


TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS



JOHN'S ODESSEY OF JESUS

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
FOR CHILDREN

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PREFACE

When Homer, the blind poet of Greece wrote his great stories of Odysseus he used a little word which meant the “story continues” or the “hero goes on”. The word simply means “There’s more”. In our bibles the word is “therefore” but we will use the great old meaning “here’s more to think about”

John, once a young fisherman disciple gives us many stories in 7 episodes -wonderful words and actions so stunning, beautiful and full of care for all.

Like Ulysses- Homer’s hero who went in a great quest Jesus came from heaven to die to forgive our sins and make sure we could go to heaven by faith in Him. John follows Jesus in this aim from the day God spoke to him at Jordan to the day when John had his last walk with Jesus by the Sea of Galilee before the Lord went back to heaven.

Through these stories may you find Jesus and come to love Him as your own friend.

More about Jesus would I know
More of his grace to others show.
More of his saving fullness see
More of his love who died for me.

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THE WORDS AND DEEDS OF JESUS OF NAZARETH
THE SON OF GOD

THE ODESSEY OF JESUS PART 1

INTRODUCTION 1.(1-1-3.21)

Do you like questions? Some are very hard like "What is the tallest building in the world? Some are easy like "Who is your teacher?" John the Baptist was asked "Are you the man Israel is expects to rule the world?" John said "No!" and he said it three times. He said "I am not Elijah back from the dead! I am not the prophet like Moses! I am just Isaiah's herald of Messiah preparing the way!"

ADVENTURE 1(1.21-24)

So Jesus' written adventures begin close to the lowest point on earth near where the river Jordan flows into the Dead Sea-not far from Sodom. There God the Father's voice showed how pleased He was that His own Son had come to stop another Sodom and save our lives from destruction. 1 Just at the place where the wandering Jews who had been slaves entered a land flowing with milk and honey Jesus was baptised and the Holy Spirit came like a wrestler and a dove from heaven to wrestle men's hearts from Satan. The adventures of Jesus to bring joy and peace to man had begun.

ADVENTURE 2(1 25-28) As God's Son Jesus did amazing things we call "miracles" and soon after in Cana near His home town of Nazareth at a wedding He turned water into wine; at first this seems strange but it tells us that Jesus as creator started His adventures among men with a man and a woman meeting their needs and making them so happy from the start. So we know that Jesus is greater than any prophet. He is the Great Creator. This is very important.

ADVENTURE 3 (2.19)

Jesus' next adventure was in the city of Jerusalem. There stood the world's loveliest building-the temple. Inside men were selling cattle and pigeons. This was God's house built for prayer and worship. He was God's Son and wanted the house built for His name to be used right.

ADVENTURE 4 (2.22)

The priests who got money from the sales were angry that he took this in his own hands. When they questioned Him Jesus said in His final great adventure He would pull down

the temple and built it again in three days. He was speaking of his own body and His great power to bring Himself and even us to live again after death.

THE ODESSEY OF JESUS PART (3.22-4.54)

ADVENTURE 5 (3.25)

Will the real hero stand up? The priests of the Jews made sacrifices for sins. John simply baptised at a place of water springs calling them to repentance without offerings. People asked "Who is right?" Then one day Jesus came and John called Him the sacrifice or Lamb of God. John said "forgiveness" was not a gift anyone could receive - it belonged to God and Jesus had it because he was God.

ADVENTURE 6 (3.29)

At a wedding the groom has a friend called "the best man". He praises the groom and sits down to let the groom speak. Jesus was the groom - John loved to hear Him speak. *His words were God's words.* Faith in Him (Jesus) would bring eternal life. *To John Jesus was the real Hero.*

THE GALILEE TIME 7 (4.1)

Jesus knew that the Holy Men of Jerusalem were worried because *people were going to Him for help.* That didn't stop Jesus; he took His work north to the busy cities of Galilee. Anyway Jesus was not baptising but his disciples. He went on because He had a far greater baptism to bring for in Jerusalem itself He would pour down the Holy Spirit. John was right; Jesus was not looking for people afraid of God's wrath but for people who loved Him as a bride loves the groom. People will do anything for their friend *and Jesus was a true friend.*

ADVENTURE 8 (4.4-5) Samaria Episode 1

Jesus had to pass through Samaria. It was a must if He was to meet people He really wanted to help. He stopped at a well on some ground that believe it or not was given to his ancestor Joseph by his father Jacob. In a sense it belonged to Jesus. Jesus brought a greater gift than water that keeps life going a while; He brought the gift of "Life" that never ends.

ADVENTURE 9(4. 6) Episode 2 Jesus had walked 40 miles to Sychar and in very hot weather to get the good news to a woman who needed her life changed. Jesus' feet were weary for the road was rough. He lay on the well top like a king resting on a throne. It was 12 noon. A woman came to get water. If Jesus disciples had been there they

would have asked the woman for water but they had gone to the village shops for food and so Jesus asked the woman to get Him a drink. She was in no hurry to give Him a drink; instead she started to argue. *Jesus continued as heroes do for He understands and cares even when we are difficult.*

ADVENTURE 10 (4.9) Samaria Episode 3 The woman was very surprised that Jesus did not walk away. She asked why as a Jew he even talked to her. Jesus said that if she knew who she was talking to she could have asked for eternal life and He would have given it to her. Jesus still had no drink,

ADVENTURE 9 (4.12) Samaria Episode 4

The woman said "You couldn't get a drink. The well is deep. (I've been to the well and dropped a stone down. It is about 80 feet deep) She knew Jesus would need a bucket. She asked Jesus who did He think He was-was He greater than Jacob who gave the well that provided water for 1 600 years. Jesus said the water of life He gave would be eternal. Jesus asked her to bring her husband. She denied having a husband. Jesus told her she had 5 husbands and was now with another man. She began to argue about where to worship. Jesus said this was a special time and God sought true worship with the help of the Holy Spirit. She said she had heard of the Jewish Messiah's coming. Jesus said "I am he!" The disciples came back with food but were stunned that Jesus was talking to a foreign enemy of the Jews but they said nothing.

ADVENTURE 10 (4.28) Samaria Episode 5

The woman was changed. How do we know? We know because she left her water pot for Jesus to use to get a drink from the deep well and off she went to town to get the men she knew. She was very sure Jesus was Messiah and from now on he was her hero too. She said to them "Is this not the men she knew "Come see a man that told me all that I ever did? Is not this the Messiah? For the woman Jesus was special - *her hero.*

ADVENTURE 11 (4.30) Samaria Episode 6

Jesus could see the Samaritan men coming and the woman with them-what a sight! He was overjoyed but the disciples were concerned about Jesus having no food and tried to get Jesus to eat. He said "I have food you don't know about" They thought somebody else had given Him food. It was really the joy of seeing others sharing the life He could give. *Jesus like every hero put the welfare of others before his own.*

ADVENTURE 12 (4.33) Samaria Episode 7

Jesus said "My food is to do the Father's will and *to complete his work.*

Jesus knew that meant dying on a cross. *That is the mark of a Hero* –being willing to die for others. You are saying “Four months and it will be harvest” (It was in December or January when this happened). I say it is harvest now. Jesus was not thinking of barley but about the men who would believe on Him. He then told the disciples that He was the seed sower and they were the reapers. After Jesus ascension Philip reaped a great harvest in Samaria.

ADVENTURE 13 (4.40) Samaria Episode 8

As the Samaritans came out to Jesus and believed they asked him to stay near or close by and He stayed two days. Many more believed and said it was not because of the woman was chatting with them but because of the ideas he spoke about. They knew from hearing him that he was the true Hero and Saviour of the whole world.

ADVENTURE 14 (4.45)

When Jesus returned to Galilee after two days He had a much better welcome than before because during the holidays Galileans at Jerusalem saw him cast out the money men from the house of God which had been like an indoor market before. They admired Him – He was something of a hero now though they thought nothing of Him before.

ADVENTURE 15 (4.46) The King's man Episode 1

Jesus came right to Cana where he had been at a wedding. Some think that wedding was that of his friend John. He would be very welcome there because He had given the happy couple who had not enough money for the banquet such joy through making water into wine. He was their hero and very good friend. One of King Herod's servants had a son close to death and he asked Jesus to come and heal him. I have been to Cana – the miracle is remembered there even today.

ADVENTURE 16 (4.48) The King's man Episode 2

Jesus knew the heart of the King's servant (some think he was Herod's chancellor) was hard. Jesus challenged him “You will definitely not believe (in me) unless you see signs and wonders!” The man pleaded “Please come before my son dies!” Jesus commanded “Go, March – ‘I wish your son shall live.” And the man believed in the mighty word Jesus spoke and was already setting off without more ado. When he made the descent toward the lake his servants met him with the news that the boy is now very lively.

