**One Day Left**

Steve Bezner wrote, “Sometimes I joke about what I’d do if I had one day left to live. Eat junk, go crazy, etc. Today it hit me: Jesus knew. And He washed feet.”

What would you do if you knew you only had one day left on earth? It’s a *sobering* thought… with many applications and implications. I’m not at all sure what I, or you, would do; but we can know what Jesus did, because the Bible tells us! He *washed the disciples’ feet,* but that’s not all. Have you ever considered what *else* Jesus did with His last day?

**First, the perhaps obvious but necessary disclaimers:**

1. I’m not trying to compare the perfect *Apple* to *green* or *moldy oranges!* You’re not the same, and I’m certainly not the same, as God’s Only-Begotten, *“fullness of deity in bodily form,”* Messiah sent to save humanity from eternal damnation. Nonetheless, we are *begotten of God,* humans made *in the image of God,* Christians bearing the *image of Christ,* who presume to be His *disciples/followers* and share in His mission to *seek and save the lost.*
2. Jesus **knew** He had *one day* (of freedom) *left,* John 13:3*. If* we know we have *one day left,* it’s usually because we’re in a hospital with hoses, tubes, and monitors hooked up all over us trying to give us more, but the doctor told us (or our family) that we probably wouldn’t make it through the night. But, if there were a fair comparison, I suppose it would have to be that tomorrow we knew we would be arrested for things we never did, by godless people who have no real knowledge of or interest in civil justice let alone spiritual righteousness, and that afterwards we would be run through multiple “kangaroo courts,” beaten almost to death, mocked mercilessly, and then put to death in a most horrific way. That would at least approach a fair comparison.
3. So, if that was your situation, what would *you* likely do with your one, last, day?
   1. Spend every last *dollar, effort,* and *breath* in frantic effortsto stave off the inevitable? Or perhaps broadcast as far and as widely as possible to tremendous injustice of it all?
   2. Do something you “always wanted” but never “had the time” to do? Or something that you “always wanted” to but were “scared” to do, like bungee-jumping, sky-diving, etc.?
   3. Throw some sort of “celebration of life” party where the past glories and accomplishments of your life could be recounted and lauded with your family and friends?
   4. Or perhaps more practically, hurriedly scramble around attempting to put your *physical, fiscal,* or *spiritual* “affairs” in order?
   5. Spend time with your family saying your “goodbyes” and mourning what *might* have, what *could* have, and what *should have* been?

**But Jesus, on His last day (of freedom):**

* **Served-** He washed the disciples’ feet, John 13:1-12; (see also Matt.20:20-28 and Luke 22:24-30)
* **Taught-** a final important lesson of *service*, John 13:13-17; cf. Gal.5:13; 1Pet.4:10
* **Comforted, Assured,** and **Challenged-** those whom He was about to leave behind were not left *uniformed* or *unprepared* for their lives or *last day(s)*, John 13:21 – 15:27; He told them *what would happen, why,* and *what would come next-* that the Holy Spirit would *comfort* and *guide*, and *what they should do* after He left them
* **Warned** and **Explained,** John 16:1-33; don’t *stumble;* you will be *persecuted,* but that their *sorrow* would eventually be replaced with *everlasting joy* and *peace,* cf. vv.22,32-33
* **Communed and Worshipped,** with those closest to Him and who would continue His mission, Matt.26:20-30; (not with His *physical* family, for they did not yet *believe,* cp. John 7:1-10 and Acts 1:14; 1Cor.9:5, but with His *brethren,* Matt.12:46-50
* **Prayed for**
* **His disciples**,John 17:6-19; that they be *kept in Thee,* v.11; for their *joy made full,* v.13; *kept from the evil one,* v.15; for their *sanctification in truth,* vv.17,19
* **Salvation** in truth and unity for those who would come after them,John 17:20-26;
* **Himself,** not for more time, but for an alternative to the agony of the inevitable, Mark 14:32-36; and for strength and courage to face the inevitable agony, Mark 14:37-41;
* **Went forth** with resolute determination to face the inevitable, Mark 14:42… and so should/must we. When Jesus says, *“Follow Me,”* then go forth as He did: with resolution and without delay, deferment, or regret, cf. Luke 9:52-62.

**Conclusions:**

***This wasn’t just a* *human nature* vs. *divine nature* comparison** and shaming effort. Neither was it a mere ***historical*** *perspective* lesson, though perhaps both of those were included and intended to a degree.

Instead, I hope it brought us to **a closer and clearer view of Jesus, cf.** **John 12:21**, the ***author***(*archegos-* not “writer,” but one who *goes first to lead others*) **of our faith, Heb.2:10; 12:2;** leaving us the ***perfect example* John 13:15-17** of:

1. **How to *view* and *regard* life; and,**
2. **How to *live* life… even the last day of it.**