

## Text Outline

## John 13

- I. <sup>1</sup>It was just before the Passover Festival.**
- A. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him**
1. to leave this world
  2. and go to the Father.
- B. Having loved**
1. his own
  2. who were in the world,
- C. he loved them to the end.**
- II. <sup>2</sup>The evening meal**
- A. was**
1. in progress,
  2. and the devil had already prompted
    - a) *Judas,*
    - b) *the son of Simon Iscariot,*
    - c) *to betray Jesus.*
- B. <sup>3</sup>Jesus**
1. knew that
    - a) *the Father had put all things under his power,*
    - b) *and that*
      - (1) he had come from God
      - (2) and was returning to God;
  2. <sup>4</sup>so
    - a) *he*
      - (1) got up from the meal,
      - (2) took off his outer clothing,
      - (3) and wrapped a towel around his waist.
    - b) <sup>5</sup>*After that,*
      - (1) he poured water into a basin
      - (2) and began to
        - (a) *wash his disciples' feet,*
        - (b) *drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*
- C. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter,**
1. who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”
  2. <sup>7</sup>Jesus replied,
    - a) *“You do not realize now what I am doing,*
    - b) *but later you will understand.”*
  3. <sup>8</sup>“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”
  4. Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”
  5. <sup>9</sup>“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied,

- a) *“not just my feet*
- b) *but my hands*
- c) *and my head as well!”*

6. <sup>10</sup> **Jesus answered,**

a) *“Those*

- (1) who have had a bath
- (2) need only to wash their feet; their whole
- (3) body is clean.

b) *And you*

- (1) are clean,
- (2) though not every one of you.”

(3) <sup>11</sup> For

- (a) *he knew who was going to betray him,*
- (b) *and that was why he said not every one was clean.*

D. <sup>12</sup> **When**

1. **he**

- a) *had finished washing their feet,*
- b) *he put on his clothes*
- c) *and returned to his place.*

2. **“Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them.**

a) <sup>13</sup> *“You call me*

- (1) ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’
- (2) and rightly so,
- (3) for that is what I am.

b) <sup>14</sup> *Now that I,*

- (1) your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,
- (2) you also should wash one another’s feet.

c) <sup>15</sup> *I have set you an example*

- (1) that you should do
- (2) as I have done for you.

d) <sup>16</sup> *Very truly I tell you,*

- (1) no servant is greater than his master,
- (2) nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

e) <sup>17</sup> *Now that*

- (1) you know these things,
- (2) you will be blessed
- (3) if you do them.

III. <sup>18</sup> **“I**

A. **am not referring to all of you;**

1. **I know those I have chosen.**

2. **But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: ‘He**

- a) *who shared my bread*  
 b) *has turned<sup>[a]</sup> against me.<sup>[b]</sup>*
- B.** 19 “I
1. **am telling you now**
    - a) *before it happens,*
    - b) *so that when it does happen*
    - c) *you will believe that I am who I am.*
  2. <sup>20</sup> **Very truly I tell you,**
    - a) *whoever*
      - (1) accepts anyone I send
      - (2) accepts me;
    - b) *and whoever*
      - (1) accepts me
      - (2) accepts the one who sent me.”
- C.** 21 **After he had said this,**
1. **Jesus**
    - a) *was troubled in spirit*
    - b) *and testified, “Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.”*
  2. <sup>22</sup> **His disciples**
    - a) *stared at one another,*
    - b) *at a loss to know which of them he meant.*
  3. <sup>23</sup> **One of them,**
    - a) *the disciple*
      - (1) whom Jesus loved,
      - (2) was reclining next to him.
    - b) <sup>24</sup> *Simon Peter*
      - (1) motioned to this disciple
      - (2) and said, “Ask him which one he means.”
    - c) <sup>25</sup> *Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”*
  4. <sup>26</sup> **Jesus**
    - a) *answered, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.”*
    - b) *Then,*
      - (1) dipping the piece of bread,
      - (2) he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.
  5. <sup>27</sup> **As soon as**
    - a) *Judas took the bread,*
    - b) *Satan entered into him.*
  6. **So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do quickly.”**
  7. <sup>28</sup> **But no one at the meal understood**

- a) *why Jesus said this to him.*
- b) <sup>29</sup> *Since*
  - (1) Judas had charge of the money,
  - (2) some thought Jesus was telling him
    - (a) *to buy what was needed for the festival,*
    - (b) *or to give something to the poor.*

8. <sup>30</sup> **As soon as Judas**
- a) *had taken the bread,*
  - b) *he went out.*
  - c) *And it was night.*

IV. <sup>31</sup> **When he was gone,**

A. **Jesus said,**

- 1. **“Now**
  - a) *the Son of Man is glorified*
  - b) *and God is glorified in him.*
- 2. <sup>32</sup> **If**
  - a) *God is glorified in him.<sup>[c]</sup>*
  - b) *God will*
    - (1) glorify the Son in himself,
    - (2) and will glorify him at once.