ADVENTURE 17 (4.52) The King's man Episode 3

The boy's dad was so happy. “When did he begin to improve?” he asked. “Yesterday about one o'clock” they answered. It was then that the fever just went away. O boy!

Jesus was king of that man's heart from that moment and his hero for ever! He was Herod's top man too.

ADVENTURE 18 (4.53) The King's man Episode 4

The boy's dad knew one o'clock was the exact hour when Jesus said "Your son shall live". He believed in Jesus and so did those servants and his wife and her maids. His wife seems to have been Chuza who supported Jesus in His journeys through every city and village of Israel-she was a very, very grateful mum to whom Jesus was a hero for ever. This was Jesus second sign since He came from Jerusalem.

THE ODESSEY OF JESUS PART (5.1-5.47)

The story goes on to tell the main event of the second Passover at Jerusalem. Jesus boldly challenged the Jews to believe.

ADVENTURE 19 (5.4) A pool of seven porches Episode 1

Jesus had courage to loosen the silly Saturday rules...

There was a pool very near to where people think the Virgin Mary's mum lived. Jesus went in there one day and asked a man who was ill for 38 years if he wanted to be back to full health. He replied "I have no man to put me into the healing waters!" Jesus said "Arise take up your bed and walk!" Strait away he began his walking adventure in the city.

ADVENTURE 20 (5.10) Bethesda Episode 2

Jesus wanted Saturday to be a day when Jews proclaimed faith in Him as the maker of the world and the One who looks after every one of us.

Now it was Saturday the Jewish day of do nothing but worship when Jesus healed the man. Jews saw this man go on his adventure with his bed on his shoulders -a thing unheard of on Saturday. They asked who gave him permission to do it. He did not know Jesus but said the man who healed him told him to do it.

ADVENTURE 21 (5.12) Bethesda Episode 3

Jesus knows how we fail Him but loves us just the same; what a Hero and friend!

The Jews said "Who is the man?" "I don't know" he said. Jesus had left the pool porches by now. The man adventured into the temple for the first time in 38 years to praise God and there Jesus - the Man who healed him was waiting. Jesus cautioned him not to sin again. What had he done? Only Jesus knew. Now what he did was go out and

shout that Jesus told him to break the Law of Moses. When Jesus asked him to “walk” he was asking him to be an example of doing all things well on the Sabbath.

ADVENTURE 22 (5.18) Bethesda –Episode 4

Our hero goes around doing well.

The Jews were so mad that Jesus came back on the second Passover and challenged how they kept Sabbath that they planned to kill Him. Jesus said publicly that the Father was fully involved in the work he did. The Jews sought to kill him even more because He made himself equal to the Father.

ADVENTURE 23 (5.19)

Our hero stays the course and restates His purpose to die for us!

Jesus went on to make clear that like God He could create; like God He could raise the dead; like God He could judge mankind. He even stated that it is His voice that awakes the dead. He said some dead will awake from now on and live. He even insisted this hour had come. At the last He said whole billions of dead would answer his voice. Then he reminded them of what John said He would die as the Lamb of God. He said he would complete that task (dying on the cross). He then said Moses spoke of him as the uplifted servant of God and if they would not believe Moses or the scriptures they would condemn themselves.

THE ODESSEY OF JESUS PART (6.1-6.71)

THOUSANDS FORSAKE OUR HERO ADVENTURE 24 (6.5)

After a great mountain experience with his disciples that John says nothing about Jesus sailed close to Tiberias. The Passover holiday was coming up and people were taking a break. Five thousand people were streaming out from the city and other towns and villages to a hill to see Jesus. Our hero wanted to give them some food and asked Philip for his ideas. He said it was too costly. Then Andrew said “Right among us is there is a little boy whose mum packed him five rolls and two fish –would they help?” Jesus smiled and spoke to the little boy who gave his lunch to his Hero. Jesus got them to sit on the grass and fed everybody by multiplying the bread and fish and even the boy had more than enough to eat.

ADVENTURE 24 (6.13)

The boat was close and some fishermen disciples ran to the water's edge and brought back 12 fishing baskets. Why did they bring so many? Because they saw that Jesus had made so much fish and so many rolls out of the lunch that the people could eat no more and it would have to be taken home. There was a basket for every tribe of Israel.

ADVENTURE 25 ((6.14)

There were men watching Jesus for some time just producing bread from his hands as if from nowhere. What could they say about this mystery? They said that nobody could hide the fact that Jesus was the great prophet –the rising star or hero of the world.

ADVENTURE 26 (6.15)

Jesus went away across the country to “the mountain” when lots of men were gathering carry him off to a city and make him king. He had come as a humble servant and hero of the loving heart. He did not want to be a proud king but to serve men and to die for our sins.

ADVENTURE 27 (6.19)

The disciples rowed home alone that evening. They had rowed two or more miles when a storm arose with heavy seas. Then they saw a sight no-one had ever seen-Jesus was walking to help them on top of the water. They were very scared thinking this is a sign that we will drown. But when He was close enough to be heard above the wind he said “I am (God)”. Jesus had used the great words Jews used for Almighty God. Jesus is the kind of hero who is there when His friends get into trouble.

ADVENTURE 28 (6.20)

Because Jesus came just when they needed Him and encouraged them they were very glad to have him in the boat. John tells us a most unusual second miracle happened. From being out in the depths of the sea the boat arrived at the shore without another pull of the oars. The heroics of Jesus life continued. He was master of gravity. He was master of space and time. He was God.

ADVENTURE 29 (6.24)

Still even on the next day those across the bay saw no other boat on shore except the little craft the disciples entered and Jesus was not in that one though boats from Tiberias came close by when Jesus had been praying before eating. The crowds saw nobody around where they had eaten so they laboured across on bigger boats and came to Capernaum. They found him on the other side and asked “Rabbi how did you get here?” Jesus said “It is the truth that you love eating your fill and you don't care

what the signs point out. You must not put in so much effort for bread that goes stale but look for what feeds you eternally.” “God has put His signet ring on me as the Son of Man.” That was the answer to the question “How did you get here?”

ADVENTURE 30 (6.28)

“What can we do to we may work the works of God?” Jesus said “The heroic work is God’s so that you may believe in that one He has sent”. So God does the heavy lifting and ours is the light duty to simply trust our heroic LORD to carry us over our past, through our problems and to heaven at last by grace.

ADVENTURE 31 (6.29b)

“They were speaking to Him-to God Himself.” The little word “Speak” means they were confronting God Himself with the big ask. They were on the right scent. They were agreeing that it had to be that way around. God created the way and man enjoyed the benefit.

ADVENTURE 32 (6.30)

So what sign will you create that we may see it and believe in you? What tough task will you do? There was once a big sign and huge task when *Moses gave a sign* and fed a few millions of our fathers for forty years in the desert!” God gave them bread from heaven. They were saying to Jesus-our hero would be in that league.

ADVENTURE 33 (6.32)

Jesus corrected those men and reminded them that Moses said God gave the manna (Exodus 16.15). “My Father”, he said, “they (both) desired to give you the genuine bread from heaven.” Jesus was speaking of God’s desire to give more than manna which kept them going for 40 years but to send Jesus the hero of all history to give eternal life.

ADVENTURE 34 (6.34)

They said to Jesus “Always give us the best the genuine bread” Jesus said “I am bread of life; he that comes to me will not pine for more. He that believes in me will never thirst. But you have me on the scene and have not believed. I have come to do the creative work my Father wills. Whoever believes I will make to stand up again in the last day. Not one will be missing. Whoever thinks deeply about the Son of God and believes I will make him stand again in the end time.

ADVENTURE 35 (6.41)

The Jews were not convinced. “How can this son of Joseph whose father and mother we know say “I am the bread that steps down the stairs from heaven?” Long ago Jacob saw angels on a ladder or stairway from heaven and Jesus was saying that he has been

on that stairway too. Jesus is the wonderful link with the Father who has often visited man and who came to stay for over 30 years like the manna but those who saw Him murmured like they did at the manna.

ADVENTURE 36 (6.42)

The problem the people had was they thought Jesus was Joseph's son so they said "How could the same person say He has come from heaven?" Like many people today they did not know the full story. They did not know the Christmas story and the facts that John knew for he cared for Mary first in Judea and then in Ephesus. In Ephesus he found her a quiet home on a lovely hill overlooking the city and the sea. You can go there today and see it.

ADVENTURE 37 (6.43)

Jesus simply said "Don't get into a tangle!" "Nobody can come to me unless the Father in heaven drags him like a boat into the water or a plough behind oxen." But the one that comes I will make to stand up (with me) when history as we know it ends. The bible says "You will be taught by God" (Isaiah 54.13). So the love of God the Father draws us to Jesus and the power of Jesus will make sure that if we really trust Him we are still standing when this world is run not by our leaders but by Jesus who is coming back with Christians of all earlier ages. What a promise! Who would miss living for Jesus? Odesseus, the Greek hero came back in a story that is a myth but Jesus is really coming back to be king!

