

Outline of the Messages for the Thanksgiving Conference

November 28—December 1, 2013

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE MENDING MINISTRY OF JOHN

Message Three

The Shepherding of Christ for the Church as the One Flock and the Father's House

Scripture Reading: John 10:10-11, 15-17; 14:2-3

- John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.
- John 10:11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
- John 10:15 Even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
- John 10:16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.
- John 10:17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.
- John 14:2 In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
- John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.

I. According to the Gospel of John, the Triune God as life brings forth the church; although the word *church* is not used, many verses allude to the church—2:16-22; 3:26-30; 10:16; 11:52; 12:24; 14:2-3; 15:5; 17:11, 21-23.

- John 2:16 And to those who were selling the doves He said, Take these things away from here; do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise.
- John 2:17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house shall devour Me."
- John 2:18 The Jews then answered and said to Him, What sign do You show us, seeing that You do these things?
- John 2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
- John 2:20 Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days?
- John 2:21 But He spoke of the temple of His body.
- John 2:22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.
- John 3:26 And they came to John and said to him, Rabbi, He who was with you across the Jordan, of whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him.
- John 3:27 John answered and said, A man cannot receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven.
- John 3:28 You yourselves testify of me that I said, I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before Him.
- John 3:29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full.
- John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.
- John 10:16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.
- John 11:52 And not for the nation only, but that He might also gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.
- John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- John 14:2 In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
- John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.

- John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- John 17:11 And I am no longer in the world; yet they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given to Me, that they may be one even as We are.
- John 17:21 That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.
- John 17:22 And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one;
- John 17:23 I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

II. Christ is the good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep so that, in the divine life, there will be one flock and one Shepherd—10:16:

- John 10:16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.
- A. As the good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly—vv. 10-11.
- John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.
- John 10:11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
- B. The good Shepherd laid down His human life to accomplish redemption for His sheep that they may share His divine life—vv. 11, 15, 17.
- John 10:11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
- John 10:15 Even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
- John 10:17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.
- C. As the good Shepherd, the Lord shepherds us by feeding us with Himself and in Himself as the pasture—v. 9:
- John 10:9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find pasture.
1. The work of shepherding is the work of feeding—Matt. 9:36; 14:14-21.

Matt 9:36 And seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and cast away like sheep not having a shepherd.

Matt 14:14 And going forth, He saw a great crowd, and He was moved with compassion for them and healed their sick.

Matt 14:15 Now when evening fell, the disciples came to Him, saying, This place is deserted and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.

Matt 14:16 But Jesus said to them, They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.

Matt 14:17 And they said to Him, We do not have anything here except five loaves and two fish.

Matt 14:18 And He said, Bring them here to Me.

Matt 14:19 And after commanding the crowds to recline on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.

Matt 14:20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve handbaskets full.

Matt 14:21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, apart from women and children.
 2. The pasture signifies Christ as the feeding place of the sheep—John 10:9:

John 10:9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find pasture.

 - a. Today our pasture is the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit—11:25; 1 Cor. 15:45b.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

- b. In our daily Christian life we should have the sense that we are in the pasture enjoying Christ as the rich supply of life.
- D. As the good Shepherd, the Lord is leading, guiding, and directing us in the divine life—John 10:14, 27-30:
- John 10:14 I am the good Shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me,
 John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
 John 10:28 And I give to them eternal life, and they shall by no means perish forever, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.
 John 10:29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand.
 John 10:30 I and the Father are one.
1. The Lord shepherds us in life from within:
 - a. Inwardly we have Him as our Shepherd, a Shepherd of life and in life—v. 10.
 John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.
 - b. As our Shepherd, the living Christ not only gives us life—He is our life—v. 10; 11:25; 14:6; Col. 3:4.
 John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.
 John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;
 John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.
 Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.
 2. Christ shepherds us by being life to us and by living in us; His living within us is actually His shepherding.
- E. Under the shepherding of Christ as the good Shepherd, “there shall be one flock, one Shepherd”—John 10:16:
- John 10:16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.
1. The one flock signifies the one church, the one Body of Christ, brought forth by the Lord’s eternal, divine life, which He imparted into His members through His death—vv. 16-18; Eph. 2:14-16; 3:6.
 John 10:16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.
 John 10:17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.
 John 10:18 No one takes it away from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. This commandment I received from My Father.
 Eph 2:14 For He Himself is our peace, He who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of partition, the enmity,
 Eph 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,
 Eph 2:16 And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.
 Eph 3:6 That in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the Body and fellow partakers of the promise through the gospel,
 2. The Lord has formed the Jewish believers and the Gentile believers into one flock—the one church, the Body of Christ—under His shepherding—John 10:10-18; Eph. 2:14-16; 3:6.
 John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.
 John 10:11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

- John 10:12 He who is a hireling and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.
- John 10:13 He flees because he is a hireling and it does not matter to him concerning the sheep.
- John 10:14 I am the good Shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me,
- John 10:15 Even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
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- Eph 3:6 That in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the Body and fellow partakers of the promise through the gospel,
3. The Lord's sheep have received the divine life, and by the divine life the sheep live together as one flock.
 4. As the good Shepherd, the Lord causes us to flock together—John 10:16; Luke 12:32; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2-3; cf. Isa. 40:11.
- John 10:16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must lead them also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.
- Luke 12:32 Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father has been well pleased to give you the kingdom.
- Acts 20:28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.
- 1 Pet 5:2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly, according to God; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly;
- 1 Pet 5:3 Nor as lording it over your allotments but by becoming patterns of the flock.
- Isa 40:11 He will feed His flock as a Shepherd; / In His arm He will gather the lambs; / In His bosom He will carry them. / He will lead those who are nursing the young.
- F. John 21, a chapter on shepherding, is the completion and consummation of the Gospel of John; shepherding is the key to the Gospel of John:
- John 21 (be omitted.)
1. If we do not know what shepherding is, the entire Gospel of John will be in vain to us; it is only when we shepherd others that we can know John in an intrinsic way—3:16; 4:10, 14; 10:9-18; 21:15-17.
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.
- John 4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.
- John 4:14 But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water springing up into eternal life.
- John 10:9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find pasture.
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they may have life and may have it abundantly.

