

"Know, Share, Protect", John 17.6-12

Introduction, v6a

- "I have revealed..."¹
- **Question:** what are some of the ways Jesus revealed God to his disciples?²
- Able to do so because only one had ever seen God, Jn 1.18.³
- **Question:** How would you sum up the ministry of Jesus in one sentence

1. Know, vv6a-8

A. Obeyed

- Hence know that everything the Father has given Jesus comes from him, v7

B. Accepted

- Jesus spoke the words his Father gave him (Jn 7:16–17; 8:28, 38, 40; 12:49–50).

C. Believed

- **Question:** What is the most fundamental belief you hold about Christianity that keeps you going when other things are confusing you?
- **Question:** write a mission summary for a Christian today: one sentence

2. Share, vv9-10

A. Giving

- "...because they are yours."

B. All things

- "All" is neuter plural - i.e. not just the people, but all things.⁴

C. Glory

- Prediction of scattering (Jn 16.32) & denial (Jn 13.38) yet sees them with eyes of faith.
- **Question:** do we see one another this way?

¹Literally: "I have made known you, the name..." See Jn 17.12.

² See, Jn 8:38; 15:15; 2:11; 14:7–11.

³ Moses had done this in limited way, Ex 3.13, 15. His name: character & attributes, Ex 33.19; 34.5, 14.

⁴ Literally: "and all mine are yours and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them."

3. Protect, vv11-12

- *Tereo* has the sense of protection by conservation; (v12 - protected)
- *phylasso*, by defense against external attack (v12 - safe).
- Literally: "I am on my way to you."

A. Holy Father

- "Holy Father" - only time in NT.⁵

B. The Name

- Can also be translated "keep them in your name",
- "power" is not in the Gk, the name is enough because it is the most powerful name!⁶

C. Oneness

- What kind of "oneness"?⁷
- **Son of destruction**
- Also, "son of destruction" - can refer to character (Ps 57.4) or destiny (Is 34.5).
 - Perhaps both here. In 2 Thessalonians 2:3 it is applied to the Antichrist.
- Eternal destruction (Matt. 7:13; John 17:12; Rom. 9:22; Phil. 1:28; 3:19; 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 Tim. 6:9; Heb. 10:39; 2 Pet. 2:1, 3; 3:7, 16; Rev. 17:8, 11).
- **Doomed**
- Devil put it into his mind (Jn 13:2, 27; cf. Luke 22:3), Judas himself willingly carried it through (Jn 13:30; 18:2-3, 5; cf. Matt. 26:14, 25, 47; Mark 14:10, 43; Luke 22:48).
- **"Prophecy"**
- Scripture Jesus had in mind? Probably Ps. 69:25; 109:8 (cited in Acts 1:20).⁸

Conclusion

⁵ Combines transcendence and intimacy. See Lev. 11:44 (cf. Ps. 71:22; 111:9; Isa. 6:3)

⁶ "in your name." See Ps 20.1; 54.1 Prov 18.10 for similar ideas.

⁷ See, Jn 10.27-30, Jn 17.21-23.

⁸ See also: Jn 13.18, Ps 41.9.