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## The Book of John

Lesson 39 brethren

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Read: John 20: 1-31

He says in verse 17, *I ascend unto ... my God*, He is not denying His deity; He is declaring union with believers. Do you remember John 12:24? *Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone*: Here is Jesus; and here are the disciples around Him or following Him; but they are not one with Him There is never any indication that they are anymore more than disciples/followers/servants. There is nothing spoken in the Bible about union. In John 17:22, do you remember when Jesus prayed that they all maybe one - future tense. As we are one that thou maybe in them and they in me and I am in you.

He is risen from the dead; now it is possible, Go tell my... - not disciples, but my brethren. John 20:17 - That is union. Go tell my brethren that we now have the same Father. We now have the same God. He is already speaking of this idea that because I have been glorified, we are now one. Romans 8:29 says when He rose from the dead He was *the firstborn among many brethren*. How about that? It is family relationship; not possible in His life, but possible after His death in His resurrection.

How about this prophecy regarding the Messiah? You know Psalm 22, *My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?* This is prophecy about Jesus, He is on the cross. Verse 6, *But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men...* Verse 7. *All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head...* Verse 8. *He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him...* Verse 13. *They gaped upon me with their mouths...* Verse 16. (Look at the end of that verse.) *...they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.* Verse 18. *They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.* This is all about the crucifixion – look at verse 22. *I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.* His brethren! What is the result of the crucifixion? Family. We are not servants or disciples of a master. We are brethren, His body, His building, His church, it is union – we are one with Christ.

When Joseph came out of prison into a place of dignity and honor, he has been through all of those things that typify him as Jesus Christ. The Bible says in Genesis 45:15, *Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.* That happened when Joseph came

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out and was given power and authority and dominion. Look at Hebrews 2:9-12. *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. For both he that sanctifieth (That is the Lord.) and they who are sanctified (That is the believers.) are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.* Let us look at this dispensationally. The Psalms refers to the resurrection and Hebrews interprets the Psalms as being a reference to the church. So divide the word; do not build walls in the word.

Psalms 22; Hebrews 2; John 20; Romans 8 are all talking about my blessing as a result of Christ dying and rising from the dead.

In verse 18, *Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.* I doubt that they understood. But, she went and told them which is good. Verse 19. *Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews,* What is the different in their lives comparing John 20:19 and Acts 2. The difference is the Holy Spirit. Once hiding for fear inside closed doors now, boldly out in the street preaching. The Holy Spirit, no doubt about it.

Verse 19b. - *came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.* Here we need to place ourselves in this situation. Why did He say, Peace be unto you? My guess is because they are freaking out, The doors are still shut and locked and all of a sudden Jesus is standing in the midst

Verse 20. *And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side.* Remember the note in our last lesson about why would we think that the body of Jesus was healed when He rose from the dead? It accomplishes nothing to show them His hands if there was no nail-print. What would be the purpose to show them his side if there was no wound there?

All I want you to do, when you are reading your Bible is – listen – but do not get trapped into interpreting the Bible in light of somebody else's ideas. Let the Bible just be the Bible. Always remember that commentaries maybe wrong, stick with the Bible and common sense.

Verse 21. *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.* He was sent into the world; what did He tell Pilate? I came to bear witness of the truth. He is going to send them into the

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world to bear witness of that truth. Jesus said, upon this rock I will build my church. They were sent into the world to build His Church. This is a very important verse of scripture.

Verse 22. *And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*

(1.) It is obvious the disciples received the Holy Ghost before the day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

(2.) They did not ask for it, pray for it and were not looking for it. He just gave it to them.

(3.) This is the birth of the church. Let me give you the summary. There are three groups in scripture. First Corinthians 10:32, the Jew, the Gentile and the church of God.

(a) The Gentile in Genesis 1 and Genesis 2, God forms a body. It is a body but it has no life. He breathes into that body the breath of life and the Gentiles begin right there, the nations of the earth.

(b) The nation of Israel (The Jew). In Ezekiel 37, bone to bone... flesh covering bones... sinew to sinew. There is a body. But it has no life. He has formed a body but it has not life. He breathes into that body and life enters that body. That is the birth of the Jew right there. The nation born in a day. It does not happen in Exodus; it happens at the close of the tribulation time.

(c) Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, for three and half years, Jesus has formed a body. It has no life in it. Disciples, of men, women, fishermen, tax collectors, and so forth. He has a body, but there is no life in that body. There it is in the upper room and He breathes on that body, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." They are receiving the Holy Ghost. He said I will not leave you comfortless. I will come unto you. He is about to go back to His Father and if they do not have the Holy Ghost from the time of His ascension to the day of Pentecost, Jesus' word is void; because He would have left them comfortless. This is an advance of the day of Pentecost, Jesus giving the Holy Ghost to His disciples.

Notes

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Read: John 20: 1-31

1. What does verse 14 teach us about the resurrection?
2. What connection does verse 15 make to Genesis?
3. Compare verse 16 with John 10:1-5. What do we learn of Jesus?
4. Compare verse 16 with John 10:1-5. What do we learn of Mary?
5. Why did Jesus ascend (1Corinthians 15:25; Leviticus 23:10-11)?
6. In light of Ephesians 4:8, did He go alone?
7. Why did Jesus refer to the Father as His God?
8. Who is the first person to preach the New Testament gospel?
9. According to verse 19 did the disciples yet believe?
10. What does verse 19 teach us of the resurrection body?

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11. What is the cure for fear?
12. What is the source of Christian joy?
13. Explain the commission of verse 21:
14. What does verse 19 teach about Jesus' proper place in the church?
15. Why did the disciples fear the Jews?
16. What does John 20:22 teach regarding?
  - The Holy Spirit's relation to the disciples prior to Calvary?
  - The Holy Spirit's relation to the disciples prior to Pentecost?
  - The birth of the church?

## True/false

- Pentecost began in Acts 2.
- Jesus' body was healed when He rose from the dead.
- The serious Bible student, should let the Bible define the Bible and not rely upon commentaries to interpret the Bible.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV) Hebrews 2:9-12; Psalms 22:22.

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