

Morning Sermon Outline – January 29, 2017

Three Things Accomplished by Christ's Cross

John 12:31-33

"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ³² "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." ³³ This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

(John 12:31-33 NKJ)

I. The judgment of this world –

1. Note this started even before Christ was actually crucified –

Jesus says, "Now is the judgment of this world..."

Even at that very moment there was an abundance of evidence of the world's great guilt! In chapter 11 of John, Jesus had raise Lazarus from the dead –

A. The raising of Lazarus was an event that should have inspired belief – John 11:41-42

B. It did inspire many to believe - John 11:43-45

C. However, men were so sinful, that the leaders of the Jews even after seeing this miracle, were all the more desperate to kill Jesus -

⁴⁶ But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. ⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. ⁴⁸

"If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation." ...

... ⁵³ Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death. (John 11:46-53 NKJ)

2. Here is where / how the judgment of this world is accomplished by Christ and His cross –

A. Jesus came into this world doing GOOD, only good –

"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹ "And we are witnesses of all

things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. (Acts 10:38-39 NKJ)

B. We know He came into this world as the Son of God, the express image of the invisible God –

... as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14 NKJ)

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. (John 1:18 NKJ)

⁹ Jesus said to him, "... He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, `Show us the Father '? (John 14:6-9 NKJ)

God, ... ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, ... ; ³ Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, (Hebrews 1:1-3 NKJ)

The great guilt of the world is evidenced in this, not only did they kill a good man, who did many wonderful works, like raising Lazarus from the dead. They killed the Son of God, Who was and is the Exact Image of His Father!

3. But it is EVEN worse than just killing Jesus, note –

A. They wanted to kill Lazarus too – John 12:9-11

B. When the world did kill Jesus they did it in the worst way:

- *The Roman soldiers mocked Him -*

And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. ³ Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. (John 19:2-3 NKJ)

- *The Jewish People, those who should have loved Him, yelled with passion for His crucifixion –*

Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" ... (John 19:6 NKJ)

- *Crucifixion was the worst kind of death known, and Jesus was beaten badly even before He was crucified – Isaiah 52:14*

4. *The fact is, all of these things done to Christ were seen and recorded by God; no one who had anything to do with the crucified Christ will be able to say, "I didn't do that" –*

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must* give account. (Hebrews 4:13 NKJ)

5. *Not only these things but all things ever done against or not done for Christ will be known, and judged by God –*

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, `Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² `for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; ⁴³ `I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' ⁴⁴ "Then they also will answer Him, saying, `Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' ⁴⁵ "Then He will answer them, saying, `Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.' ⁴⁶ "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25:41-46 NKJ)

II. *The Ruler of this world will be cast out –*

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Revelation 12:9 NKJ)

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and ... And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10 NKJ)

III. *All peoples will be drawn to Jesus –*

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself."

1. *Jesus says this because of the Greeks who came to Him – John 12:20-21; Jesus had a broader mission than just saving the Jews –*

⁶ **Indeed He says, `It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of**

Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'" (Isaiah 49:6 NKJ)

2. *He draws people to Him, in spite of their sin and sin nature –*
¹⁰ **As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. (Romans 3:10-11 NKJ) *Read on in Romans 3 ---***

3. *If people seek Him at all it is often with the wrong motive –*
²⁶ **Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. ²⁷ "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." (John 6:26-27 NKJ)**

4. *Truly coming to Christ requires the supernatural drawing of God –*
⁴⁴ **"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:44 NKJ)**

5. *The Cross is connected to drawing because is the power behind cleansing of / removal of sin –*
⁵ **and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, (Revelation 1:5 NKJ)**

6. *Being cleansed of Sin we become Holy Temples –*
¹⁹ **Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (1Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJ)**

7. *It is the Spirit that lifts us to eternal things, He helps us choose Christ –*
⁶³ **"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life. (John 6:63 NKJ)**

⁶⁷ **Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" ⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ "Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (John 6:67-69 NKJ)**

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