

John 295 “Warm Hands, Cold Heart” John 18:11-15; Matthew 27:45-53

As the opposition rose against Him, Jesus spent less time with the public and more time with His twelve disciples.

And our Lord remained others-centered through it all; it was always their needs over His needs.

The resurrection not only validates Who Jesus is to mankind but it also is the seal of our redemption and salvation as it demonstrated the Father’s complete propitiation.

It wasn’t the ropes or the cords that bound the Lord Jesus, it was His voluntary reconciling of Himself with the Father’s plan for His crucifixion that held Him.

The show of force and violence against their Master will intimidate the disciples, which in turn, will create even further isolation for Him.

And by design, the arrest will also further seclude the Lord Jesus.

True aloneness means that loved ones and friends go away disregarding the one they previously enjoyed closeness with and at the same time, enemies move in to steal their place of intimacy.

Caiaphas disguised his lust for power behind his “good of the people” hypocrisy.

The leadership in Jerusalem was not interested in universal human freedom but they certainly were highly concerned with one thing: holding on to their power base to control the people’s behavior to include their finances.

John had biblical truth in his soul staging area readily awaiting application at any moment.

There is no such thing as a human being who genuinely has the strength to face life’s challenges without the inner encouragement of biblical truth.

Just one ounce of epignosis wisdom applied is greater than all of the human courage displayed in the entirety of history combined.

John’s act of love actually proved to be more courageous than Peter’s willingness to die for the Lord Jesus!

In one day in the annals of human history, the law of the mighty Roman Republic and the law of the fantastic Jewish Theocracy agreed in utter failure.

Israeli theocratic law uncharacteristically combined with Roman secular law to put the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross and that’s a historical fact but in all actuality, it was the plan of Almighty God that put His own Son on that Cross and that’s a biblical fact!