ADVENTURE 38 (6.45)

You have heard dad or mum say "Listen and learn". Jesus said that.

Jesus said we could hear God speaking but only He could see Him. Jesus compared Himself to the Manna that came quietly night by night in the desert to feed Israel in Moses' day. On Christmas morning he was there in Bethlehem. Every morning you too can meet Him in prayer. When you start talking to Him thank Him for coming to die to forgive your sins. You can then share your life with Him and make Him your hero and friend forever.

ADVENTURE 39 (6.52)

There was a real battle of words when Jesus said He would die to bring them to God and forgive them. They argued till they were blue in the face. "This man" through His life to give us eternal life - not likely!" they would say. They thought He was not able to forgive or provide everlasting life. But Jesus Christ was God. That is what John is saying over and over again.

ADVENTURE 40 (6.53)

Jesus was in Capernaum teaching. He had three lessons. (1) Anyone who can chew over and digests why I came in the flesh and died has eternal life (2) Anyone who digests why I came to die and enjoys the forgiveness I give will remain a close friend in my circle for ever (3) Anyone who keeps freshly enjoying the strength I give on earth in forgiving sinners through my death will live from now right on until the age to come with me. Jesus was challenging everybody in that church to take the biggest adventure of this lives by trusting in Him. ADVENTURE 41 (6.60)

When is a hero not a hero? When he disappoints! Jesus' disciples found His words hard to grasp-not to their taste and didn't want to listen again. He knew they were murmuring. He said "Are you falling over this? Does this offend you? Is my death a problem or a blessing?"

ADVENTURE 42(6.62)

The other side of the coin of Jesus' death is His resurrection. Our heroic Lord said "What if you see me go back where I first came from?" The resurrection of Jesus is the happy ending of His life adventure.

Jesus knew in advance he would up into the sky and off to heaven.

Jesus knew that Judas was among those who did not believe. He would stand listening about Jesus death & God's gift of the Spirit but Satan stole his heart. Those who don't believe miss the greatest things in life and face death with all its terror.

ADVENTURE 43 (6.67)

Did you know many Jesus taught just stopped listening? They forsook our hero. Jesus saw them move away and said to the twelve "Have you not chosen be one with them? Jesus wants to know from the start if we intend to be loyal!

ADVENTURE 44 (6.68)

Peter the big fisherman really admired Jesus since he saw him still the storm and heal his wife's mother. He said "Lord, if we marched off who could lead us like you? You have words that bring us the reality of eternal life. We trust and already know you are God's Son!" Jesus answered that "I selected you and one of you is an adversary. " He talked of Judas -even then one of the twelve- who was ready to have Him handed over.

THE ODESSEY OF JESUS PART V (7.1-10.21)

Jesus teaches in Galilee determined not to teach in Judea where they looked to kill Him. The Passover was near-it was spring time

ADVENTURE 45 (7.3)

In Jesus' family there were some brothers who suggested he leave Galilee and let his disciples show the Judean leaders the miracles He was doing. They told Him that nobody does anything secretly and speaks to promote himself publicly. If you are doing these creative things let the world see you. But His brothers had that big "If" because they did not (yet) believe He was God's Son

ADVENTURE 46 (7.6) THE MAN OF THE HOUR

Jesus replied "My moment is not the present-your right time is always the present. The world does not hate you but it does hate me because I give witness that its works are evil and wrong. But you go to the feast! I am not going up yet to this feast for my chosen moment has not yet fully come." Jesus remained in Galilee.

ADVENTURE 47 (7.11)

Waiting till His brothers went to the Passover He then went up but not openly but in secret. Therefore the Judeans sought Him saying "Where is that outstanding man?" And there was a lot of talk among the crowds. On the one hand they said "He is a good man"; others said "No-He deceives the populace!" But really nobody was courageous enough to introduce the theme of Jesus through fear of the Judeans.

But it was already the middle of the feast (Day 3) when Jesus came up and taught in the temple. The Judeans spoke about how he was so skilled in Torah without being taught in their schools. He answered "My teaching is that of Him who sent me! If any is determined to do His will he will know whether it sources with God of me only. Speak on your own behalf-it is for your glory. He who speaks for the One who sent Him is open and true-free from sin. Moses gave the law to you-you don't act upon it. Why are you keen to kill me?" The crowd said Jesus had a demon and that nobody would kill him. Jesus said He had done one miracle and they all marveled. Moses gave some laws about children's health -really our forefathers handed it down from their time. You attend to this on Sabbath breaking Moses' law. You are bitter with wrath with me who made a grown man entirely healthy on the Sabbath. Don't judge by face-value, judge aright.

ADVENTURE 48 (7.25)

Jerusalem people were saying "Is this not the man they wanted to kill and look he is chatting away freely and nobody says Boo. Is this not because the rulers agree He is the Anointed King who was to come? But we know this man and where he comes from - but we are not supposed to know where Christ is from."

ADVENTURE 49 (7.28)

But confirming his claim Jesus' voice echoed through the temple "You know me and you know where I am from and I have not come on my own but He who sent me is genuine and real and you don't know Him for I am close to Him and that is the one who sent me!" He was speaking about God the Father.

ADVENTURE 50 (7.30)

They tried to kill him but no-one laid a hand on Him for His hour to die had certainly not come. Many from the mixed bunch of people believed on Him saying "Will Christ do more miracles than these?" The Religious leaders heard the crowds chatting about Him and they along with the high priests sent the police of the temple to arrest him.

ADVENTURE 51 (7.33)

Jesus said to them "I am still a very short period with you and *I go up with a company to Him who sent me. You will look for me and not find me and where I go you are unable to go.* On the 7th and last day of the feast Jesus shouted If anyone is thirsty (as after a snake bite) come to me and drink. He who believes in me out of the depths of his being will flow rivers of water, He spoke of the Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost when Jesus went home to heaven.

ADVENTURE 52(7.40)

Many started to identify Jesus as the promised prophet who comes first and even as the hero Messiah of God who would rule the people. They said He was to be from King David's family and to be born in Bethlehem. But most thought Jesus had been born in Galilee and would be the wrong person.

ADVENTURE 53 (7.43)

The crowd was divided. Some would kill Him but nobody laid a hand on Him. The division of the Jews over Jesus has continued till today. He had all the evidence- He presented himself to faith but did not argue his claims in detail.

ADVENTURE 54(7.45)

The police sent to pick up Jesus returned empty-handed. They told their religious bosses "No man has ever spoken like this man". Jesus spoke as God and His authority was always of a final nature. Jesus speech proved Him divine.

ADVENTURE 55 (7.47)

The religious Pharisees said "You have been deceived-no leader or Pharisee has believed". In this they were wrong for Nicodemus had visited Jesus (Chapter 3) and come to faith. He spoke up in the council and they charged him with following the Galilean. Then the rulers hatched another plot to make Jesus break the law by forgiving this sinful woman who had been caught with someone not her husband. While He taught on the Mount of Olives the rulers brought a woman caught in adultery and as they stood in a circle with stones they might as easily throw at Jesus He said "He who is above sin throw the first stone at her." Jesus stooped twice and wrote something on the ground. The bible says He was not pretending - he was God and He was deadly serious. He wrote something that challenged the leaders -probably from the two parts of the law. Jesus judgment proved Him wiser than Solomon -the divine Son of God

ADVENTURE 56 (8.12)

Jesus said "I am the Light of the World". Jesus needed no proof of origin or home for He knew both past and future-where He came from and was going. Jesus said "I judge no-one". He added "If I do I have my Father's consent. Jesus was divine because he had pre-historic and future historic knowledge. He said others had not this capability.

ADVENTURE 57 (8.19)

The Jewish leaders asked him again - "Where is your father?" Jesus said "If you don't really know me you would not know my Father?" Jesus said this at the Offering box in the temple. No-one touched Him for His hour to die had not come. Jesus knew God the Father specially and as God the Son can bring us to the Father.

ADVENTURE 58 (7.21)

Jesus said a third time "*I am going up with others*". He told people they would look for Him, die as sinners and not be able to go where He would go. Jesus went home to heaven which is His home as God.

ADVENTURE 59 (7.22)

The people of Jerusalem thought He might take His own life. Jesus THE WORD said that He was not from this world below but another higher kingdom. There He was Lord -here He was despised. Still He is Lord.

ADVENTURE 60 (8.24)

Jesus THE WORD said "If you do not believe I AM you will die in your sins.

WORD OF GOD 61 (8.25)

“Who are you?” “The sovereign power – that I talked over with you. I have many things to chat over about yourselves and to sort out but He who sent me is truth and I listen to things in His presence, these things I count essential information for the world. They do not know that the Father has specifically spoken them.”