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- John 10:18 No one takes it away from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. This commandment I received from My Father.
- John 21:15 Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs.
- John 21:16 He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep.
- John 21:17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

2. The Gospel of John is a book on Christ coming to be our life by cherishing and nourishing us; to cherish others is to make them happy, pleasant, and comfortable (Matt. 9:10; Luke 7:34), and to nourish others is to feed them with the all-inclusive Christ (Matt. 24:45-47).

- Matt 9:10 And as He was reclining at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and reclined together with Jesus and His disciples.
- Luke 7:34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.
- Matt 24:45 Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time?
- Matt 24:46 Blessed is that slave whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.
- Matt 24:47 Truly I say to you that he will set him over all his possessions.

3. After His resurrection the Lord incorporated the apostolic ministry with His heavenly ministry to take care of God's flock, the church, which issues in the Body of Christ—John 21:15-17.

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III. The Lord Jesus is shepherding us in life for the Father's house—the divine and human incorporation of the processed and consummated Triune God with His redeemed, regenerated, and transformed elect—14:2-3:

- John 14:2 In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.

A. We need to see life and building as revealed in the Gospel of John:

1. Life is for building, and the building is of life—11:25; 14:2.
John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;
John 14:2 In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
2. The Gospel of John reveals that the Triune God is dispensing Himself as life into His believers and that the believers, as the result of this dispensing, become the building of God, His expansion, enlargement, and corporate expression—1:4; 10:10b; 11:25; 14:2-3, 6.
John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
John 10:10b ... I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.
John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;
John 14:2 In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.
John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

B. In His resurrection the Lord Jesus rebuilt God's temple in a larger way, making it a corporate one, the mystical Body of Christ—2:19-22:

- John 2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
John 2:20 Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days?
John 2:21 But He spoke of the temple of His body.
John 2:22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.
1. The body of Jesus, the temple, that was destroyed on the cross was small and weak, but the Body of Christ in resurrection is vast and powerful—1 Cor. 3:16-17; Eph. 1:22-23.
1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
1 Cor 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.
Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.
 2. Since the day of His resurrection, the Lord Jesus has been enlarging His Body in resurrection life; He is still working for the building of His Body under the process of resurrection—John 2:19-22.
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John 2:20 Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days?
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John 2:22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.
 3. Christ, who is the resurrection and the life (11:25), changes death into life for the building of the house of God; our living as Christians is a life of changing death into life for the building up of the mystical Body of Christ—2:1-21.
John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

John 2:1 And the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

John 2:2 And Jesus also was invited, as well as His disciples, to the wedding.

John 2:3 And when the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine.

John 2:4 And Jesus said to her, Woman, what do I have in this that concerns you? My hour has not yet come.

John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do.

John 2:6 Now there were six stone waterpots lying there, according to the Jews' rite of purification, holding two or three measures each.

John 2:7 Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

John 2:8 And He said to them, Draw some out now and take it to the master of the feast. And they took it to him.

John 2:9 And when the master of the feast tasted the water which had become wine and did not know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew, the master of the feast called the bridegroom

John 2:10 And said to him, Every man sets out the good wine first, and when they have drunk freely, then that which is worse; you have kept the good wine until now.

John 2:11 This beginning of signs Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed into Him.

John 2:12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they remained there not many days.

John 2:13 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

John 2:14 And He found in the temple those selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers sitting there.

John 2:15 And having made a whip out of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, as well as the sheep and the oxen, and He poured out the money of the moneychangers and overturned their tables.

John 2:16 And to those who were selling the doves He said, Take these things away from here; do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise.

John 2:17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house shall devour Me."

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C. The Father's house is a matter of the Triune God, through incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection, working Himself into the believers in order to be fully mingled with them so that He may build them up as an organism for His dwelling and expression—14:2-3, 23:

John 14:2 In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

1. The Lord's coming brought God into man, and His going brought man into God; by this coming and going, He builds up the house of God by building God into man and man into God—1:14; 10:10b; 14:2-3.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

John 10:10b ... I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

John 14:2 In My Father's house are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.

2. By the Spirit and through His death and resurrection, the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, is building an organism, the church, which is His Body and the Father's house, produced by the mingling of the Triune God with His chosen and redeemed people—vv. 7-24.

John 14:7 If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and henceforth you know Him and have seen Him.

John 14:8 Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father and it is sufficient for us.

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, Have I been so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how is it that you say, Show us the Father?

John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.

John 14:11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; but if not, believe because of the works themselves.

John 14:12 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes into Me, the works which I do he shall do also; and greater than these he shall do because I am going to the Father.

John 14:13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

John 14:15 If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever,

John 14:17 Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you.

John 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

John 14:19 Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live.

John 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

John 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, he is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.

John 14:22 Judas, not Iscariot, said to Him, Lord, and what has happened that You are to manifest Yourself to us and not to the world?

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

John 14:24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

3. The Father's house is in three stages: the stage of God incarnate, the stage of Christ resurrected with His believers to be built up as the church, and the consummate stage—the New Jerusalem—2:19-21; Rev. 21:2-3, 9-10.

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John 2:20 Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days?

John 2:21 But He spoke of the temple of His body.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Rev 21:9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,