't I still live for you  
(Cold cold cold)  
Everything I possess  
Given with tenderness  
Wrapped in a ribbon of glass  
Time it may take us but God only knows  
How I've paid for those things in the past

Dying is easy it's living that scares me to death  
I could be so content hearing the sound of your breath  
Cold is the colour of crystal the snowlight  
That falls from the heavenly skies  
Catch me and let me dive under  
For I want to swim in the pools of your eyes

I want to be with you baby  
Slip me inside of your heart  
Don't I belong to you baby  
Don't you know that nothing can tear us apart  
Come on now come on now come on now  
Telling you that  
I loved you right from the start...  
But the more I want you the less I get  
Ain't that just the way things are...

Winter has frozen us  
Let love take hold of us  
(Cold cold cold)  
Now we are shivering  
Blue ice is glittering  
(Cold cold cold)

Cold is the colour of crystal the snowlight  
That falls from the heavenly skies  
Catch me and let me dive under  
For I want to swim in the pools of your eyes

## Proverbs 22:1-16

### On Life and Conduct

<sup>1</sup> A *good* name is to be more desired than great wealth,  
Favor is better than silver and gold.

<sup>2</sup> The rich and the poor <sup>[a]</sup>have a common bond,  
The LORD is the maker of them all.

<sup>3</sup> The prudent sees the evil and hides himself,  
But the <sup>[b]</sup>naive go on, and are punished for it.

<sup>4</sup> The reward of humility *and* the <sup>[c]</sup>fear of the LORD  
Are riches, honor and life.

<sup>5</sup> Thorns *and* snares are in the way of the perverse;  
He who guards himself will be far from them.

<sup>6</sup> Train up a child <sup>[d]</sup>in the way he should go,  
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

<sup>7</sup> The rich rules over the poor,  
And the borrower *becomes* the lender's slave.

<sup>8</sup> He who sows iniquity will reap vanity,  
And the rod of his fury will perish.

<sup>9</sup> He who <sup>[e]</sup>is generous will be blessed,  
For he gives some of his food to the poor.

<sup>10</sup> Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go out,  
Even strife and dishonor will cease.

<sup>11</sup> He who loves purity of heart  
And <sup>[f]</sup>whose speech is gracious, the king is his friend.

<sup>12</sup> The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge,  
But He overthrows the words of the treacherous man.

<sup>13</sup> The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside;  
I will be killed in the streets!"

<sup>14</sup> The mouth of <sup>[g]</sup>an adulteress is a deep pit;  
He who is cursed of the LORD will fall <sup>[h]</sup>into it.

<sup>15</sup> Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;  
The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

<sup>16</sup> He who oppresses the poor to make <sup>[i]</sup>more for himself  
Or who gives to the rich, *will* only *come to* poverty.

**Footnotes:**

- a. Proverbs 22:2 Lit *meet together*
- b. Proverbs 22:3 Lit *simple*
- c. Proverbs 22:4 Or *reverence*
- d. Proverbs 22:6 Lit *according to his way*
- e. Proverbs 22:9 Lit *has a good eye*
- f. Proverbs 22:11 Lit *has grace on his lips*
- g. Proverbs 22:14 Lit *strange woman*
- h. Proverbs 22:14 Lit *there*
- i. Proverbs 22:16 Lit *much*

**Acts 20:35**

<sup>35</sup> In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’**”

**“Sweet Hour of Prayer” by William W. Walford, 1845**

Listen to the song by clicking the link below or copy and paste it into your browser:

<https://vimeo.com/63276651>

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father’s throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare,  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
The joys I feel, the bliss I share,  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
With strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
Where God my Savior shows His face,  
And gladly take my station there,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face,

- Believe His Word and trust His grace,  
 I'll cast on Him my every care,  
 And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
4. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
 May I thy consolation share,  
 Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,  
 I view my home and take my flight.  
 This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise  
 To seize the everlasting prize,  
 And shout, while passing through the air,  
 "Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

### **Romans 8:26-39**

#### **Our Victory in Christ**

<sup>26</sup> In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup> and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the <sup>[a]</sup>saints according to *the will of God*.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that <sup>[b]</sup>God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; <sup>30</sup> and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; <sup>34</sup> who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was <sup>[c]</sup>raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of <sup>[d]</sup>Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written,

“FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;  
 WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”

<sup>37</sup> But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **Footnotes:**

1. Romans 8:27 Or *holy ones*
2. Romans 8:28 One early ms reads *all things work together for good*
3. Romans 8:34 One early ms reads *raised from the dead*
4. Romans 8:35 Two early mss read *God*

## John 14:16-31

### Role of the Spirit

<sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and He will give you another <sup>[a]</sup>Helper, that He may be with you forever;  
<sup>17</sup> *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> <sup>[b]</sup>After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will live also. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.” <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) \*said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. <sup>28</sup> You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; <sup>31</sup> but so that the world may know that I love the Father, <sup>[c]</sup>I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.

### Footnotes:

- a. John 14:16 Gr *Paracletos*, one called alongside to help; or *Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor*
- b. John 14:19 Lit *Yet a little and the world*
- c. John 14:31 Lit *and as the Father...so I do*

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