FINDING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD... TOGETHER!



WEEKLY WRAP-UP

TITLE: It's Time to Take a Walk Together

TEXT: Gospel of John 13:1-38

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OPENING COMMENTS:

<u>First statement</u>: It has been said that walking is good for one's health, and so it might be. The same bunch declares that sitting in your Lazy-boy recliner ... thinking about walking, doesn't count.

Second statement: Not to be the bearer of bad news, it might also be said that whether you walk, jog, or run, you're still going to be carried to the cemetery by someone else, and yes, they have special shoes for that activity as well.

<u>Third statement</u>: Today, we are going to <u>begin</u> to take a specific walk, together, through several chapters from the <u>Gospel of John</u>. Our focus will be on the text of these chapters and not necessarily commentary on these verses.

Fourth statement: Sometimes we miss what God is saying, because we are not reading what God has already said, which is always eternally true! There are two references we need to visit:

2 Timothy 3:14-17

- ¹⁴ But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;
- ¹⁵ And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- ¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Peter 1:20-21

- ²⁰ Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
- ²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

<u>Fifth statement</u>: The chapters from the <u>**Gospel of John**</u> are actual-true events recorded and relayed to us by the eyewitness, John, and reveal to us the final weeks, days and hours of our Lord's earthly ministry.

<u>Sixth statement</u>: Yes, our walking through these chapters in the <u>Gospel of John</u> coincides with the "Easter" season. And, while the origins of "Easter" are pagan, Christians celebrate "Easter" only as the resurrection of Jesus:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 14:

- ³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
- ⁴ And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
- ¹⁴ And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

Seventh statement: Now, **Iohn 13** has a specific focus of our Lord upon His disciples, this inner circle of followers, are true believers who have been following Him now the better part of 3 years. Before we begin in verse 1;

Let's Pray Together:

John 13:1-38

- 1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.
- ² And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him;
- ³ Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God;
- ⁴ He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself.
- ⁵ After that He poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded.
- ⁶ Then cometh He to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto Him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
- ⁷ Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
- ⁸ Peter saith unto Him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me.
- ⁹ Simon Peter saith unto Him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.
- ¹⁰ Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
- ¹¹ For He knew who should betray Him; therefore said He, Ye are not all clean.
- ¹² So after He had washed their feet, and had taken His garments, and was set down again, He said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?
- ¹³ Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
- ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
- ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
- ¹⁶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
- ¹⁷ If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

- ¹⁸ I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with Me hath lifted up his heel against Me.
- ¹⁹ Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am He.
- ²⁰ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth Me; and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me.
- ²¹ When Jesus had thus said, He was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me.
- ²² Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom He spake.
- ²³ Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.
- ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom He spake.
- ²⁵ He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto Him, Lord, who is it?
- ²⁶ Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when He had dipped the sop, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.
- ²⁷ And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.
- ²⁸ Now no man at the table knew for what intent He spake this unto him.
- ²⁹ For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.
- ³⁰ He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.
- ³¹ Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in Him.
- ³² If God be glorified in Him, God shall also glorify Him in Himself, and shall straightway glorify Him.
- ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek Me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.
- ³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- ³⁵ By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.
- ³⁶ Simon Peter said unto Him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow Me now; but thou shalt follow Me afterwards.
- ³⁷ Peter said unto Him, Lord, why cannot I follow Thee now? I will lay down my life for Thy sake.
- ³⁸ Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for My sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied Me thrice.

CONCLUSION

INVITATION

Romans 10:13:

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Iohn 6:47:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.