

## **The Gospel According to John**

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1. Last week I taught in part Joh 7:1-10 by way of the *Doctrine of the Millennium*.
2. Before we return to our study of the *Doctrine of the Millennium*, I want to give you opportunity to rebound.
3. The Feast of Tabernacles was designed to teach a future coming of the Christ to a promised land where he would reign in perfect environment for one-thousand years.
4. Jesus and His brothers have an interesting conversation concerning whether or not He should attend.
5. Jesus, unknown to his brothers attends the feast in secret.
6. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material at point 11 on page five.

### ***Doctrine of the Millennium***

1. Many Old Testament and New Testament passages combine to teach that Christ will be the supreme ruler of the earth in an age called by many the Age of Christ, or the Millennium. Rev 20:1-11 summarizes the major events.
2. Most of Israel expected their Messiah to come and “immediately” proceed in destroying Roman rule and implementing their promised world-wide Kingdom.
3. As we saw last week, because of Israel’s rejection of their Messiah there will be a multi-faceted order of resurrections.
4. During the Millennium, Christ, as David's son, will sit on the throne of David and David will serve as Christ’s executive officer. Eze 34:23-25
5. God's faithfulness to perform what He has promised to David and believing Israel is emphasized in Jer 33:20-21.
6. Israel’s boundaries will be extensive, far beyond the boundaries of any prior kingdom of David, and it will be a forever kingdom. Gen 15:18-21
7. Christ's reign during the Millennium will be a universal rule. Mic 4:1-2
8. Christ will rule with a rod of iron in absolute power. Psa 2:8-9

9. Satan is bound and rendered inoperative during the Messiah's reign.

9.1 Although there is no evidence that the Holy Spirit will baptize believers into a spiritual unity such as is true in the Church Age today, there will be the indwelling power and presence of the Spirit in the believers in the Millennium. (Isa 32:15; 44:3; Eze 39:29; Joel 2:28-29)

10. It will certainly be a time of righteousness, prosperity and universal peace.

11. As a center for worship, a Millennial Temple will be built. It is described in Ezekiel, chapters 40 through 46. There will again be sacrifices in that Temple.

12. The sacrifices mentioned by Ezekiel seem to be a memorial looking back to the cross, just as the Old Testament sacrifices looked forward to Christ's coming.

13. The groaning and travail of creation will be lifted. There will be prosperity, health, and both physical and spiritual blessing such as the world has never known.

14. There will be important changes in the topography of the earth. The Promised Land will again be the garden spot of the world, the center of God's kingdom on earth and the place of unusual blessing.

15. The Millennium will be a golden age, the climax of earth's history, and the fulfillment of God's purpose to establish His Son as the supreme ruler over the universe.

16. At the end of the Tribulation, a judgment will take place to determine which of the survivors of that great and terrible day of the Lord will enter the Millennium. Jerusalem will be secure and never be destroyed again.

17. An indication of the rule of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords is that He will judge the nations that fought against Jerusalem in the Tribulation.

18. Those who survive the purging judgments at the beginning of the Millennium will be required to worship Christ annually.

## Conclusion

1. The Millennium is a 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth, in perfect environment. The age of perfection begins with the Second Advent and ends with the Gog revolution.
2. The Gog revolution is put down by the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. The destruction of the forces of Satan and his followers is followed by the Great White Throne.
4. The Great White Throne Judgment is followed by the destruction of planet earth when a new perfect environment is ushered "in."
5. Now let's see what happens when Jesus arrives in the middle of the Feast of Tabernacles.

### 5.1 Attitudes at the Feast

Joh 7:11 Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, "Where is that man?"

Joh 7:12 Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others replied, "No, he deceives the people."

Joh 7:13 But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the Jews.

### 5.2 Jesus Arrives and Teaches

Joh 7:14 Not until halfway through the Feast did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach.

### 5.3 Scribes and Elders React

Joh 7:15 The Jews were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having studied?"

### 5.4 Jesus Answers

Joh 7:16 Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.

Joh 7:17 If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

## 5.5 The Crowd Answers

Joh 7:20 "You are demon-possessed," the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill you?"

## 5.6 Jesus Answers

Joh 7:21 Jesus said to them, "I did one miracle, and you are all astonished.

Joh 7:22 Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a child on the Sabbath.

Joh 7:23 Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath?

