**SERMON SHEET 12/4/22**

**“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord, #21”**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Text: John 13:12-15**

I. Introduction

II. Jesus is our Teacher

1. He taught by example (John 13:15).
2. He taught with compassion (Mark 6:34).
3. He taught constantly… with the powerful against Him (Luke 19:47-48).
4. He taught with authority (Matthew 7:28-29).

III. Thoughts for Advent: What does Christmas teach us?

1. God keeps His promises (Matthew 1:22-23).
2. God’s revelation of Himself is complete (Hebrews 1:1-2).
3. God’s law has been fulfilled (Matthew 5:17).
4. God saves sinners (1 Timothy 1:15).
5. The devil has been defeated (1 John 3:8).
6. God really does love us (1 John 4:10; Psalm 119:41).

IV. Conclusion: a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Ray Stedman:

*There can be little doubt that here Jesus was deliberately working out a parable for the instruction of his disciples. He was dramatizing for them the character of his ministry. He was showing them by this means what he had come into the world to do, and what he would send them out to do.*

2. Ligonier Ministries:

* *The 2020 State of Theology survey reveals widespread confusion in the United States about the Bible’s teaching*… *Evangelicals, while exhibiting some hopeful movement in the direction of biblical fidelity, also seem to be influenced by the culture’s uncertainty about what truth is, who Jesus is, and how sinners are saved*.
* *These results reveal an urgent need for clear biblical teaching on the person of Christ, the gospel of grace, and the way that the truth of God informs our ethical decisions in everyday life. There is much work to be done in this age of confusion…*

3. Henry Lyte:

*Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.*

*Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.*

*O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,*

*Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.*

4. R. C. Sproul:

*This love has been defined in hymnody as a love that ‘will not let me go.’ It is a love that is never fickle but remains constant. It is a bonding love and is not abandoned at the first sign of strain. It is persistent and persevering, overcoming the irritations and annoyances that would threaten its continuity. It is a love that exhibits a vital bonding… The cords are so tight that no amount of wiggling can allow one of the partners to squirm free. To be bonded can also suggest the metaphor of glue or cement that effects an adherence that withstands efforts to pry the two apart or to break the seal between them.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE TEXTS**

* **John 16:33; 1 John 4:4; Rom. 8:28-29;**
* **Matt. 28:1; Mark 11:15-18**
* **John 10:10**
* **Rom. 8:35-39; Jer. 1:5; Ps. 139:16; Eph. 1:3-5**