



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

September 3, 2023

“Jesus’ Final Discourse – The Holy Spirit Cometh”

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35, NIV)

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:16-17, NIV)

“Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment...” (John 16:7-8, NIV)

Jesus’ “Final Discourse” (John 14-17)

The Chapel’s summer season ends this Sunday, and in Chapel this Sunday our focus is “The Holy Spirit Cometh” and John 16. During the next several weeks the Sunday Blast will continue our study of the “Final Discourse,” and to follow along, please read John 13:31-38 which is the actual beginning of the discourse, before you read chapters 14-17. In this Sunday Blast you will find some guides to the “Final Discourse.” Next week our Sunday Blasts will study the final verses from chapter 13 and chapter 14.

A Guide to the “Discourse”

As you read these chapters, and I recommend one chapter per week, you will find a treasure trove of famous verses! Mark them and also record the message of that chapter which came to you. Remember to let the Holy Spirit (the “Advocate”) in!

- Chapter 13:31-38: These verses contain a “new commandment” as Jesus’ discourse begins. (see the quotation above.)
- Chapter 14: Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to comfort and guide His disciples after He is gone. He also teaches them about the nature of God and His relationship with the Son and the Holy Spirit. (see the quotation above)
- Chapter 15: Jesus compares Himself to a vine and His disciples to branches. He teaches them that they must abide in Him in order to bear fruit. He also tells them that they will be persecuted for following Him, but that they should not fear.
- Chapter 16: Jesus warns the disciples about false teachers and tells them that they will be misunderstood. He also promises to send the Holy Spirit to help them understand His words. (see the quotation above)
- Chapter 17: Jesus prays to the Father for His disciples. He asks the Father to protect them and to keep them united. He also prays for the future of the church.

**** May God’s Peace be with you! - Vance ****

Prayer box: let us pray for the people living on Maui and those in the SE recovering from hurricane Idalia; for all who are travelling; and give thanks for the Chapel’s summer season! Lord, hear our prayer!