WORD OF GOD 62 (8.28)

Jesus added more for them “When you have lifted up the Son of man then you will know I AM and of myself I inspire nothing but as my Father teaches me I chat over these things. And He is with me. The *Father has not left me alone for I always do the things that please Him*”. When He talked on these things many believed on Him. The reference to the cross was in context here and there is little doubt that Jesus shared on that subject. It is the message of the cross that inspires faith.

ADVENTURE 63 (8.31)

Jesus added more for those Jews who had believed. “When you remain in my word you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and it will open the way to you, release you and acquit you.” They replied “We are seed of Abraham and have never been slaves! How can you say we will become free men? Jesus said “Each who commits sin is a slave but the slave does not stay in the house for ever but the son stays forever. “ He spoke of Ishmael and Isaac.

ADVENTURE 66 (8.36)

“If the Son liberates you, you will be truly free. I know you are Abraham’s seed but you want to kill me because my word has not any space among you”.

WORD OF GOD 67 (8.38)

“I speak what I have seen alongside my father. You moreover do what you have seen in your father’s company. “They replied “Abraham is our father”. He said “If you were Abraham’s children you would be inspired by his works. But now you want to kill me—a man who has spoken truth to you that I heard from my father. This Abraham did not do. You do your father’s works”.

WORD OF GOD 68 (8.41)

They said “You have been born of fornication. We have one Father God”. Jesus said “If God were your father you would love me for I came from God and arrived here – I did not come of myself—but that great one sent me – for that reason you do not know my common talk. For you are not able to listen to my word or oracle. You are of your father the devil and the desires of your father you are determined to do. That one was a

murderer from the start and he did not establish him in the truth for there is no openness in him. When he talked (in the beginning) the lie, he conversed from his own ideas for he is a liar and the father of it. But I speak on behalf of the truth. You do not believe me. He who lives or has being of God listens to the act-words of God.

This is the reason you do not hear –you are not from God”

WORD OF GOD 69 (8.48)

The Judeans replied and said “Didn’t we say well that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus replied “I have not a demon but honour my Father and you dishonour me. I don’t seek my glory. He is the one who seeks it and distinguishes and decides it.. Truly, truly if any keeps my word he will not speculate on death or contemplate it right into the aion or forever.

WORD OF GOD 70 (8.52)

They said “Now we know you have a demon”. Abraham died and the prophets and you say “if you guard my word you will definitely not taste death for ever. Are you greater than our father Abraham who died? And the prophets died. Who do you make yourself to be? Jesus replied “If I glorify me this is no glory for me. My Father whom you say is your God without knowing Him is the one who speedily glorifies me. But I know Him and if I should say I do not know Him by sight I would be like you- false. But I know Him and ‘guard His word. Abraham your father was ecstatic that he on one occasion saw my day and he saw it and rejoiced.

WORD OF GOD 71 (8.57)

The Judeans added “You are not even 50 years of age and have you seen Abraham? Jesus said “Truly, truly I say before Abraham came to being I AM.

ACT OF GOD 72 (8.59)

In addition they took stones to cast at Him. But Jesus had hidden and went out of the temple going through their midst and went His way. This rather unusual statement shows divine power of concealment.

ACT –WORD OF GOD 73 (9.7)

Why are some people disabled and handicapped? Only God can answer. Jesus was God and he could tell why a blind man in Jerusalem was born blind. He said it was for God’s glory-that when this blind man met Jesus he would see. Jesus spat on the ground, made clay and smeared it on the man’s eyes and asked him to go to the pool of Siloam and wash it off. He came back seeing. Wouldn’t you be thrilled to thank Jesus

for the sight he had. The pool was called "sent" and Jesus was sent to heal our diseases and save our souls.

WORD OF GOD 74 (9.8)

The parents of the man and those who had always seen him on the street said "Is this not the man that sat begging". Others said "It is him"; still others said "He is like him".

That man so special to Jesus said "I am".

WORD OF GOD 75 (9.10)

They asked him "How were your eyes opened?" That well-known man answered "Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said "Go to Siloam and wash". I went and washed and I can see".

WORD OF GOD 76 (9.12)

They said "Where is that famous man?" He replied "I don't know!"

WORD OF GOD 77 (9.15)

They led the man who had been blind to the religious Pharisees. These Pharisees were still blind to who Jesus was! It was the Sabbath when Jesus made clay and opened his eyes. They ask the same question. He answered "He placed clay on my eyes, and I washed once and I saw."

WORD OF GOD 78 (9.16)

Certain Pharisees said "This man is not close to God for He does not keep Sabbath". Others said "How could a sinful man be able to do such a sign? They were divided.

They said to him "What do you say about him who opened your eyes?" He said "He is a prophet". The man knew that Jesus came there for him.

GOD'S WORD CONFIRMED 79 (9.18)

The Judeans did not believe this about him until the parents of the blind man spoke up saying "This is our son who as you rightly say was born blind". And they even asked them "Is this your son that you say was born blind?"

WORD OF GOD 80 (9.19b)

How does he now see?" The parents answered "We know he is our son and that he was born blind but how he now sees we don't know nor do we know who opened his eyes. He is old enough -ask him.

THE WORD REJECTED 81 (9.24)

They called the man who was born blind a second time. They made the epic statement "Give God glory-we know this man is a sinner". This was little short of

BLASPHEMY.

ACT-WORD STEADFAST 82 (9.25)

That significant man added to say “If He is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that I lived blind but even now I see.” But they said again “Who did this to you-how were your eyes opened? He replied “I have already told you-did you not listen? Why are you determined to listen again? Have you also decided to become His disciples’?”

TESTIMONY TO THE WORD 83 (9.28)

They reproached him and said “You are a disciple of that man!” ”We by contrast are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken in Moses. But we do not know where this man is from!” The man said “This is a wonderful thing-He opened my eyes and you do not know where He is from. We do know that God does not heed sinners but if any is God-fearing and does His will God listens to this man. From the beginning of the world it is unheard of ‘that any opened the eyes of one born blind. If He was not of God he could not do anything. They answered “You were entirely born in sin and do you instruct us” and they threw him out.

WORD OF THE GOSPEL 84 (9.41)

Jesus heard he was thrown out. He found him. He said to him “Do you believe in the Son of God? He said “Who is He, Lord that I may believe?” Jesus said “You have seen that person and he is speaking to you”. He said “Lord I believe and he worshipped him. Jesus said “I am come for judgment that those who do not see may see and those who see may become blind. And some of the Pharisees who stayed with him heard these things and said to him “Are we blind?” Jesus said to them “If you were blind you would have no sin”.

WORD OF GOD 85 (10.7)

The sequel was Jesus told to the Pharisees the parable of the Shepherd and the sheepfold. The porter was Jesus and the strangers were the Judeans who disbelieved. Jesus confirmed he is the “door” or “porter”.-“the good shepherd” who knows his own and the “hired servants” are the Pharisees. Jesus showed he would give His life for the sheep. He spoke clearly about putting his life on the line in the place of His sheep - even other sheep currently not in the fold. For this reason *the Father who knows all about his death for us loves Him*. His life was voluntarily laid down. The source is his love for us. Jesus did it of his own accord. He had the equivalent of consular agreement to do it. It is set in the agreement to take it again as a man. These both form a command or a “calling into existence and rising”.

THE WORD REJECTED 86 (10.19)

A further division among Judeans resulted. Many said "Jesus has a demon and is mad – why listen to him?" Others denied saying "These were demonic action words. Demons do not have power to open blind eyes"

THE WORD OF GOD 87 (10.24)

The feats of dedication and spiritual renewal came. It was winter – Jesus walked in the porch of Solomon. Judeans had encircled him and said "How long will you hold our minds in suspense? Are you the Christ? Tell us plainly." Jesus replied "I told you and you did not believe. The works I have done in my Father's name witness who I am. But you do not believe for you are not my sheep. As I told you "My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me". I give them eternal life and they will not perish for ever. No one will steal them. My Father is greater than all others – none will steal from His hand and I and the Father are ONE ".

ADVENTURE 88 (10.31)

The Judeans again carried stones around to stone him. Jesus replied "Many good works I have done from my father-for which would you stone me?" "We will not stone you in the midst of a contested good work but centered on the contested blasphemy because as a man you make yourself God." Jesus replied "Is it not written in your law 'I said you are gods'(P salm 82.6) "If God says those to whom God's word happens are gods(and written scripture is not subject to have been loosed) how do you say of him whom the Father set apart and sent into the world that He blasphemes because He said "I am the son of God"" "If I don't do the works of my Father do not believe me; if I do and you do not believe, believe the great works themselves that you may gain experience and you will believe that the Father is in my circle and I am in His." "The Lord was gently pleading for the people to give thought and take time.

WORD OF GOD 89 (10.39)

Again they were keen to capture Him. And he went from their hand and went away to beyond Jordan where John first baptized and stayed there. Many went to Him and said "John did no sign but all that John said around this person was true; there many believed on Him.

