When He Had Given Thanks

Mark 14:12–26

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INTRODUCTION

The moment you received Christ everything changed. You were no longer your own, because you were bought with a price. When you received Christ, you received a new calling for your life. God has a plan for you!

The Greatest Calling is to be like Jesus!

Romans 8:29 *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son…*

We are to pattern our lives after the Lord Jesus Christ in every aspect of our lives by surrendering to the Holy Spirit within. (Philippians 2:5–8; Ephesians 5:25)

Another attribute of Christ we should aspire to is Thankfulness!

Mark 14:23 *And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.*

I. Thankful for His _____ (John 6:1–14)

A. "Given _____" (John 6:11)

- Often we complain about too little, but Jesus gave thanks for 5 loaves and 2 fishes among 5,000
- A grateful heart is thankful for what we have and trusts God to provide the need
- The miracle didn't take place until they thanked God

B. "_____" (Matthew 14:19)

Jesus looked Heavenward…

James 1:17 *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights…*

- When we "ask the blessing" we are giving thanks to God for His provision
- The word "blessed" also means to "give praise"
- It also means to ask God to consecrate for our use

1 Timothy 4:4 *For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:*

II. Thankful for _____ (John 11:41–42)

John 11:41 *…Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.*

Jesus prayed about prayer! He was thankful that at any time He could speak to the Father and the Father always heard Him!

A. The _____ of Prayer (Hebrews 4:14–16)

Hebrews 4:16 *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace…*

B. The _____ to Prayer (Psalm 66:16–20)

Psalm 66:18 *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:*

III. Thankful for His _____ (Mark 14:23)

Shortly before He would be betrayed, mocked, tortured and crucified… He took the cup and gave thanks!

A. For His _____ (1 Corinthians 11:23–24)

1 Corinthians 11:24 *…Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

B. For His _____ (1 Corinthians 11:25–26)

1 Corinthians 11:26 *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*

Jesus gave thanks in the most difficult moments of His life… because God is good all the time!

1 Thessalonians 5:18 *In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

Conclusion

The miracles took place after Christ gave thanks! "And when He had given thanks…"

- Provision came in abundance (Fed 5,000)
- Power was demonstrated (Lazarus)
- Pardon was offered (His crucifixion)

One other time Jesus gave thanks, and it too had to do with Salvation offered full and free…

Matthew 11:28 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

TAKE IT HOME

A recognition of God's providing hand in everything sets our hearts to receive the future blessings of God. A complaining spirit keeps us from realizing all God has in store for us.

MY NOTES