

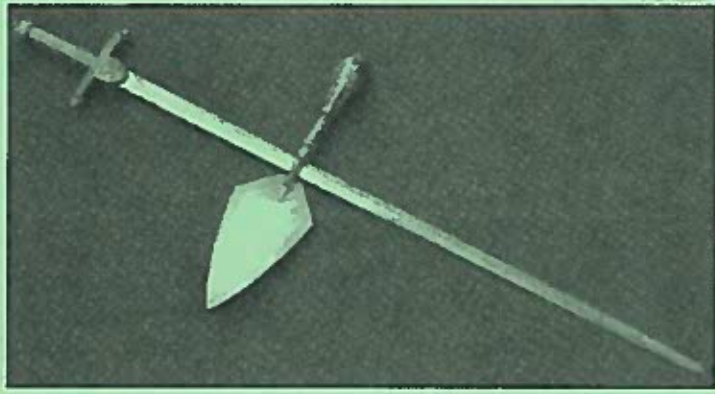
The Sword and Trowel

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We intend to build and defend: *"As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded."* Nehemiah 4:18

Forward Looking Statements in John

In the Gospel of John Jesus makes several statements which looked ahead to a future reality. Often these statements were not understood at the time, but were understood in retrospect. On some occasions John actually explains them directly in his Gospel. There are a number of topics that Jesus addressed long before they happened. Here is a partial list:

First, He addressed His crucifixion. He speaks about being "lifted up". He does this on a number of occasions, **John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32**. It is possible that **John 3:14** should not be in red. That is, that John is saying it in retrospect rather than Jesus saying it as He looks ahead to His death. However, there is no doubt that Jesus was referring to His death in speaking about being "lifted up". John makes that clear in **John 12:33** when he says that he was referring to the manner of death He would die. The people understood that it meant death, but they didn't understand how the Christ could die, **John 12:34**.

Second, He addressed His resurrection. In **John 2:19**, He says, *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."* The Jews who were there did not understand this. They thought He was referring to the temple building. John explains this in verses 20-22. He says that He was referring to His body and the disciples remembered this after He had risen from the dead.

Third, He addressed the giving of the Holy Spirit. He does this on more than one occasion as well, **John 4:13-14, 7:37-38**. The woman at the well clearly did not understand that "living water" was the Holy Spirit as we can see in **John 4:15**. John explains it for us in **John 7:39**.

Fourth, He addressed His death and ascension to the disciples. He said in **John 14:1-3** that He was going to prepare a place. Thomas did not understand as seen in verse 5. In **John 16:16** He says they will not see Him for "a little while". They didn't understand and asked what He meant by "a little while" in verses 17-18. In both cases, Jesus explained it to them more thoroughly.

Fifth, He addressed the Lord's Supper. In **John 6:51** He says *"the bread I shall give is my flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world"*. The people clearly did not understand as seen in verse 52. Jesus goes on to explain that His flesh is "food indeed" and His blood is "drink indeed" in verse 55.

There are some who reject the idea that Jesus is talking about the Lord's Supper here. They argue that it wasn't instituted till quite some time later. The same is true of His crucifixion, His resurrection and the giving of the Holy Spirit. The fact is that Jesus often spoke of things that were not to come to pass for some time. I see no reason not to believe that He is doing that here. He is plainly speaking about what has not happened yet. He says, *"the bread that I shall give is my flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world"*, **John 6:51**. This fits both the language of the passage and the pattern of the Lord's teaching in John.

I am thankful that we can understand in retrospect what many who heard Jesus teach could not. We have the advantage of looking back at the fulfillment of His teachings. We also have John's explanation for some of them.

Terry Carter, Evangelist

COMING EVENTS

- September 14-15 Leadership Seminar at the Wabash Church of Christ with Josh Fennell & Terry Carter instructing. See bulletin board for more information.
- September 16 **ATTENTION LADIES!** A baby shower for Anna Lynch is planned for 2:00 P.M. at Daniel & Jamie Torkelson's home. See the bulletin board for registration info and directions.
- September 26 Youth for Truth begins – 7:00 P.M.
- September 28-29 L.E.A.P. session at Summit Theological Seminary with Kendall Faull teaching Calvinism
- September 30-October 3 Grissom Fall Revival with Josh Stucki. If you wish to send a card his address is: 106 W. Clarence St. in Callao, MO 63534

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Ann Emerick – recovering from valve surgery | George Faull |
| Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – health failing | Larrie Petty (migraines) |
| Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter) | Donna Hower |
| Summit School of Preaching | Chris Ponchot (Roann church) – spiritual issues |
| Jordan & Anna Lynch (preparing for move & her pregnancy) | Reyna Christensen & Crystal Cain |
| Christians around the world being persecuted | Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery) |
| Sarah Torkelson (travel) | Kendall Faull (life situations) |
| Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months) | Steve Emerick – lung problems |
| David Scott family (his passing) | ladies' Bible Study |
| Mark Whitsett (paralyzed from accident & for salvation) | our widows & widowers |
| Patty Anderson (serious health problems) | Frieda Bowman (to sell house) |
| Beth Northrop – rheumatoid arthritis | our missionaries |
| our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families) | Walt Teachout (also his son & son's mother) |
| Harold Bouthot (heart attack) | Angel Mercado |
| Church of Christ at Monticello & Buffalo Church of Christ | Gary Worley |
| Emma Grace (Terry & Lisa's granddaughter) - continued recovery | Nancy Maggard |

Proverb for the Week:

Meditate on this Proverb:

10:4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

SERVICES

Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
Men's Praye3r Meeting	5:30
Women's Prayer Meeting	5:30
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	42
A.M.Church	73
P.M.Evangelistic Service	43
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,746
(Last Week	\$3,140)
Wednesday Evening	42

ABOUT PRAYER

God's answers are wiser than your prayers.
 Church sign: Our church is prayer conditioned.
 No problem is too great to place in God's hands.
 P>U>S>H> Pray Until Something Happens – then give thanks.
 Prayer – the ultimate wireless connection.
 God answers all knee mail.
 Can't sleep? Don't count sheep, talk to the Shepherd.
 Faith is a postage stamp on our prayers.
 Seven days without prayer makes one weak.

Mini-Thought

The Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,
 But mosquitoes come close.