

I. V.29 "And now, I have spoken to you all before it has become, in order that whenever it becomes, you might believe."

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The context of this is that the hearts of the disciples are "unbelieving."  
That is, they don't understand what is happening.

Remember, they had just been arguing over who would be greatest in the kingdom.

Luke 9:24-30 = just before Jesus washed their feet.

This may have caused Him to do that act.

The argument was one they had often (Luke 9:36).

They picked it up again here.

They appear oblivious to what is actually happening in and around Jesus.

Disciples are like that-hey can't often seem to open their eyes to what is going on outside of their own lives, benefit.

We are forever concerned about our welfare more than anything else.

We call it "stewardship."

Jesus would call it "selfishness."

Therefore, for Jesus to say, prophesy really, concerning what is about to take place indicates that these men need to see His power in order to believe Him.

They need to be devastated by the fact that Jesus had only one thing in mind while they were arguing.

And, then, to see that event happen, it would all come together for them all.

Therefore, Jesus is concerned about what they believe; that they believe.

And, in order to facilitate their faith, He tells them what is about to happen so that when it happens, they will see His power.

John often wrote about these things in his gospel.

It all began in Galilee:

(Which see) John 2:11

<sup>11</sup> This beginning of *His* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

John 2:17

<sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume me."

John 2:22

<sup>22</sup> So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

John 12:16

<sup>16</sup> These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

Remember, Jesus told these men that it would be crucial for them to remember all that He said to them.

John 15:20

<sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

John 14:26

<sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

In order to facilitate that, they would need a helper.

And, they received the Holy Spirit.

To be reminded is still a part of the ministry of the Word.

We don't always lock the Word in our minds when we hear it.

Careful thought and commitment to memory is a crucial part of church life.

The fact is, between not listening, distractions, disinterest, sin, and poor recall, teaching seems like a losing battle.

This is why good teachers understand the need for reminders.

Luke 22:61

<sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "**Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.**"

2 Timothy 2:14

<sup>14</sup> Remind *them* of these things, and solemnly charge *them* in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers.

Titus 3:1–2

<sup>1</sup> Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, <sup>2</sup>to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

2 Peter 1:12–15

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with *you*. <sup>13</sup> I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup> knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. <sup>15</sup> And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

2 Peter 3:1–2

<sup>1</sup> This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup> that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.

What did Jesus say?

“I go to the Father.”

In 16:28 the disciples finally get it.

Jesus is going to die and go back to the Father, the One who sent Him.

By this prediction, Jesus is shown as omniscient.

This omniscience demonstrates to the disciples that He is God.

Now, they admit that they believe.

However, Jesus corrects them, carefully, also predicting that they would all fall away from Him in His hour.

So, just as they confessed that He is omniscient, that same omniscience also tells them that He will be left alone and their sense of ability and benefit to Christ will be shattered by their own deep failure.

They will never again have an opportunity to stand by Jesus' side in His trial of the cross. They would miss it!

But, in their ignorance and self-confidence, they thought that their mental belief was sufficient to be faithful to Christ.

It wasn't.

The faith that they would need would have to come from God, not themselves.

II. V.30 "I will speak no longer many things with you, for the one ruling the world comes and does not have anything in Me."

Remember, Judas was dismissed.  
That dismissal initiated the "hour" of Jesus.

John 13:31

<sup>31</sup> Therefore when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him;

Up to that point, it was not His "hour."<sup>1</sup>

However, in imminency of the cross, it was His hour.  
John 12:23 "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."<sup>2</sup>

There was much Jesus wanted to say to these men all the time, but they could not hear it-

John 16:12-13

<sup>12</sup> "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. <sup>13</sup> But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

But, time was limited and in the Father's plan, Jesus must cut it short.

"...for the one ruling the world comes and does not have anything in Me."

What does this mean, and why would this be the cause of cutting short what He wanted to say to the disciples?

"Ruler of this world." = John 14:30; 16:11.

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<sup>1</sup> John 2:4; 7:8, 30.

<sup>2</sup> John 13:1; 17:1

Consider:  
Luke 4:5-6

Satan said that it<sup>3</sup> has all been handed over to him.  
Is that true?  
Yes.  
In this sense: Hebrews 2:14 = the power of death.

Satan controls this world through the threat of death.  
The world does his bidding by the power of death that Satan has over them.

This kind of leadership creates hatred, fear, anger, and evil in every sense.

1 John 3:8  
<sup>8</sup> the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning.  
The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

The rulership of the world was at the first given to Adam (Genesis 1:27).

This is Jesus' kingdom given to Him from the Father.

Jesus gave it to the sons of God, starting with Adam: Luke 22:29–30  
<sup>29</sup> and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you <sup>30</sup> that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

However, since the introduction of the tares into the field (Matthew 13:24ff.), the world has been overrun by weeds.

The kingdom has in it those who are sons of the evil one (Matthew 13:30; 41-43).  
They are growing up, side by side.

And, in this state, the world is under the power of the evil one (1 John 5:19).  
He moves entire nations and peoples to carry out his work.

What is his work?  
Sin.

All myriad forms of sin are the expressions of the rulership of Satan.

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<sup>3</sup> "It has been handed over..." Notice the singular verb here. The world and all its contents are seen as a singular. It is all his now.

They are the works of the devil.

And, into this "world" Jesus descended<sup>4</sup>.

The target of all time for Satan has been the sons of God.  
With Jesus there, however, He Himself is the target, as illustrated by His temptations.

Arousing the nations to come against the Son was His work, under the power and plan of the Father.

Understand that there is a structure of the demonic host that is all under the power of Satan.

