

John 248 "I Warned You About Them" *John 16:1-2*

It's the night before His crucifixion and our Lord is giving a pre-Church Age briefing, explaining what life in the experiential plan of God will be like without Him physically present.

The Lord Jesus sends the 11 out to continue the Father's mission of bringing His Word first to the very nation that rejected and will soon kill her Messiah who she considered cursed.

*The disciples will learn that the abundant life that Jesus spoke about wasn't a life of great riches or even satisfying relationships; it's a life that includes both living and dying for Him!*

Only omnipotent God, the Author of life and all reality or truth can accurately and adequately define such terms as sin, righteousness and judgment.

God the Father is judicial and completely fair in His thoughts and His ways or actions and He wants us to know this because His enemy constantly questions His integrity.

*The Holy Spirit guides us to make certain that the Father's legal message is accurately presented to properly reflect His views.*

Our job is to ensure the preciseness of clear information in our presentation of the Gospel.

If mankind doesn't accept infinite Creator God and His attributes, he naturally transfers those attributes to God's finite creation.

*Our standing before God is related to absolutes, so our relationship with Him is with His absolute righteousness and His perfect judgment.*

Although Christian churches seem to be increasing in number and in size, their effectiveness appears to be diminishing.

The strategy and tactics of the Church have dramatically changed.

*What God the Holy Spirit does to the Church will impress the world one way or another!*

When we face pain and suffering or loss, we can trust our Lord to supply all our needs.

We might have had another fantastic chapter of precious truth to behold in John's Gospel if the disciples had asked Jesus more about His relationship with His Father!

And so, the question for all of us is: Will we go through life constantly looking at mirrors to please our own interests or looking through glasses to determine the interests of Jesus Christ?

*So, again as always in Jesus-like fashion, our wonderful Savior comforts His own with His Father's truth, our only genuine consolation.*