

John's Gospel @ CF!

John 15:26-16:15

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JOHN 15... Still moving on!

Last week, I mentioned how important context is,

... We are able to see it in a “*wider beam*.”

... This gives us a broader perspective and greater insight.

CONTEXT is one of the most important things to know in just about any conversation...

THIS IS TRUE of all of life...

- Helps us to understand intent more clearly**
- Helps us to understand word use more clearly**

CONTEXT –

- “SIT!” “STAY!” says the man around the corner... only to see him with his big dog!**
 - Not his kid**
 - Not his wife**
 - THAT makes a LOT more sense!**

Last week, we went over instruction Jesus to His Disciples – warnings of the opposition that was to come.

But all of this was to be faced with a countenance that only the Lord can provide, With the words Jesus spoke just before...

John 15:11

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

THIS joy – the joy that Jesus gives is deep and abiding gladness, or contentment.

THIS joy is not dependent on circumstances

THIS is a joy that Jesus gives... “...that **MY JOY** may be in you...”

- *Even if the world vehemently hates you...
(What we covered last week...)*

John 15:18

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.”

“The World” – Kosmos... *the world system*

- Corruption
- Hate
- Greed
- ANTI God
- Those in the world do not surrender to God as their authority.

THIS is the World that hates Jesus... And hates the Jesus IN us.

Hate in the **Greek, miseō** - means **“to detest,” “to reject,” or “to regard with deep hostility.”**

The **Bible** carries with it, ***more than just a dislike*** – it has a **relational**, even **covenantal aspect** to it.

It is an **opposition and rejection of allegiance** in full.

Jesus was preparing His disciples for what was to come...

Jesus knows, and has known all along He would be opposed.

Why?

Because the world hates the light that a Holy God shines... God's light exposes darkness...

There is a clear clashing of Worlds

Re: Hate -

- **God hates evil**
- **The world hates God**

Re: Love –

- **God's love for the world** (John 3:16) offers **salvation in spite of all that.**
- **The world's “love of darkness”** (John 3:19) **resists that salvation.**

While it is true the world will oppose them, as they have Jesus, they will not be left “high and dry.”

AND... THIS is where we left off last week and pick up today...

You may notice we are doing things a bit differently today...

(John text handouts)

There are some very important things to see today that I believe will be very important to all of us moving forward...

Many of us have heard messages about the role of the Holy Spirit, and His work in our lives – some have not.

- There can be confusion**
- There are many different ways church express the role of the Holy Spirit in their worship and practices -**

Today, we come to some very important... critical teaching for the Disciples... Who were (eventually) going to literally change the world...

They did not do it on their own...

There is no way they would have been able to.

Today, we are going to look at one of the go-to passages, when it comes to understanding the third-person of the Trinity... The Holy Spirit

- We will be taking these verses and looking at them up-close and personal.
- We will take this week and next to do so.

You have the verses with lots of room on it for you to use today.

I would encourage you to take notes...

IF YOU ARE ONLINE... grab your Bible and a notepad...!

I am going to be reading the verses... **MAKE NOTES on your page** about the things that are helpful for you in your journey with Holy Spirit.

I will to start by reading the whole of what is on your sheet... to help us understand the context.

Follow along on your sheet (or your Bibles if you are online)...

THEN we will be going through these verses and you can note whatever is helpful for you...

John 15:26-16:15 (ESV)

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

16 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Now that we have read it, grab a pen, and let’s go through this together...

John 15:26-16:15 (ESV)

²⁶ *“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth,”*

- “...when...” Jesus told them already in John 14, the Holy Spirit would come.
 - 14:16, “...I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter), to be with you forever.”
 - 14:26, “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 have said to you.”

Jesus told them earlier, but in this moment, I could imagine it would be especially important...

