

Men in Christ – November 2019

Every week there are persons who dare to speak 'about God;' then we step to the brink of blasphemy and dare 'to speak for God.' Then one day - God was a man - God actually spoke - to humans - The Word became flesh.

- I. Jesus entire public life was lived under assault
 - a. John 5:16:14-18; 6:40-44, 7:16-26, 29-30; 8:12-20, 58-59; 10:31-39; 11:45-53, 55-57; 9-11; 12:31-43.
 - b. The hour: 2:4, 7:6-8, 30; 8:20; 12:1, 13:1, 17:1.
- II. Jesus and time: "fulness of time"
- III. Judas
 - a. Jesus knew (6:70-71)
 - b. The embarrassment: John 12:1-9
 - c. The evil counsel: Matthew 26:24-26; Mark 14:10; Zechariah 11:12-13
- IV. Now, Gethsemane - John 18:1-14

Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When he said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfil the word which he had spoken, "Of those whom you gave to me I lost not one." . . . So, the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people