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Knowing My Savior (5)

Knowing My Savior: John 10 - 13

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John 10:1-42

As Jesus continued His conversation with the Pharisees and His disciples, He used the following parable or illustration:

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” (v 1-5)

Because those who heard did not understand the parable, Jesus explained the meaning of what He had just said. Jesus began by saying that He was the door of the sheep. Those who came before Jesus were thieves and robbers. Since Jesus is the door, all who enter in my Him will be saved and will be able to find pasture. Jesus came so that His sheep could have life and have it abundantly.

In continuing His explanation, Jesus said, *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”* (v 11) Anyone who is hired to tend the sheep will not treat the sheep as his own. If he sees a wolf, he will flee and leave the sheep unprotected. The hireling does not care about the sheep. Jesus, on the other hand, being the good shepherd, knows His sheep and cares for His sheep. Jesus was willing to lay down His life for His sheep. No one took Jesus’ life from Him. Jesus had the power to lay down His life and the power to take it again. Jesus was given this authority from His Father in heaven.

These sayings of Jesus caused division among the Jews. Some of the Jews accused Jesus of having a demon and being mad. Other Jews defended Jesus saying, *“These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”* (v 21)

As time progressed, the Feast of Dedication was fast approaching. As Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon’s porch, the Jews surrounded Him and asked, *“How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”* (v 24) Jesus replied, *“I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me.”* (v 25) Jesus continued

by explaining that the reason for their disbelief was because they were not of His sheep. Jesus explained that His sheep would hear His voice and follow Him. Jesus would give eternal life to His sheep and they would never perish. No one would be able to snatch the sheep from Jesus' hand or from the hand of the Father in heaven.

At this point Jesus made a statement that enraged the Jews. Jesus said, *"I and My Father are one."* (v 30) When the Jews heard Jesus' claim, they took up stones to stone Him. Jesus asked them for which good work they would stone Him. The Jews said, *"For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."* (v 33) Jesus said to them, *"If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."* (v 37-38) Once again, the Jews sought to seize Jesus, however, Jesus was able to escape. Jesus went beyond the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing. As people spoke of Jesus, they commented, saying, *"John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true."* (v 41) Many people believe in Jesus.

John 11:1-57

In the town of Bethany, there was a man named Lazarus who was sick. Mary and her sister, Martha, sent to Jesus saying, *"Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."* (v 3) When Jesus heard about Lazarus, He said, *"This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."* (v 4) Although Lazarus was sick, Jesus remained two more days before leaving to go see Lazarus.

When Jesus was preparing to go to Judea to see Lazarus, His disciples questioned Him since the Jews were seeking to stone Him. Jesus explained, *"Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."* (v 9-10) Jesus then told His disciples that Lazarus was sleeping, and that He would go and wake Him. The disciples, not fully understanding Jesus, said, *"Lord, if he sleeps he will get well."* (v 12) Jesus then said, *"Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."* (v 14-15) Then Thomas said to the other disciples, *"Let us also go, that we may die with Him."* (v 16)

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, He found that Lazarus had been in the tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet Him. Martha said to Jesus, *"Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."* (v 21-22) Jesus told Martha that Lazarus would rise again. Martha thought that Jesus was referring to the resurrection at the last day. Jesus explained to Martha, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"* (v 25-26) Martha answered Jesus, *"Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."* (v 27)

At this point, Martha went and told Mary that Jesus had come. Mary quickly went to Jesus and said, *"Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."* (v 32) When Jesus saw

Mary and the others weeping, He “groaned in the spirit and was troubled.” (v 33) As Mary and the others took Jesus to the tomb, they observed how much Jesus loved Lazarus. When they reached the tomb, Jesus told the people to remove the stone. Mary objected because the body had been dead for four days. Jesus said, “*Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?*” (v 40) When they took away the stone, Jesus said, “*Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.*” (v 41-42) At this point Jesus cried with a loud voice, “*Lazarus, come forth!*” (v 43) Lazarus came out of the tomb bound hand and foot with grave clothes. Jesus told the people to loose Lazarus and let him go.

Many of the Jews who had been with Mary saw the miracle and believed on Jesus. However, other of the Jews went and told the Pharisees what Jesus had done. The chief priests and the Pharisees called together a council and addressed the question of what they were to do with Jesus. They realized that if they left Jesus alone, then everyone would believe on Him and the Romans would come and take away their place and their nation. Caiaphas, the high priest spoke up, saying, “*You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.*” (v 49-50)

While Caiaphas was likely speaking from the position of giving Jesus up to keep the Roman government away from the Jewish nation, God was using Him to prophecy the true purpose behind Jesus’ death. John wrote, “*Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.*” (v 51-52) From that point on, the Jews began to plot the death of Jesus. As a result, “*Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews.*” (v 54) Instead, Jesus went to Ephraim and remained with His disciples.

