

May 30

Jesus Tells His Disciples to Love, Despite Future Failures

Yahweh said to me, "Go again, love a woman loved by another, and an adulteress, even as Yahweh loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods" – Hosea 3:1

[John 13:31-38, Jerusalem, Wednesday]
When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him immediately. Little children, I will be with you a little while longer. You will seek me, and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you can't come,' so now I tell you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you can't follow now, but you will follow afterwards."

Peter said to him, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for me? *Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as*

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wheat, but I prayed for you, that your faith wouldn't fail. You, when once you have turned again, establish your brothers."

He said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death!"

He said, "Most certainly I tell you, Peter, the rooster won't crow until you have denied me three times."

But he spoke all the more, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." All of the disciples also said likewise.

He said to them, "When I sent you out without purse, and wallet, and shoes, did you lack anything?"

They said, "Nothing."

Then he said to them, "But now, whoever has a purse, let him take it, and likewise a wallet. Whoever has none, let him sell his cloak, and buy a sword. For I tell you that this which is written must still be fulfilled in me: 'He was counted with transgressors.' [Isaiah 53:12] For that which concerns me has an end."

They said, "Lord, behold, here are two swords."

He said to them, "That is enough." [Matthew 26:33-34, Mark 14:29-31, Luke 22:31-38]

1. How had Jesus been glorified? How would he be? When? Why the new commandment?
2. Has your faith failed? How? Did you turn, and will you establish your brothers? How?
3. Jesus, you can send me out with nothing, or you can tell me to get prepared, either way...