ADVENTURE 90 (11.3)

A certain Lazarus from Bethany continued to be ill-a man from the village of Mary and Martha her sister. Mary was the one who poured out myrrh on the Lord and anointed his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was unwell. His sisters sent to Him (Jesus)

saying “Lord, you must see that the one you love is sick. But having listened Jesus said “This sickness is not unto death, but on behalf of the glory of God –that the Son of God may be glorified through it. But Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

ADVENTURE 91 (11.6)

Though He heard that he was ill he stayed there in that place two days. Then after this he said to the disciples “Let us go into Judea again”. The disciples told Him ‘Rabbi, the Judeans are out to stone you and you are going there again?’ He replied “Are there not 12 hours in the day –if anyone walks about in the daylight he will not stumble for he sees the light of this world but if anyone walks about at night he stumbles for there is no light in his circle. These things he said and after this He said “Lazarus our friend has fallen asleep but I am going to thoroughly wake him up.

ADVENTURE 92 (11.12)

The disciples said “Lord, if he has had sleep he will have got over it. But Jesus had spoken of his death. These though He was talking around the subject of the quiet rest of sleep.

WORD 93 (11.14)

Then Jesus said plainly “Lazarus is dead” and I rejoice on your account that you may believe, that I was not there.”

WORD 94 (11.16)

Thomas called the twin said epically to his fellow disciples “Let us also go that we may die with him”. Thomas clearly held to the belief that He who raises the dead is God and for Such One a man might die.

WORD 95 (11.17)

When Jesus came He found he had been already 4 days in the tomb. Bethany was close to Jerusalem-about 15 stadia distant. Many of the Judeans had come out to be around Martha and Mary that they might stand by her in her tears over her brother.

WORD OF GOD 96 (11.20)

Martha as soon as she heard Jesus was coming went up to meet Him but Mary sat in the house-action versus reaction maybe.

WORD OF GOD 97 (11.21)

Martha said “Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died but even now I know that whatever You would ask God, God will give you. Jesus said “Your brother will rise again” Martha said “I know he will rise in the circle of the last day resurrection”. Jesus said to her “I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in me and

should die will live and everyone who lives and believes in me shall not ever die. Do you believe this?" She said "Yes Lord I have believed that you are the Christ the son of God who comes into the world". And as she said these things she went and called her sister Mary secretly saying "The teacher is here and calls you. That one as she heard rose quickly and came to him (But Jesus had not come into the village but was in the place where Martha met Him).

WORD OF GOD 98 (11.31)

The Judeans who were with her in the house and had been weeping with her seeing Mary rise and go out smartly, followed her saying "She is going to the tomb to weep there."

WORD OF GOD 99 (11.32)

Mary when she came where Jesus was looking straight at Him fell at His feet saying "Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died".

WORD 100 (11.33)

When Jesus saw her and those Judeans who came with her weeping, He was painfully moved or indignant in spirit and His heart was torn and He said "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him "Come and see". *Jesus wept.* There simply must have been countless tributes at the tomb. This can only mean Jesus loved him.

WORD 101 (11.36)

The Judeans said "Behold his friendship for him". Certain of them said "Was not this man who opened the eyes of the blind man able to do something so that this man might not have had to die?"

WORD 102 (11.38)

Jesus again groaning inside came to the tomb. It was a sepulchre and a stone was laid on it. Jesus said "Take the stone. Martha sister to the dead said "Lord already he is rancid for it is the fourth day." Jesus said to her "Did I not say to you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

WORD 103 (11.41)

They took the stone where the dead man was sleeping but Jesus wasn't looking-he put all his power into looking above and said "Father I thank you that you have heard me!" but because of the crowd standing around I speak that they may believe you sent me. And so saying He screamed out in a loud voice "Lazarus, come out". And the man who had died came out. His hands and feet were bound with grave clothes and his face bound about with a napkin. Jesus said to them "Loose Him and let him go up (with us)

WORD 104(11.45)

Many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw for themselves what Jesus did believe in Him but a particular group of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus did.

WORD 105(11.47)

The high priests and Pharisees gathered in the council of 70 and said "What will we do?" This man does many signs. If we let him off in this way all will believe in Him and the Romans will take our temple and nation. [This may have reference to Lazarus –who was a Roman soldier]. But a certain lonely figure Caiaphas, High Priest of the year said "You have not grasped the situation! You are not debating that it is proper for us that one man should die in place of the people of the land, and not that the whole nation perish. "But he did not make this classic statement of himself but as High Priest of that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation and not alone for the nation but that all the children of God scattered abroad might be gathered into one.

WORD 106(11.53)

From that day they determined once and for all that He (Jesus) should die.

WORD 107(11.54)

Jesus had no longer confidence and freedom to walk as a teacher among the Jews but He went out into the country near the desert to a city called Ephraim and there spent time with His disciples. The Passover of the Jews was near. Many went up into Jerusalem from the country for the Passover *to cleanse themselves*.

WORD 108(11.56)

They were looking for Jesus-in connection with cleansing and spoke with one another as they stood in the temple. "What do you think will He come to the feast? But the High Priests and Pharisees both commanded that if any knew where He was they *should be keen to report* [MENUSE/MAO] that they might capture Him.

WORD 109(12.1)

But six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was who had been dead-whom He had raised

WORD 110(12.2)

They made him an evening meal and Martha served and Lazarus was one of those reclining close to Him. (John may have been the other).

WORD 111(12.3)

Mary is identified as the one who took a litre of genuine very expensive myrrh of nard and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the perfume of the myrrh.

WORD 112(12.4)

One of His disciples Judas Iscariot, who was ready to betray Him said "Why was this myrrh not sold for 300 denarii and a gift made to the poor?" He said this not that the abysmally poor mattered to him but because he was a thief and had the keeping of the moneys and carried around that cast into it.

WORD 113(12.7)

Jesus said "Leave her alone, she has kept this for the day of my being put in the tomb. The poor you always have with you, you do not always have me!"

WORD 114(12.9)

Many, many Jews knew He was there and they came not because of Jesus but that they might see Lazarus whom He raised from the dead. But the High Priests decided that Lazarus should die because many of the Jews left and expressed trust in Jesus. Next day a great crowd came to the feast hearing that Jesus had come to Jerusalem. They took branches of Palms and went out to meet Him and shouted "Hosanna, blessing to him that comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. And Jesus found a donkey and sat on it as it is written 'Do not fear O daughter of Zion. Behold your king comes sitting on the colt of a donkey'". His disciples did not comprehend these things precisely at first but when Jesus was glorified they then remembered that these things were written of Him.

WORD 115(12.17)

The crowd that was with Him witnessed when He called and raised Lazarus from the tomb-that crowd came to meet him on account of these things for they listened to this sign and signal that he had given.

WORD 116(12.19)

The Pharisees who were watching close said "You are standing watching for you can do nothing Behold the world has gone after Him".

WORD 117(12.21)

There were certain Greeks from those who went to worship at Passover. These came to Philip who was of Bethsaida of Galilee. They said "We are determined to see Jesus" Philip went and spoke to Andrew and Andrew and Philip spoke to Jesus. Jesus answered them "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified." Verily,

verily I tell you "Unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies it remains alone. But if it dies it bears much fruit. He that loves his life will lose it and he that hates his life in this world will protect it into eternal life. If any will serve me let him follow me and where I am there my servant will be". And if anyone serves me Him will my Father honour. Now is my soul troubled [TARASSO "in awe-as in confusion of war] and what may I say? "Father, save me from this hour...but on account of this hour I have come. Father, glorify your name!"

WORD 118(12.28)

Just as at the cross the veil rent and the light dawned so in this instance God acted; there came a voice from heaven saying "I have glorified it and will glorify it again. "

WORD 119(12.29)

The crowd that stood by and listened said "That was thunder." Others said "An angel has spoken to Him". Jesus said this voice did not come for my sake but for you". Now is the crisis of this world, now the prince of this world is cast out and I when I be lifted up will draw all men to myself". This He said signaling the sort of death He was ready to die. The crowd replied "We have heard from the law that Christ remains for an aeon and how do you say that 'The Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

WORD 120(12.35)

Jesus replied "For a little you have the light. Walk or live by it while you have it that the darkness do not overtake you for he who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. While you have the light; believe in the light that you may become heirs of the light". When Jesus said these things He went and hid Him. Suchlike signs He did but they did not believe [Is John speaking of the sudden disappearances here? 8.59] that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled saying "Lord, who has believed our report and to whom is the Lord's arm revealed. For this reason they are unable to believe. Again Isaiah said "He blinded their eyes and hardened their heart lest they should see and understand and turn and I would heal them. ". This respects repentance which means lifting the veil from the faculties. Isaiah is absolutely clear about our faculties and the fact that revelation by the Spirit of truth occurs and a general lack of public understanding accompanies that [cf. "Their heart"- the one heart of many]. Isaiah said these things because He saw the glory of Christ and spoke as a prophet of Him. [So Isaiah is speaking about particular revelation] Equally many of the priests believed on him. (John was somehow familiar with the priests) but confessed not lest they be put

out of synagogue for they loved the glory of men more than that of God.[Here is a case of believing with the heart but not confessing with the mouth].