Ephesians 6:10-12

By these, Satan arouses his works into the nations, peoples, countries, legislation, households, businesses, schools, plans, and purposes of the world.

ILLUSTRATION: Daniel 10:13-20<sup>5</sup>.

It is because of the invisible, heavenly war that wages to rule this world that we wrestle against spiritual forces.

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<sup>4</sup> Ephesians 4:9–10

<sup>9</sup> (Now this *expression*, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

<sup>5</sup> Parenthetically the angel announced that soon he must "return to fight against the prince of Persia," a battle that would continue for two centuries of Persian rule (539–331 b.c.). This struggle involved all of the decisions and relationships pertaining to the Jews during the Persian period (e.g., the reconstruction of the temple, deliverance for the Jews during the time of Esther, permission for Ezra and Nehemiah to return, and their subsequent construction of the city). Of course, even in the Old Testament period the scope of God's activities reached beyond the affairs of the Jews.

Miller, S. R. (1994). *Daniel* (Vol. 18, p. 288). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

The spiritual realm (Job 1-2) is raging with the conflicts between angels and demons for the control and influence of the nations<sup>6</sup>.

See Revelation 12<sup>7</sup>!

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<sup>6</sup> Who was this “prince of the Persian kingdom” who resisted Gabriel for three weeks? (1) He must have been an angel since no human prince could have withstood Gabriel. Moreover, Israel’s “prince” was the angel Michael (10:21), and it is reasonable to suppose that in the same context the “prince” of Persia was also an angel. (2) Since this prince opposed God’s angel, he may safely be assumed to have been an evil angel, that is, a demon. Leupold remarks: “Bad angels, called demons in the New Testament, are, without a doubt, referred to here.” (3) He is called the “prince of the Persian kingdom,” so Persia must have been his special area of activity. Therefore this demon was either a powerful angel assigned to Persia by Satan or possibly he was Satan himself. Persia ruled the world in that day, and Satan would surely have concentrated his personal efforts in this most influential area. If the demon was Satan, it would explain why Michael, one of God’s most powerful angels, was needed to fight against him. The angelic warfare continued, for v. 20 reveals that the good angel would return to fight against this demon. Young suggests that it was this evil angel who “influenced the kings of Persia to support the Samaritans against Israel.”

From this passage several important facts are evident concerning angels: (1) angels are real; (2) there are good and evil angels; (3) angels can influence the affairs of human beings. Particularly this passage teaches that angels inspire human governments and their leaders. Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who was described in chap. 8 (also chap. 11), was certainly encouraged by demonic forces in his attempts to eradicate the Jewish religion. Antichrist, depicted in chaps. 7; 9; and 11 of this book, also will be satanically inspired (cf. 2 Thess 2:9; Rev 13:2). In Daniel’s day Persia ruled the earth. Satan would naturally have attempted to influence the decisions made by the Persian government because policies made there would affect the world. Today Satan continues his attempts to sway earthly powers, and he focuses his attention on nations of the world with the most influence. On the other hand, Dan 10:13, 20 and 11:1 demonstrate the positive activity of holy angels on governments. (4) There is an invisible, spiritual warfare being waged that involves angels and believers. The apostle Paul said, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (Eph 6:12). This warfare is an ongoing struggle (cf. v. 20). (5) God’s angels act on behalf of the saints. Here they are instrumental in delivering to Daniel a message from God. Believers probably would be surprised to learn of the many acts performed for them (e.g., protection) by the Lord’s angels.

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<sup>7</sup> Notice that here the time is during the last half of the Tribulation (post-resurrection-vv.5-6; during the tribulation-vv.14-17).



In fact, this is why we do not get uptight about world events and simply continue to preach the kingdom of God in the world.

Jesus said it like this: Matthew 12:22-29!!

Jesus preaching the kingdom of God into the kingdom of Satan announced the strongest of all was there (i.e. Matthew 12:40).

God, in the incarnate Son, assaulted the kingdom of Satan on Satan's ground and continues to do so through His church (Matthew 16:18).

This is why prayer is so vital.

Since we wrestle against spiritual forces, and since the war in heaven is real, and since it is for the outworking of the plan of God to subdue the nations and return them to Jesus Christ, the real war is spiritual and, as such, is won in large part by prayer and the ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4).

And, in the rage of Satan, and in his crafty schemes, he not only influenced but filled Judas to betray Christ.

Satan continually attempted to kill the Christ (i.e. John 5:18; 7:1). And<sup>8</sup> However, it would seem that the angels fought for Him and protected Him, until that hour.

During that hour, the angels were held back and the spiritual forces of darkness were allowed their work.

Luke 22:52–53

<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as you would against a robber? <sup>53</sup> While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

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<sup>8</sup> And His disciples-Luke 22:31–32

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; 32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

III.V.31 “But, in order that the world might know that I love the Father, and just as they Father has commanded me, so also I work/do. Get up let us go away from this place.”

We have covered this verse many times in the past.

Just note a few things:

Jesus' death on the cross was a demonstration of the love the Son has for the Father as well as the eternal plan of God which He commanded the Son.

Isaiah 53:10 - the LORD was pleased to crush Him knowing all that would be resolved with His death.

Acts 2:22–23

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

The work of God was performed in the loving obedience of the Son.  
This is why it is crucial for you to obey Him in love as well.

There is a whole lot going on outside of our lives.  
Only going obedience will accomplish God's will.

And now, it is time to leave the room that held so many lessons for these guys.  
It is time to go to the Roman execution that is prepared for Him.

Just imagine the scene in the demonic realm.