

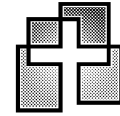
The Gospel of John



Notes From the Podium

These notes are intended to augment your own reading and study of the lesson. Please use as an aid to help you incorporate the main message of the lesson into your lecture.

- I. First Approach – what is happening in the moment of the text?
 - a. We are at the Last Supper.
 - i. After speaking to the apostles about having overcome the world, and noting that the Hour has come and they will be scattered, Jesus addresses the Father.
 1. This prayer to the Father is known as the High Priestly Prayer.
 2. It lays the foundation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders.
 - a. Properly, this foundation is laid in the context of instituting the Holy Eucharist.
- II. Second Approach – Pastoral Points
 - a. Vv 20-26 Prayer for the Church
 - i. The truth is principle of unity.
 - ii. How often have you heard this diagnosis: “we need to build community?”
 1. Social functions are the answer.
 2. Outreach programs are the answer.
 3. Diversity & Tolerance are the answer.
 4. No. The TRUTH is the answer.
 - a. Want community? Preach and teach the faith, the Truth who is Christ. (With love of course)
 - b. Truth -> the pursuit of living in Truth -> community
 - iii. Community cannot be directly attained – it is the consequence of something else.
 1. Eg. Make me an orange – you cannot.
 - a. It is a fruit – a consequence of a nourished tree.
 - b. The Church community is a consequence of Truth, the Truth who is Christ Jesus.
 - b. Vv 17-19 Prayer for the Apostles
 - i. This is the foundation for the Sacrament of Priestly Holy Orders (v18).
 1. Do you know what a bishop is?
 - a. When I was ordained, a bishop laid hands upon me and invoked the Holy Spirit...before that another did it to him...this goes back to one of the twelve apostles and back to Christ at this moment at the Last Supper.
 - b. A bishop is a successor of the apostles.
 2. Holy Orders is the extension of the incarnation, an extension of Christ through time and space – in history.



Notes From the Podium (cont.)

Catholic Scripture Study

- a. When you are anointed, Christ touches you...
- b. When you receive Holy Communion...
- c. When you confess your sins...
- c. Vv 1-5 The Prayer of Glory
 - i. In vv 1&2 the plan of salvation is sketched.
 - 1. The Father sends those who hear Him to the Son, the Son gives them to the Father through the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. Therefore, through Christ, heaven is made possible.
 - 3. Let us look more closely at our link to the Father.
 - a. It is a priestly link – a sacrificial offering.
 - b. The cross is the manifestation of God's Glory.
 - c. Seem odd? It may be an issue of perspective...
 - i. Eg. Drug addict hitting rock bottom – at the moment seems terrible. Later it is seen as merciful and good.
 - ii. What we see on the cross of Christ is the Glory of God in a fallen world – from a fallen world's perspective.

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