

Communion Meditation

FINAL ADMONITIONS

John 14: 12-14

"Authority of Son"

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FATHER, SON & SPIRIT

- Spoke last time of distinct roles of F, S + S ^{identities +}
- Father has ultimate authority
- Father & Son have life in themselves
- Father loved & ordained the sacrifice of Son

FATHER & SON TOGETHER IN HEAVEN

- When on earth Jesus experienced time much as we do
 - During His ministry He expressed longing
 - At times He expressed thoughts of loneliness
 - "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."
 - He did not entrust Himself to man
 - He knew what was in their heart...
- Later in John 17 we'll hear the relief in His voice
 - He'd completed His work
 - He was looking forward to returning to heaven...
- Jesus was separated from the Father in REAL way
 - But they are together now and that's important

ASK IN MY NAME

- Sometimes we emphasize prayers are "in Jesus' name"
 - We emphasize it because Jesus did
(V13) - "whatever you ask in My name, that I will do"
- We can pray & speak all we want on earth in God's name
 - Because God can be perceived individualistically
 - It could even be a lowercase 'g'...
- But our words, our prayers, must be offered in Jesus' name
 - We do not honor God when we omit Jesus' name
 - We are not heard if we willfully omit Jesus' name
- Praying in Jesus' name offends people
 - God the Father knows this...
 - God the Father intends this...
- Jesus said, "Ask anything in My name, I will do it."
 - This is a very simple, yet profound statement
 - We might think it only applies to SUPER SAINTS
 - We might think it only applies to simple requests
- But that is our faithlessness speaking lies to us
 - Go to God the Father in Jesus' name w/ your hearts desires
- Live your life in courageous faith — not cowardly fear...