“...who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”

- This is a very “Trinitarian” verse, the Holy Spirit...
 - Relationship
 - Sent by Jesus (post resurrection)
 - From the Father
 - Partnership
 - “Tag teaming” with Jesus
 - Will bear (continual) witness
 - Role within the Trinity
 - Helper/paraclete
 - Spirit of Truth
 - Holy Spirit will bear witness

- Seen in the book of Acts (of the HS)
 - Pentecost – Tongues of fire
 - Good News proclaimed
 - Heard in “their own tongue”
 - Many were added on that day
 - Healings
 - Signs and wonders
- Jesus is speaking these words of comfort right after some very difficult words that they will be hated as Jesus is/was hated by “the world.”

“27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

Jesus is giving them the “punch line” before even more difficult words would be spoken by Him.

- They “will bear witness” – prophetic
- They will be ready, “... because you have been with Me...”

This is grace. This is Jesus letting them know they will be alright, because they will be in the middle of His will and under His authority.

16 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.”

- “...to keep you from...” (same as, “so that you would not”)

So... you would not have...?

- Opposition?
- Difficulty?

- Sorrow?
- Hardship?
- Poverty?
- Hunger?
- Feeling completely exhausted?
- Possibly feeling all alone (if out on a mission)

No... none of these things...

- **“...to keep you from falling away.”**
 - **“skan-dal-id'-zo – To stumble, fall away**
 - **They would experience ALL the rest... but Jesus gave them warning, AND partnership with God – the Holy Spirit.**

I do not think it is possible to over-state the horror of what was about to take place, on every level

- The betrayal
- The false trial
- The beating of the worst kind in that day - barely shy of killing Jesus
- The rejection of the crowd and call for Barabbas
- The crucifixion
- The mockery by religious leaders who were to be representing God

THEN...

- The earthquake
- The spear and quick death of Jesus
- The burial

- The separation

- The dashing of all dreams
- The total discombobulation
- The aloneness...

Jesus knows all of this, and continues to tell them what was coming...

² They will put you out of the synagogues.

- Being “put out,” would likely not be a total shock
 - They have been driven out of many...
 - But that was because of Jesus
 - Now it will be because of their own testimony
- Jesus was using stronger words than just being “escorted out...”

“Put you out...”

- They were going to be excluded (permanently)
- They were going to be excommunicated
 - They would be totally out
 - This would be a total rupture of relationship
 - This is what many around the world experience with their Family of Origin
 - This is what may have happened to you with your own family or friend groups

Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

- More than being excommunicated... many will be executed.

- Not only will they be misunderstood, they will be killed
 - First with Stephen (Acts 7) Then James, brother of John (Acts 12)
 - They will be...
 - Remembered as a martyr by fellow believers
 - Remembered as apostate by some
- This was true in the Disciple's day... and has been true throughout history, including today

This is a lesson Peter clearly learned throughout his life and ministry –

1 Peter 4:12-14

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Peter writes these words some 30 years after Jesus spoke these words to him and the rest...

Jesus adds...

³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.

LAST WEEK –

We read words Jesus spoke just before this... but for our own memory,

John 15:18-21

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

PAUSE

The irony... THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO KNOW!!

- They were the church leaders!
- They were the teachers of Torah!
- They were supposed to represent the people to God as the Priests and God to the people, as the Prophets... They did not.
- **INSTEAD** they opposed the very plan of God in Jesus – in the fullest way possible... killing Jesus and then killing (or being responsible) for the killing of many of the Disciples..
- Jesus called them, “the world.”

Why would they do this?

They did not know the plan of God

They did not know God

- His heart for redeeming the lost
- His plan to redeem the world

- Not just the Jews
- This was His plan all along

“⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

- Jesus cared for His sheep like a Good Shepherd
- Jesus told them what was coming in the long-term because He was no longer going to be with them
 - Jesus was setting them up for success
 - He told them of the opposition
 - He told them of the help that would be on the way – the Holy Spirit.

⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

- Technically, both Peter and Thomas both did ask, but this had a different meaning
 - They asked because they didn’t want to be left alone
 - They did not ask where He was going...

We will pick it up again here next week!

- While Jesus will no longer be with them, the Holy Spirit WILL BE – And He (HS) is a total game-changer!