


Day 1

 Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today's study.

¹ "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray.

Q1. Jesus said, "All this I have told you"; to what does "this" refer?

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Q2. Jesus did not want them to "go astray"; "go astray" from what?

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² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.

Q3. What did the synagogue represent to the people of Jesus' time, 2,000 years ago?

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Q4. What could happen to a person and their family if they were "put out of the synagogue"?

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Q5. Why did Jesus warn His disciple about being killed?

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Q6. How could someone think that "he is offering service to God" by killing a disciple? Can you think of an example?

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 The Apostle Paul's name before his conversion on the Road to Damascus was Saul.

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Acts 6:8-15 & 7:51-60 [The Message (MSG)]

^{6:8-10} Stephen, brimming with God’s grace and energy, was doing wonderful things among the people, unmistakable signs that God was among them. But then some men from the meeting place whose membership was made up of freed slaves, Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and some others from Cilicia and Asia, went up against him trying to argue him down. But they were no match for his wisdom and spirit when he spoke.

¹¹ So in secret they bribed men to lie: “We heard him cursing Moses and God.”

¹²⁻¹⁴ That stirred up the people, the religious leaders, and religion scholars. They grabbed Stephen and took him before the High Council. They put forward their bribed witnesses to testify: “This man talks nonstop against this Holy Place and God’s Law. We even heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth would tear this place down and throw out all the customs Moses gave us.”

¹⁵ As all those who sat on the High Council looked at Stephen, they found they couldn’t take their eyes off him — his face was like the face of an angel! . . .

^{7:51-53} [Stephen continued to reprimand the Jewish religious leaders,] “And you continue, so bullheaded! Calluses on your hearts, flaps on your ears! Deliberately ignoring the Holy Spirit, you’re just like your ancestors. Was there ever a prophet who didn’t get the same treatment? Your ancestors killed anyone who dared talk about the coming of the Just One. And you’ve kept up the family tradition — traitors and murderers, all of you. You had God’s Law handed to you by angels — gift-wrapped! — and you squandered it!”

⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶ At that point they went wild, a rioting mob of catcalls and whistles and invective. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, hardly noticed — he only had eyes for God, whom he saw in all his glory with Jesus standing at his side. He said, “Oh! I see heaven wide open and the Son of Man standing at God’s side!”

⁵⁷⁻⁵⁸ Yelling and hissing, the mob drowned him out. Now in full stampede, they dragged him out of town and pelted him with rocks. The ringleaders took off their coats and asked a young man named Saul to watch them.

⁵⁹⁻⁶⁰ As the rocks rained down, Stephen prayed, “Master Jesus, take my life.” Then he knelt down, praying loud enough for everyone to hear, “Master, don’t blame them for this sin” — his last words. Then he died.

Saul was right there, congratulating the killers.

Acts 9:1 [J.B. Phillips New Testament (Phillips)]

¹⁻² But Saul, still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord, went to the High Priest and begged him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he should find there any followers of the Way, whether men or women, he could bring them back to Jerusalem as prisoners.

³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.


Q7. The religious leaders had seen Jesus perform miracles and they had heard Him speak and teach; why did they not know Him?

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^{4a} I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you.

Q8. Why might this be important: “you will remember that I warned you”?

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The Work of the Holy Spirit

^{4b} I did not tell you this at first because I was with you. ⁵ "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'"

Q9. Why did the disciples not ask Jesus, “Where are you going”?

Q10. When Jesus referred to “Him who sent me,” do you think the disciples knew who “He” was?

⁶ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.

Q11. Why were the disciples “filled with grief”?

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⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Q12. Who is the “Counselor”?

⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Q13. Verse 8: How does the Helper “convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment”?

Q14. Verse 9: Why is it important to believe in Jesus (“believe in me”)?

Q15. Verse 9: Why would the world be convicted of sin “because men do not believe in me [Jesus]”?

Q16. Verse 10: What is “righteousness”? (“Morally upright; without guilt or sin”; source: <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/righteousness>)

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Q17. Verse 11: Who is the “prince of this world”?

Q18. Verse 11: What is the “prince of this world” judged of doing, since he is “condemned”?


Q19. Verse 11: Who is the Judge?

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

Q20. Jesus said, “I have much more to say to you.” Briefly, what might “much more to say” include?

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¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Q21. When did the Spirit of Truth come? [See Acts 2]

Q22. On whose authority will he speak? (“He will speak only what He hears”)

Q23. Jesus said, “whatever he hears he will speak”; to whom is he listening? To whom is he speaking?

Listening?

Speaking?


¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Q24. Verse 14: How will the Spirit of Truth “glorify” Jesus?

Q25. Verse 15: How would you explain this verse?

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Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

¹⁶ "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

Q26. What will happen to Jesus "in a little while"?

Q27. Jesus may be referring to two separate events, what are they?

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¹⁷ Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

Q28. We have the writings of the New Testament, so we know what was to come. However, Jesus' disciples were living it. What do you think the disciples were thinking?

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¹⁹ Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?" ²⁰ I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

Q29. Verse 20: Jesus said, "you will weep and mourn. . . . You will grieve". Why will Jesus' disciples be grief-stricken?

Q30. Verse 20: Why will their "grief. . . turn to joy"?

²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born, she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

Q31. Why does Jesus make this statement, "no one will take your joy from you"?

²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.


Q32. Is there power in the Name of Jesus?

Yes? Why?

No?

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I Have Overcome the World

²⁵ "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father.

Q33. Throughout His ministry, Jesus has spoken metaphorically. What is another Biblical name for "speaking figuratively"?

²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷ No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

Q34. Verse 26: Is Jesus saying that He will not intercede with the Father on our behalf?

Hebrews 7:25 [J.B. Phillips New Testament (Phillips)]

And he is, by virtue of this fact, himself the living guarantee of a "better" agreement. Human High Priests have always been changing, for death made a permanent appointment impossible. But Christ, because he lives forever, possesses a priesthood that needs no successor. This means that he can save fully and completely those who approach God through him, for he is always living to intercede on their behalf.

Q35. What is Jesus implying about the Father and the things that we might "ask in My Name"?


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²⁸ I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

²⁹ Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. ³⁰ Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

Q36. Why do the disciples believe that Jesus came from God?

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³¹ "You believe at last!" Jesus answered. ³² "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. ³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Q37. Verse 32: When will Jesus' Words be fulfilled, "You will leave me all alone"?

Q38. Verse 33: How might Jesus' pronouncements bring peace, as He said "in me you may have peace"?

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Q39. Verse 33: Jesus said that “In this world you will have trouble”; can you describe one “trouble” the disciples may have experienced from any time within Jesus’ ministry (past or future to this conversation)?

Q40. Verse 33: Does that “trouble” prophecy extend to Believers in our present age?

Q41. Verse 33: What did Jesus mean, when He said, “take heart; I have overcome the world”?

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