WORD 121(12. 50)

Jesus cried out “He that believes in me believes in the one who sent me and he who sees me sees the one who sent me”. I am come as a light that everyone who believes should not remain in the dark”. And if anyone hears my words of action and does not believe I do not judge him for I have not come to judge the world but to save the world. He that puts me aside and does not receive my words of action has one that is judging him. It is the word that I talk through that judges him in the last day. I do not talk over things (like this) of myself but He who sent me gave me commandment what classic matter I should say and what I should chat over in detail. I know in addition that his command is eternal life. The things I chat over with you my Father also has spoken so I talk them over.

WORD 122 (13.6)

Before the Passover feast Jesus knew his hour had come to exchange this world for being near the Father. [This is a “sudden wheeling” a change from the world of what might be to the world of what truly is all His own] loved his own in the world once for all and loved them to the end. Supper over *the adversary* already had cast [as an anchor-a weapon, a dice or a foundation of disaster thus holding him in a storm of turmoil,, killing love, winning his allegiance or building his kingdom of evil] in the heart of Judas Iscariot (“man of separation”?), Simon’s Son-to betray Jesus. Jesus for his part knew that all things had been given everything into His hands now and knowing He came from God and was going up with company to God rose from eating and set aside his outer garments and took a towel and bound it around Him, then threw water into a washbasin and began to wash the feet of his disciples and dry them with the towel bound around his waist. He came to Simon Peter and that man said “Lord you are not going to wash my feet” Jesus replied “What I am doing you do not understand from watching right now but you will know after this.” Peter said “Into eternity you will never wash my feet!” Jesus replied “If I do not wash you, you have no part with me!”(This reflects seriously on Judas). Simon Peter said “No my feet alone but my hands and my head.” Jesus said “He who has been washed or bathed needs only to wash his feet-and is otherwise wholly clean. And you are clean but not you all for he knew his betrayer and so said significantly “You are not all clean”.

WORD 123(13.12)

When He had washed their feet He took again his garments and lay down at their head and said "Do you understand what I have done to you?" "You call me the teacher and Adonai and you speak correctly or beautifully for I AM (God).

WORD 124(13.14)

Of I your Lord and Master have washed your feet you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you an example so you should do for one another's feet. The servant is not greater than his lord or the emissary than the sender. If you know these things you are blessed-but I do not speak of you all. I know whom I have chosen. But that scripture may be fulfilled "He that chews my bread (the sop) has lifted his heel against me; from this moment I tell you before it occurs that you may believe that I AM. Truly I tell you he who receives any I send receives me and he that receives me receives the one who sent me. Foot-washing respects mission. It is not just in respect of sins of omission but debt to those under commission besides.

WORD 125(13.22)

Saying these things Jesus was agitated in spirit. He witnessed and said "One of you shall betray me. [We must not pass over blandly the "confusion" in our Lord's spirit. Christ was in tumult. He would save but he could not save-every breath-every act-every desire was to save-but Judas rejected him. God is troubled to pass from love to breaking hold on Judas. As at Lazarus tomb over the bystanders and Judas and in the garden and elsewhere! Jn 1 1.33, 12.27, 13.21] The disciples looked at each other raising the question of whom He spoke about.

WORD 126(13.24)

But there was one of His disciples who lay at the head of table in the bosom of Jesus, one whom Jesus loved; to him Simon Peter nodded to enquire if a certain one would be the person he spoke about. [To understand the table sitting is to recognize that Judas lay at the other side of Jesus and that was the intent and possibly direction of the nod] That disciple was lying on the breast of Jesus and he said "Lord, who is it?" Jesus said "That man to whom I will give the sop when I have dipped it!" And dipping the sop he handed it to Judas, Man of Separation son of Simon. And after the sop then Satan entered into that man.

WORD 127(13.28)

Jesus said to him "What you do, do quickly". But no-one of those lying at supper understood what He said to him for certain thought when Judas had the bag that Jesus said "Buy what we need for the feast.

WORD 128(13.30)

That man taking the sop [a token of affection] immediately went out and it was night. A trifle of bread dipped in wine vinegar left a bitter taste in Judas' mouth. His dark act rhymed in well with the darkness of the night that folded around him.

WORD 129(13.31)

A long three chapter discourse covering 13.31-16.13 follows. The governing principle Jesus stated was that "Now" He had been glorified. He meant that if He had glorified the Father the Father would immediately act to bring Him to glory. That meant in that instant ($\alpha\rho\tau\iota$) a new command to truly "love" so that all will know the disciples are Christ's representatives thereafter.

There were corollaries or other effects of the cross and resurrection.

- (a) Peter spotted **the "now"** or immediate intent and said he would follow instantly and die with Jesus. There was more bravado than courage in his word. Jesus said his fears would be highlighted by a **CROWING ROOSTER!**
- (b) Jesus comforted with the promise of **PREPARED PLACES** in heaven for all. Thomas and Philip queried the idea.
- (c) Jesus pointed to greater things ahead in the church. Thomas would find that so in India and Philip in Turkey. Jesus said "From this moment 14.7 ($\alpha\rho\tau\iota$) you know really know the Father. Jesus supplemented by speaking of the gift of the Holy Spirit to bring this about.
- (d) The other Judas queried about the nature of **immediate** ($\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\omega$ -v.22) future revelation. Jesus said He and the Father would come and create a dwelling or Church in and alongside the believer and in this connection a love of the word would develop
- (e) Jesus spoke of the Spirit being called into action to remind of all He said. Jesus called for no distress or fear because he was going-He said when they loved they would rejoice about that and also because the Spirit would come and Jesus would curtail His speech for **Satan was coming soon** (v.30)-but Satan would not cause Him to stumble or fail.
- (f) Jesus then said He was the vine and they would have very fruitful lives by abiding. It was all about remaining in the "love" of Jesus and keeping that new command to "love one another". Jesus said "I have **not every yet** (15.15 called you servants but friends" Better still the new and later disciples would stay steadfast and what they asked God they would get as they remained true and loved Him.

- (g) As to the hatred they would experience that comes as a matter of course- Jesus experienced it. **Now** (αἴτι) they have seen & hate me. The epigram is "They hate the master so they hate the servant". Had Jesus not come they would have had an excuse - His coming made "loving God a clear cut matter". The Holy Spirit would further expose sin and so would Christian testimony.
- (h) Jesus does not want **ANY TO TRIP**. He said those who kill Christians from this **Calvary hour** (vuv v.5) will think they push God's big plan forward (16.2-3). Jesus asked them to remember this.
- (i) Jesus then said "**Now I am going** away" (15.5) "Nobody asked the question **QUO VADIS?**" He saw they were sad. He emphasized "It is good I go!" The Holy Spirit then comes and the world gets to know of sin how to be righteous and about coming judgment. Much I could carry on telling you - like more and more luggage for you to carry-but you could not handle it right **at this moment** (αἴτι) [16.12].
- (j) Jesus said the Spirit would give Him glory telling what the Father says and what Jesus has spoken. The disciples said to each other "What is **the "micro time?"**" (16.15) when He would be unseen when His going shades fast into the micro time of His coming back which they would see with great anticipation and joy?

WORD 130(16.18)

They also said "What is this 'I leave to go to my Father?'" We haven't got a clue!

WORD 131(16.19)

Jesus knew their desire and responded "For a little you will mourn and weep and then in a little see me and be in raptures. Sorrow will turn to joy like when a woman bears a child. So the resurrection would be like a new birth and the new birth like a resurrection and both like childbirth.

WORD 132(16.22)

TEACHING ON PRAYER

Jesus at this moment (16.31) speaks plain. This joy will remain and questions will disappear.

(a) Till now (αἴτι) you have not prayed v24.

"Now you believe" (αἴτι) Jesus said. They said "Now (vuv) we know that you know everything and there is no need for anyone to query you or press by questions to see what you know!" I said these things that you might have peace. Trouble in the world but cheer up- I have conquered the world.