As the Passover was drawing near, the Jews continued to look for Jesus. (This was likely the fourth Passover of Jesus’ ministry.) The chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders for anyone who had seen Jesus, to report His whereabouts so that they could seize Him.

John 12:1-50

Six days before the time of the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany. While in Bethany, Jesus ate supper with Martha, Mary, Lazarus and others. During the course of His visit, Mary anointed Jesus’ feet with expensive oil of spikenard. Mary used her hair to wipe Jesus’ feet. When Judas Iscariot saw what Mary did, he asked, “*Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?*” (v 5) (Judas did not care for the poor. He wanted to keep the money for himself.) Jesus answered Judas saying, “*Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.*” (v 7-8)

As it was, many of the Jews knew that Jesus was with Mary and Martha. However, the Jews that came to the house, did not come to see only Jesus, but also Lazarus, the one whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Many who saw Lazarus and Jesus, believed. This great belief upset the chief priest and the Pharisees. As a result, they also plotted to kill Lazarus.

On the next day, a great multitude, having heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, went out to meet Him with branches from palm trees. The people cried out, "*Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!*" (v 13) Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it. This action fulfilled the prophecy written by Zechariah in Zechariah 9:9. While Jesus' disciples did not initially understand the meanings of these events, after His resurrection, they would remember and understand.

Some of the people present bore witness to the fact that Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. Because of this miracle, people came to meet Jesus. When the Pharisees saw the great display of belief, they said, "*You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!*" (v 19)

There were also some Greeks who had come to worship at the feast. These Greeks told Philip that they wanted to see Jesus. Philip went and told Andrew and the two told Jesus.

Jesus came to those who wanted to see Him and said to them, "*The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.*" (v 23-26)

Jesus continued by explaining that He had come for the purpose of being given up. At that point, a voice spoke from heaven, saying, "*I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.*" (v 28) Jesus explained that the voice had not come because of Him, but for the sake of the disciples. He then explained, "*Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.*" (v 31-32) When Jesus said that He would be lifted up, He was referring to what type of death He would die.

When the people heard Jesus say the "*Son of Man must be lifted up,*" (v 34) they were confused. They asked who was this "Son of Man." Jesus replied, "*A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.*" (v 35-36) After these sayings, Jesus departed and hid from the people.

At this point, the apostle John comments on the fact that many people saw the signs of Jesus, but did not believe in Him. John explains that this rejection happened so that the words of Isaiah would be fulfilled, when he wrote, "*Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*" (v 38) The reason for their disbelief was explained by another prophecy of Isaiah, "*He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.*" (v 40) John even comments on the fact that some rulers believed in Jesus. However, because of the Pharisees, these believing rulers did not confess their belief. They, like others, were afraid of being put out of the synagogue, and they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Knowing the rejection of some and the disbelief of others, Jesus cried out, "*He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.*" (v 44-45) Jesus explained that He had come as a light to the world so that those who believe in

Him would not abide in darkness. He said that if anyone heard his words and did not believe, that person would be judged by the word that Jesus had spoken. Jesus did not speak on His own authority, but by the command of the Father who had sent Him. Everything that Jesus said was commanded by His Father in heaven. Jesus said, *“For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”* (v 49-50)

John 13:1-38

As the Feast of the Passover was drawing near, Jesus was aware that the time of His death was drawing near. After Jesus and His disciples had finished supper, Jesus took a towel, poured water in a basin, and began to wash His disciple’s feet. When Simon Peter saw this, He said, *“Lord, are You washing my feet?”* (v 6) Jesus replied to Peter, *“What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.”* (v 7) When Peter objected to Jesus washing His feet, Jesus said, *“If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”* (v 8)

When Jesus had finished washing the disciples feet, He asked them if they understood what He had done. Jesus explained, *“You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”* (v 13-17)

As Jesus continued His discussion with His disciples, He explained that the one who would eat bread with Him had lifted up his heel against Jesus. This action would be for the benefit of the other disciples in that they would believe that Jesus was He, the one sent from the Father. Jesus then said, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”* (v 20) When the disciples asked Jesus who would betray Him, Jesus said, *“It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.”* (v 26) After having dipped the bread, Jesus gave the bread to Judas Iscariot and said, *“What you do, do quickly.”* (v 27)

After Judas left, Jesus said, *“Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* (v 31-35)

When Peter asked Jesus where He was going, Jesus explained that the disciples would not be able to follow Him now, but they would follow Him afterward. Peter said to Jesus, *“Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake.”* (v 37) Jesus answered Peter, *“Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.”* (v 38)

Ten Questions

1. Who did Jesus say was the door of the sheep? _____
2. Jesus said, "The works that I do in _____ name, they bear witness of me."
3. In what town did Lazarus, Mary, and Martha live? _____
4. What did Thomas say when Jesus insisted upon going to see Lazarus, who was dead? _____

