

Episode #2-05 – Taught By the Helper

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. We continue to consider events leading up to the Lord's death. In John 14, the Lord continues His teaching to His disciples at His last supper with them. Last time, the Lord promised that, though He was leaving His disciples, He would send them the Holy Spirit to act as a Paraclete (one who comes alongside to help, an advocate) for them.

III. John 14:24. Some only claim to love the Lord. Sent = Greek *pempo*.

IV. John 14:25-31. The Paraclete Part 2.

A. V.25. The time would come when they would receive His words from heaven.

B. V.26. The Paraclete would take over this job.

1. This shows us the Paraclete is the Spirit, the Holy One.
2. Would be sent (*pempo*) by the Father in the Lord's name (with His authority).
3. Teach. Through Him, they would learn how to use their offices perfectly.
4. Bring to remembrance. The Lord's words were not written down. He would bring them back to their minds, and help them to understand them. We need understanding as well! But we must work for it. We do not just receive it.

C. V.27. He is leaving them with peace, Greek = *eirene*, from which we get our English name Irene. Peace is a true union (with God.) The world has many ways to try to achieve this, but the Lord actually gives it. Now He comforts them with the same words that started this chapter.

D. V.28. This is a favorite verse of those who like to say the Lord Jesus was a created being because He said the Father is greater. The truth: He is an extension of God. Which is greater, the reservoir or the pool that extends from it? Yet they both are the same water! In the world, Christ was separated from the Father and limited by His mission. With His Father, He would have greater power

E. V.29. He is telling them of this greater power in advance. Words coming to pass was the test of a true prophet, Deut. 18:21-22. (But note Deut. 13:1-3.) Remember the purpose of John, that we too might read these things and believe!

F. V.30. The Prince of this world. In John 12:31, I said this is Christ. But does that work here? This doesn't seem like Christ, does it?

1. Would the Lord stop talking because Satan was coming? James 4:7.
2. Prince = *archon*, means "first" or "chief." The Prince of this world is the Lord Himself! He was coming back to them (verse 28).
3. "It," not "he" has. The world has no nothing in the Lord (but we do!)

G. V.31. He was about to do a work for the world! John 3:16. His death did not just show His great love for us. It showed His great love for His Father. Now, they leave the supper to go to the garden, but the conversation seems to continue on the road.

V. Conclusion: The Paraclete gave the Lord's words to the disciples, explaining the mystery of the inspiration of Scripture. True peace with God is the greatest of gifts. The Prince of this world is the Lord, but the world stakes nothing on Him. His love for the world is shown by His death, as well as His love for His Father. He told them in advance what would happen so they would believe. The purpose of John in writing is that we would believe as well.