(b) (17.1) Jesus prayed "The hour has come, Father glorify your Son that He may glorify You as you have given him designated authority over all flesh that everyone you have given Him He should give eternal life to them.. This is eternal life-to know you the only genuine God - and Jesus the Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified you on earth and completed the word You gave me to do and now You must glorify me Father alongside your in the glory I had being with you before the world came to be. I have made plain your name to the men You gave me from the world. They are Yours and you gave them me and they have guarded Your word. They now know You have given me all things; in parallel with You the action words you gave me I gave them. They also have received it and know that truly I came out from beside You and they believe You sent me. I make request for them - not for the world - but for those You gave me that they be with me. And all Your things are mine and mine Yours-also that I will have been glorified among them. Also I am not still in the world but they are and I am coming to You. Holy Father keep them in the circle of 'your name (& power)-them that you gave me-that they may be one as we are. When I was in the world I guarded them in the circle of Your name. I watched over those You gave me and none is lost save the Son of Perdition that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You and I have talked these things over clearly in the world that they may have my joy fully among them. I gave them Your word and the world hates them because they are not of the world as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that You guard them from the evil one. They are not of the world as I am not of the world; sanctify them in the circle of your truth and openness. Your Word is truth. As You sent me into the world so I have sent them. Also on their behalf I set myself apart that they also may sanctify themselves in the truth. I so not ask concerning these alone but also about those who shall believe in me through their word. I ask that they all may be one as we are one that the world may believe that You sent me. Also the glory that you have given me I have given them that they may be one as We are one. I in them and You in me, that that they may be completely one and that that the world may know that You sent me and that You loved them as you loved me. Father those you gave me I will that where I am they should also be with me that they may see my glory which You gave me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you but I know You and these have known that You sent me and I have speedily made known to them Your name and I may I know speedily that the love with which you loved me may be in them as I or while I am among them.

WORD 133(18.1)

Having so said Jesus with His disciples went out to the other side of the winter flowing stream of Kidrons (Darknesses) where there was an enclosed garden that Jesus and his disciples entered.

WORD 134(18.2-3)

But Judas who betrayed Him also knew the place for Jesus had often gone there in the company of His disciples. Judas taking the elite corps and servants of the chief priests and Pharisees came there with lanterns and gleaming torches and weapons.

WORD 135(18.4-5)

Jesus knowing all that was about to happen to Him went out and said "Who are you looking for?" They answered him "Jesus of Nazareth"! He said to them "I AM (he)". Judas who betrayed Him was in the action with them.

WORD 136(18.6)

As He said "I AM" they went away backwards and fell on the earth.

WORD 137(18.7)

Again He asked "Whom do you seek?" And they spoke with command "Jesus of Nazareth!" Jesus replied with command "I have spoken with authority "I AM"

WORD 138(18.8)

"If you seek me let these go "(that the word might be fulfilled which spoke authoritatively "Of those you have given me I have lost none".

WORD 139(18.10)

Simon Peter had a sword and un-wrapped it and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. The name of the servant was Malchus (King).

WORD 140(18.11)

Jesus spoke with command (ειπεν) to Peter "Thrust your sword into the sheath. The cup that the Father has given me shall I not drink it?"

WORD 141(18.12)

The band of soldiers and the soldier in charge of 1000 men and the servants of the Jews apprehended Jesus and bound Him and led him to Annas first(for he was father in law of Caiaphas who was high- priest that year. But it was Caiaphas who counseled the Jews that it was appropriate that one man should did in place of the people.

WORD 142(18.16)

Simon Peter followed Jesus and another disciple but that disciple was known to the High Priest and entered in together with Jesus to the courtyard of the high priest. But

Peter stood at the door outside. The other disciple who knew the high priest went out and spoke with authority (ειπε) to the doorkeeper and he lead Peter in.

WORD 143(18.17)

The young lady door attendant said to Peter “Are you not also among the disciples of this man?” That man said “I am not. But the slaves and servants had to stand in close to the fire for it was cold and they were warming them. But Peter was standing with them warming him. (It would appear John remained close to Jesus)

WORD 144(18.19)

The high priest queried Jesus about his disciples and concerning His teaching. Jesus answered “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in the synagogue and in the temple where the Jews always gather and I have whispered nothing I n secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I commonly talked over with them.

Behold these know what I have spoken with authority. When He had spoken giving this authority one of the servants standing alongside handed out a punishing smack of a rod to Jesus saying with authority “Is this the way you answer the high priest? Jesus answered him “If I have spoken in an evil manner you must give witness of that wrong but if I have spoken well, why are you faying me as an animal?” (δερω)

WORD 145(18.25)

But as Simon Peter was continuing to stand warming him they said to him “Are you also not one of his disciples? That man answered “I am not!” **WORD 119(12.29)**

WORD 146(18.27)

One of the servants of the high priest being a relative of the man whose ear Peter cut off said “Did I not see you in the garden with Him? Peter was again denying and immediately the rooster call rang out.

WORD 147(18.28)

They lead Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. But it was early (i.e. Sabbath) and they could not go into the Praetorium that they might not soil or stain themselves so they might eat the Passover so Pilate went out to them and said “What category of accusation are you bringing against this man? They answered with authority saying “If this man were not an evil doer we would not have handed him over to you.”

WORD 148(18.29)

Pilate said to them “You take Him and judge Him by your law!”

WORD 149(18.31-2)

The Jews said to him “We are not permitted to take anyone’s life: this that the word of Jesus should be fulfilled that he said with authority giving a signal of what manner of death he was about to die!

WORD 150(18.33)

Pilate came into the Praetorium again and called Jesus and spoke sternly to him “You are the king of the Jews?” Jesus replied to him “Are you giving this as fact as you see it or did others advance this authoritative claim to you? Pilate replied “Did I say I am a Jew? Your nation and high priests have handed you over to me. What have you done? Jesus replied “If my kingdom were of this world my servants should be struggling on my behalf that I should not be handed over to the Jews but now my kingdom does not originate here.

WORD 151(18.37)

Pilate spoke to Him firmly “So you are not a king?” Jesus replied “You are saying that I am a king. I have been born for this, and for this I came into the world that I might bear witness to the truth. Everyone who lives by the truth listens to my voice! Pilate said to Him “What is truth?” and speaking magisterially he went out again to the Jews and said to them “I find not a single ground of accusation charge or fault in Him. It is your custom that I should release someone at Passover. Are you inclined that I release for you the king of the Jews?

WORD 152(18.40)

They all said “Not this man but Bar-abbas”. But Bar-abbas was a thief.

WORD 153(19.1)

Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him beaten with (39) stripes. And the soldiers pleated a crown of thorns and placed it on his head, and they threw over Him a purple robe and said “Hail, the king of the Jews and they gave him rods (fake sceptres)

WORD 154(19.4)

Pilate again (the third time) went out and said to them “Behold I am bringing Him out to you that you may know I find not a single ground for accusation in Him.”

WORD 155(19.1)

Jesus came out bearing the thorn crown and purple robe and He (Pilate) said to them “Behold the man”

WORD 156(19.6)

When the high priests and the servants (men who rowed to their timing) screamed out saying “Crucify, crucify”. Pilate said to them “You take Him and crucify Him” for I find no ground for accusation in Him”. The Jews replied “We have a law and according to that law he ought to die because He made himself Son of God”.

WORD 157(19.8)

When Pilate heard this statement he became more fearful and went into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus “Where are you from?” but Jesus gave him no answer.

WORD 158(19.10)

Pilate said to him “Are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have authority to crucify you and I have authority to release you? Jesus replied “You had not one grain of delegated authority where I am concerned except it was given you from above. For this reason he who handed me to you has greater sin. From this moment Pilate sought to release Him. But the Jews yelled out saying “If you release this man you are no friend of Caesar”. Anyone who creates himself king speaks against Caesar.”

WORD 159(19.13)

When Pilate heard this speech he lead Jesus out and sat on the judgment seat in the place called the Praetorium (in Hebrew “Gabbatha”). It was Passover preparation day. The hour was around six. And he said to the Jews “Behold your king” But they shouted “Take Him away-take Him away, crucify Him” Pilate said to them “Shall I crucify your King”?

WORD 160(19.16)

The high priests replied “We have no king but Caesar”. Then he gave Him to them that He should be crucified.

WORD 161(19.20)

And they took Jesus and lead him away. And bearing His cross he went out to the place called “A Skull” which is called Golgotha in Hebrew- where they crucified Him and two others with Him on this side and that and Jesus in the middle. But Pilate wrote the inscription and put it on the cross. That which was written was “Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews”. This title many of the Jews read for the place where Jesus had been crucified was near the city and it was written in Hebrew Greek and Latin.

WORD 162(19.21)

The high priests of the Jews said to Pilate “You must not write ‘The King of the Jews’ but “That man claimed ‘I am the King of the Jews’”. Pilate replied “What I have written I have written”.

WORD 163(19.23)

The soldiers that crucified Jesus took his clothing and made four lots – a lot for each soldier. There was also the inner garment or robe. The robe was without one piece without being sewn together from the top to the hem right throughout.

