

## Outline of Fr. Patrick Winslow' Lecture on Lesson 16

### I. Approach – What is happening?

- A. (V. 20-36) Jesus speaks about His giving glory to His Father.
- a. Having arrived in Jerusalem for Passover, Philip and Andrew approach Jesus on some Greek peoples behalf - they wanted to see Jesus.
    1. Jesus responds saying that .the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.V.23.
      - a. The necessity of losing His life for the sake of bearing much fruit.
      - b. The example of a grain of wheat.
      - c. All who wish to serve Him must follow Him.
    2. V.27 Jesus continues to speak as if He is thinking out loud.
      - a. He states, “now is My soul troubled.”
      - b. He rhetorically asks if it is right for Him to ask the Father to save Him from this hour.
        - i. No, for the Son has come to give glory to the Father.
        - ii. What troubles His soul is what will give glory to the Father’s name.
      - c. A voice from heaven erupts, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” V.28
        - i. Some thought it was thunder, and others, an angel speaking to Jesus.
        - ii. Jesus notes that this voice came for their sake.
      - d. Jesus declares that now is the judgment of this world, its ruler (satan) will be cast out when Jesus is lifted up and all will be drawn to Him.
        - i. The people question how this could be based upon what they think they know about the Christ and the **Son of Man**.
        - ii. Jesus encourages them to continue to follow Him, for He is the true light.
- B. (V.37-50) Jesus withdrew from Philip, Andrew and the others who were around; John comments on what is happening; and Jesus cries out.
- i. Despite His signs, they did not believe in Him.
    1. John explains by using the prophet Isaiah.
  - ii. Jesus declares that he who believes in Him believes in the one who sent Him (the Father in Heaven); He has come into the world to be the light for those in darkness; He has come not to judge but to save the world.
    1. However, he who rejects what He says will be judged not by Him, but by the truth of His testimony.
    2. He speaks with the authority of the Eternal and Heavenly Father.

### II. Approach - Old Testament background

- A. Two explicit references to the Old Testament.
- i. Isaiah 53:1 (in V.38): to explain why the people are not believing in Jesus.
    1. Isaiah explains how and why this rejection is taking.
      - a. The Suffering Servant Messiah is described in Isaiah. (In these passages, Isaiah refers to the Messiah as a suffering servant.)
        - i. One who is rejected by His own people.
        - ii. One who is the sacrificial lamb of God. Recall the Book of Exodus Chapter 7:1-5:
        - iii. Note the inferences: Jesus quotes Isaiah; Isaiah alludes to Exodus in referring to the ‘lamb’ of God. In Exodus, Moses works signs from God and is rejected by Pharaoh who is made obstinate by God so that the Israelites and Egyptians will

know that the Lord is God. In John, Jesus is the new Moses sent by God who works signs and in this passage John is explaining how the people are blind to the signs either by God's doing (like Pharaoh in Exodus), or out of fear of losing human respect, and thus do not know that Jesus is God.

- ii. Isaiah 6:10 (in V40): Here God commissions Isaiah to begin his work.
  - 1. Jesus is likening Himself to the prophet Isaiah, that He will be met with worldly failure – He will be rejected as one sent by God and persecuted, but from their rejection there will come a moment of grace for those who will open their eyes and receive God.

## **I. Approach - Pastoral Points**

- A. V.24 This is a Eucharistic image together with Christ's passion and death → future liturgical practices of eucharistic elevations, enduring true presence and communion.
  - i. The Wedding Feast at Cana is recalled because now the HOUR has come (at that point He told His mother that His hour had not yet come). Before the hour, water was turned to wine, now that the Hour has come the blood of the Sacrificial Lamb will be offered, and after the hour the wine will be turned to blood.
  - ii. John 6 The Bread of Life Discourse - the image of wheat is deliberately Eucharistic.
  
- B. The unique role of Mary in the life of the Church and in the family of the Church.
  - i. Before the Hour -. Mary tells all to do as He says.
  - ii. At the Hour - Mary is faithfully at the cross of her Son. The beloved disciple is given to Mary to take as her son and Mary the beloved disciple to take as his mother.
  - iii. After the Hour - all are incorporated via Holy Communion into God's family by becoming brothers and sisters in Christ and thus are now like the beloved disciple who takes Mary as their mother and God as their Father.
  
- C. Judgment - Jesus has come not to judge but to save.
  - i. Rather, it is His spoken word - the truth that will be our judge. V48