5. When the Jews, who were with Mary, saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, what did they do? _____
6. In this lesson, who prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation? _____
7. Whose prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus sat on the young donkey? _____
8. In this lesson, a voice spoke from heaven. What did this voice say? _____

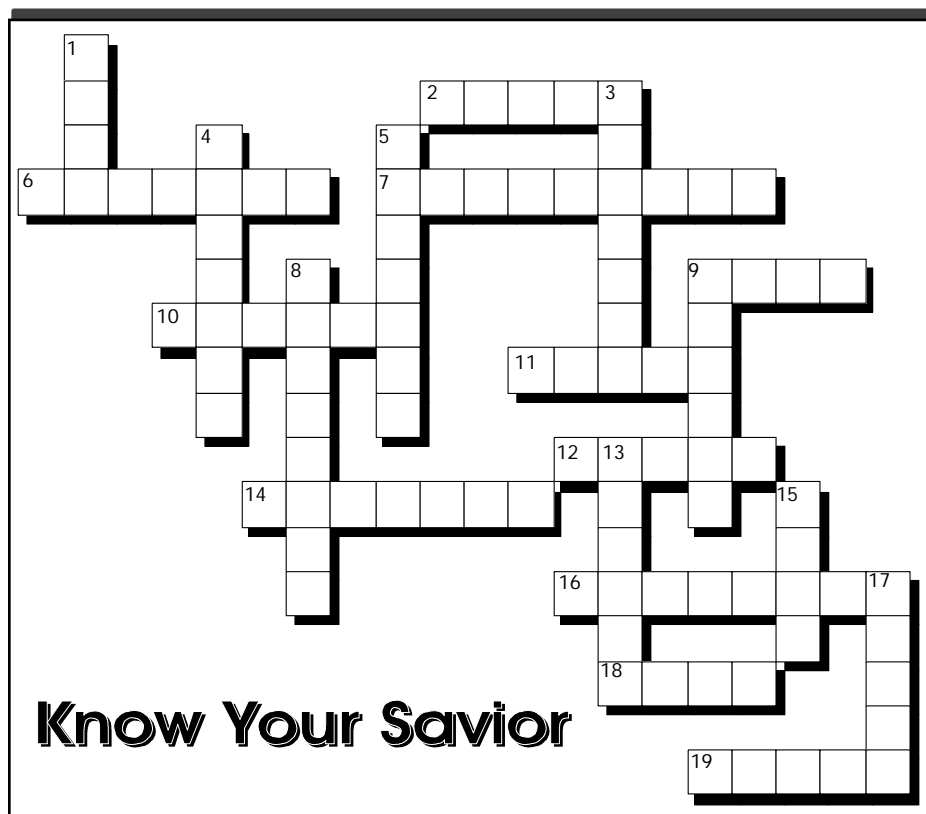
9. "He who _____ in Me, believes not in Me but in _____ who sent Me."
10. How did Jesus reveal the one who would betray Him? _____

True or False

1. T or F : John was the "good shepherd."
2. T or F : Jesus said, "I and My Father are one."
3. T or F : When Jesus came to Bethany, Lazarus had been dead four days.
4. T or F : Both Mary and Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."
5. T or F : Martha anointed Jesus' feet with expensive oil of spikenard.
6. T or F : The chief priest and the Pharisees plotted to kill Lazarus.
7. T or F : John quoted from Isaiah when he wrote, "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"
8. T or F : Jesus said, "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak."
9. T or F : John said to Jesus, "You shall never wash my feet!"
10. T or F : Jesus told Matthew that he would be the one to deny Jesus.

A Little Fun

(Use the lesson text to answer these questions.)



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Across

2. This man asked, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii . . . ?"
6. "I told you, and you do not _____."
7. "For I have not spoken on My own _____; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, . . ."
9. This person anointed Jesus' feet with expensive oil of spikenard.
10. "I and My _____ are one."
11. To this man, Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times."
12. Jesus said, "A little while longer the _____ is with you. Walk while you have the light, . . ."
14. "You call Me _____ and Lord, and you say well, for so I am."
16. This man said, "You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, . . ."
18. " _____, who has believed our report?"

19. Some of the Jews accused Jesus of having a _____.

Down

1. "A new commandment I give to you, that you _____ one another; . . ."
3. "Most assuredly, I say to you, a _____ is not greater than his master; . . ."
4. Mary and Martha lived in this city.
5. Jesus raised this man from the dead.
8. Jesus said, "I am the good _____."
9. Who said, "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will hear you"?
13. "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of _____!"
15. The people observed that _____ had performed no signs, but had spoken the truth about Jesus.
17. _____ Peter asked the Lord, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

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