WORD 164(19.24)

They said to one another “Let us not tear it but toss the dice for it as to whose it is to be that the scripture might be fulfilled that says “They divided my clothing among them and on my vesture they cast lots”. (Psalm 22.18)

WORD 165(19.25)

These things the soldiers did. But standing in close alongside the cross of Jesus was His mother and the sister of His mother Mary Clope and Mary Magdalene.

WORD 166(19.26)

Jesus beholding the mother and the disciple Jesus loved standing alongside said to his mother “Woman behold your son”. Then He said to the disciple “Behold your mother”. And from that hour the disciple took her into his own personal affairs.

WORD 167(19.29)

After this, Jesus knew all was completed and He said “I thirst” that scripture might be completed. There was a vessel with vinegar wine there. They filled a sponge with vinegar and when they had put hyssop on it they offered it to the mouth.

WORD 168(19.30)

When Jesus received the vinegar he said with heroic authority “It is finished”. And laying down his head He gave up (his) spirit.

WORD 169(19.31)

The Jews when it was Preparation, that the bodies might not remain on the cross on Sabbath (for it was the great day of that Sabbath) asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down

WORD 170(19.32)

The soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other crucified with Him and coming up in the direction of Jesus they saw He was already dead and did not break His bones. But one of the soldiers took a spear and pierced His said and immediately there came out blood and water. That man also saw and bore witness and his witness is genuine and that man is aware that he tells truth or speaks openly in order that you should believe for these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled “Not a bone of His shall be broken” (Exodus 12.46, Num.9.12). And again a different

scripture says “They shall look with expectation on the one whom they have pierced”
(Zech 12.10)

THE ODESSEY OF JESUS PART (19.38-20.31)

WORD 171(19.38)

After these things Joseph from Arimathea (being a disciple of Jesus but secretly for fear of the Jews) asked Pilate that he might take the body of Jesus and Pilate referred the great legal issue to him. (επιτρεπω). He came and took the body of Jesus.

Nicodemus also –he who was coming to Jesus by night at the first-came carrying mixed myrrh and aloes about 100 litres,

WORD 172(19.40)

They received the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloth with spices as is the custom of the Jews to bury.

WORD 173(19.42)

There was in the well known place where He had been crucified a garden and in the garden a new tomb in which no-one had been laid. There – because it was near at hand they placed Jesus on account of the preparation of the Jews.

WORD 174(20.2)

On the first day .after Sabbath Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early while it was still pitch black and she glimpsed the stone taken from the tomb. She ran and came to Simon Peter and the other disciple that Jesus Loved and said to them “They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we do not know where they have put Him.

WORD 175(20.3)

Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. The two of them ran as one. And the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came first to the tomb and stooping down he saw the clothes spread out but he did not go in.

WORD 176(20.6)

Simon Peter came following him and went into the tomb and he saw the clothes laid out and the napkin that was on his head not laid with the clothing but apart and having been folded in one place

WORD 177(20.8)

Then the other disciple who came first to the tomb went in and saw and believed.

WORD 178(20.10)

Now they did not yet know the scripture that He must rise from the dead (P salm 16.10). The disciples went away again to their own people.

WORD 179(20.11)

But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept she kneeled in towards the tomb and beheld two angels in brightness and happiness having taken their seats one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been laid. And they said to her "Woman why are you weeping?" She said to them "Because they have taken my Lord and I don't know where they have laid him." And as she said this she was turned backwards and beheld Jesus standing and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her "Woman why are you weeping? Who are you seeking?" That remarkable woman thinking that it was the gardener said to him "Sir, if you have carried Him (away) tell me where you have put Him and I will take Him!" Jesus said to her "Maria" That outstanding woman whipping around, said - "Rabboni"(My own beloved Teacher) [which means "teacher"]. Jesus said to her "Do not hold me for I have not yet gone up to my father. But go to my brothers and tell them "I am going up to my Father and your Father, my God and your God. Mary Magdalene came and announced to the disciples from the very site of victory that she had seen the Lord and that he had declared these classic things to her.

WORD 180(20.19) When it became late on that first day after the Sabbath and the doors were locked where the disciples were come together through fear of the Jews Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them "Peace be with you!" And as He spoke this with historic authority He showed them His hands and his side.

WORD 174(20.20) The disciples rejoiced as they beheld the Lord.

WORD 175(20.21) Jesus spoke again to them with authority "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me so I send you and He implanted in them or cheered them or infused in them the Holy Spirit as He said to them "Receive Holy Spirit". Whosoever sins you put away they go from them and whose sins you hold they have victory.

WORD 176(20.25) But Thomas one of the twelve called "Didymus" was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples said to him "We have seen the Lord. But he said with strong conviction "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and thrust my finger into the print of the nails and thrust my hand into his side I will not believe. And after 8 days The disciples were again inside and Thomas with them. Jesus came - the doors had been locked-and He stood in the middle and said with authority "Peace

be with you". Then He said to Thomas "Bear your finger here and behold my hands and bear your hand and thrust it into my side and do not become faithless but become a believer." And Thomas answered and said with conviction "My Lord and my God". Jesus said to him "Because you have seen me Thomas you have believed. Happy are those who not seeing are also believers.

WORD 177(20.2) Many other signs Jesus did in the presence of his disciples which have not been written in this book that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and that believing you might have life in His name.

THE ODESSEY OF JESUS PART (3.22-4.54)

(Chapter 21)

WORD 178(21.5)

Jesus showed Himself again to His disciples at the Sea of Galilee. He appeared in this way. There were Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathaniel from Cana of Galilee and those of Zebedee (James & John) and two other of His disciples.(i.e.7 in all) Simon Peter said to them "I am going fishing with a company". They are saying to him "We are going to come with you". They went outdoors and embarked in the fishing boat immediately. And they caught nothing all night. It was already breaking first light as Jesus stood at the edge of the shoreline. Truly the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them "Lads, have you nothing to eat?" They answered "No!". Then He said with the accent of command "Cast the net on the right of the boat and you will find (something to eat)!" [The word find has the second meaning "find large merchandise" or wealth]

WORD 179(21.6)

They made a cast and they were not now able to draw the net back for the multitude of fish.

WORD 180(21.7)

That disciple that Jesus loved said to Peter "It is the Lord".

WORD 181(21.8)

Simon Peter hearing that it was the Lord securely bound his fishing garment about him (for he was naked) and threw himself into the sea. But the other disciples in the little boat were coming in (for they were not far from land -just about 200 strokes (or forearms), so they came sweeping the net with the fish.

WORD 182(21.9)

While they were coming to land they saw an anthracite fire set out and a fish laid on it and bread. Jesus said to them "Bring the fish you have caught now. Simon Peter went into the boat and drew the net to land full of great fish – one hundred and fifty three-so many and yet the net was not broken.[Jesus called them "small fish" John called them "big fish". John called the boat a "small boat" by comparison with the churches he would lead in the future-filled with people]. Jesus said to them "Come and have breakfast". Not one of the disciples dared to put the question "Who are you?" knowing that He is the Lord.

WORD 183(21.13)

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and the little fish likewise. This was already the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples after He arose from the dead.

WORD 184(21.15)

When they had breakfast Jesus said to Simon Peter "Simon Jonah, Do you love me more than these? [AGAPAS] He said "Yes Lord. You know that I love you. He said to him "Feed my lambs." [BOSKE ARNIA] He said to him again the second time "Simon Jonah, do you love me? [AGAPAS] He said to Him "Yes Lord, you know that I love you!" He said to him "Feed my sheep" [POIMAINE PROBATA]. He said to him the third time "Are you my true friend? [PHILEO] And he said to him 'Lord you know all things, You know that I love You.'" Jesus said to him "Feed my sheep". [BOSKE PROBATA] Truly I tell you when you were young you bound you belt tightly about you and went around wherever you wished. But when you are old you will stretch out you hands and another will bind you and make you go where you would be determined not to go." This He said giving a signal of the sort of death by which he would glorify God. And uttering this word of authority He said 'follow me! But turning about Peter had a quick look and saw the disciple that Jesus loved following- the one that fell on His breast at supper and said "Lord, who is your betrayer?" Beholding this one Peter says to Jesus "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him "[f] I will that he remains until I come, what is that with reference to you? [i.e. it is a different commission. Christ reserves the right to separate!] You simply follow me!"

WORD 185(21.23)

The statement went out to the brothers that that disciple⁹ John) should not die. But Jesus did not give him authority by His statement that he should not die but said “[f] I wish that he remain (here) till I come what reference has that to you?”

This is the disciple who bears witness concerning these things and has written these things. And we know that his witness is true [This statement may be made by virtue of the fact that the Lord had by now met John on Patmos and the gospel may have had this addendum added on that account.

And there are many other things that Jesus did, which great things

[A-TINA has the meaning “special” or “significant”] one by one, the world itself would not have space for the books that might be written. [John is saying that the detailing of Jesus’ life would be a world literature in itself and fill all the existing libraries known at the time and still want space].

AMEN

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