6. The Kingdom Age was a time of great demonic activity.

Luk 6:18 Many came to hear the Lord and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured,

7. Demons are opposed to Church Age believers and are capable of all sorts of superhuman conduct.

1Pe 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1Ti 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

2Co 11:13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

8. The Lake of Fire was created for Satan and his demons.

Mat 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

9. Demons can possess unbelievers

Luk 8:27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long-time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.

10. Demons cannot possess believers, but they can control a believer if he or she chooses to dabble in certain prohibited spheres.

11. Methods of acquiring demon possession/control are five in number.

### 11.1 Idolatry

1Co 10:19 Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything?

1Co 10:20 No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.

1Co 10:21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.

### 11.2 Drug or chemical addiction

Gal 5:19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;

Gal 5:20 idolatry and witchcraft (**Pharmakeia** - chemical addiction leading to demon possession/control) ...

### 11.3 An infatuation with illicit sex

Luk 8:1 After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him,

Luk 8:2 and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out;

Isa 2:5 Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Isa 2:6 You have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob. They are full of superstitions from the East; they practice divination like the Philistines and clasp hands with pagans.

11.3.1 Judah had eagerly adopted new ideas from the heathen and embraced many elements of heathen religion and morals, certainly to include the phallic cult.

11.3.2 The best attested activity often adopted by Israel was that of the Canaanites. The Ra Shamra tablets found at Ugarit document these horrific practices and thus the Bible warned against incorporating them in their worship services. Deu 12:1-4.

Deu 12:1 These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess -- as long as you live in the land.

Deu 12:2 Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains and on the hills and under every spreading tree where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods.

Deu 12:3 Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles (a Ugaritic worship pole of their mother god) in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places.

Deu 12:4 You must not worship the LORD your God in their way.

12. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 7:24-39.

Joh 7:24 Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment."

Joh 7:25 At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill?"

Joh 7:26 Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Christ?

Joh 7:27 But we know where this man is from; when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from."

Joh 7:28 Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him,

Joh 7:29 but I know him because I am from him and he sent me."

Joh 7:30 At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his time had not yet come.

Joh 7:31 Still, many in the crowd put their faith in him. They said, "When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man?"

Joh 7:32 The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him.

Joh 7:33 Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me.

Joh 7:34 You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come."

Joh 7:35 The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks?"

Joh 7:36 What did he mean when he said, 'You will look for me, but you will not find me,' and 'Where I am, you cannot come'?"

Joh 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

Joh 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

Joh 7:39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

13. Notice how idolatry and illicit sex were exchanged for a knowledge of God both in the Old and New Testaments.

Rom 1:22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

Rom 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator -- who is forever praised.  
Amen.

Rom 1:26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

Rom 1:27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

13.1 Hyper-emotionalism, where the emotions over-ride the intellect.

Phi 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Phi 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

13.2 Transcendental meditation

13.2.1 Eastern mysticism often leads to demon control. Any dabbling with the occult, including astrology, divination, necromancy, tarot cards, fortune telling, etc., are popular sources of demon control.

13.2.2 Under the Mosaic law any such dabbling with the occult was a capital crime.

Lev 20:27 "A man or woman who is a medium or spiritist among you must be put to death. You are to stone them; their blood will be on their own heads."

14. The nations in the Promised Land worshiped demons. Their practices often resulted in demon possession.

Psa 96:5 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Exo 12:12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

Isa 19:3 The Egyptians will lose heart, and I will bring their plans to nothing; they will consult the idols and the spirits of the dead, the mediums and the spiritists.

Psa 106:34 They did not destroy the peoples as the LORD had commanded them.

Psa 106:35 but they mingled with the nations and adopted their customs.

Psa 106:36 They worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them.

Psa 106:37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.

Psa 106:38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood.

Psa 106:39 They defiled themselves by what they did; by their deeds they prostituted themselves.

15. The Mosaic law strongly prohibited idol worship.

Lev 17:7 They must no longer offer any of their sacrifices to the goat idols (devils) to whom they prostitute themselves. This is to be a lasting ordinance for them and for the generations to come.'

16. Demons are the source of many diseases, not all, of course.



Acts 10:38 ... God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

17. Canaan was destroyed in part because of idol worship and occult practices.

Deu 18:9 When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there.

Deu 18:10 Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft,

Deu 18:11 or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

Deu 18:12 Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you.

### **End Lesson**

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