B. <sup>33</sup> **“My children, I will be with you only a little longer.**

- 1. **You will look for me,**
- 2. **and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now:**
  - a) *Where I am going,*
  - b) *you cannot come.*

C. <sup>34</sup> **“A new command I give you:**

- 1. **Love one another.**
- 2. **As**
  - a) *I have loved you,*
  - b) *so you must love one another.*
- 3. <sup>35</sup> **By this**
  - a) *everyone will know that you are my disciples,*
  - b) *if you love one another.”*

V. <sup>36</sup> **Simon Peter**

A. **asked him, “Lord, where are you going?”**

B. **Jesus replied,**

- 1. **“Where I am going,**
- 2. **you cannot follow now,**
- 3. **but you will follow later.”**

C. <sup>37</sup> **Peter asked,**

- 1. **“Lord, why can’t I follow you now?**
- 2. **I will lay down my life for you.”**

- D.** <sup>38</sup> **Then Jesus answered,**
- 1. “Will you really lay down your life for me?”**
  - 2. Very truly I tell you,**
    - a) before the rooster crows,*
    - b) you will disown me three times!*

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## Conceptual Outline

**Theme: Jesus demonstrates the extent of His love by becoming a servant to the point of giving up His life on His free will.**

- I. Jesus' determination to love us to the end**
- II. The Last Supper**
  - A. The devil had already prompted Judas to betray Jesus**
  - B. Jesus' mindset**
    - 1. He knew that**
      - a) God had put all things under His power*
      - b) He came from God & was returning to God*
    - 2. He demonstrated humility as a servant**
  - C. Peter's reaction**
    - 1. Objection**
      - a) lack of understanding*
      - b) washing in order to have a part with Christ*
    - 2. Obsession**
      - a) 2 stages of cleaning*
        - (1) a bath which should be taken place before the guest came to the home of the host (symbolizing our salvation)
        - (2) washing of the feet (symbolizing our continuous need of forgiveness)
      - b) not everyone was clean*
  - D. Feet-washing Explained**
    - 1. Relate to Jesus as Lord**
    - 2. Being served compels serving one another**
    - 3. Follow His example of humble service**
    - 4. Relate to Christ as**
      - a) servant to Master*
      - b) messenger to Sender*
    - 5. Promise of blessing for obedience**
- III. Betrayal**
  - A. Predicted betrayal**
  - B. Purpose of prediction is to prepare the disciples to believe**
    - 1. He is God**
    - 2. Accepts Him as sent by God**
  - C. Identity of betrayer revealed**
    - 1. Judas**
    - 2. Satan**

**IV. His Purpose**

- A. Son of Man is glorified**
- B. God is glorified in him**
- C. He is going on His free will**
- D. New command: Love one another**

**V. Peter's Denial Predicted**

## Questions & Potential Answers:

- 1) If you knew that something terrible was going to happen to you and you had the power to stop it from happening, would you stop it? If you knew that a friend of yours would have a part of the scheme to harm you, what would you do or say to this friend? What would you like all your friends to do for you when you're in the trouble?

**Read John 13** - Divide the group into 3 small groups and instruct each group to focus on identifying each of the following person's thoughts & feelings as you read together:

- a) Jesus
- b) Judas
- c) Peter

- 2) What was the setting of this passage (who/where/when) ?

- Jesus & the 12 disciples
- In the upper room
- just before the Passover Festival, on Maundy Thursday

What was happening in vs. 1-17?

- Evening meal in progress
- Jesus washed the disciples' feet

What were some of the layers of things that were happening besides the evening meal being in progress?

- Surface - meal, feet washing, Judas
- The devil - prompted Judas to betray Jesus
- Jesus - knew and acted

- 3) John mentioned 3X that Jesus knew in vs 1-11. What did He know? What are these things mean?

- v. 1 - the hour had come for him to leave this world
  - He will die on the cross.
- v. 3 - the Father had put all things under his power & that he had come from God & was returning to God
  - He is God and has full control of all things. He came willingly to this world to fulfill the mission of salvation of the world. Once the mission is completed, He'll return to Heaven.
- v. 11 - who was going to betray Him
  - He knew that Judas will betray Him.

What action did He take because He knew? With His knowledge and power, what other alternatives did He have?

- v. 1b - having loved...loved them to the end
- v. 3 - got up to serve
- v. 11 - told the disciples what would happen
- He had many alternatives including rejecting His disciples; asked the disciples to help Him; control/confined Judas; use His power to banish all His enemies.

What prompted Him to take these actions and forgo other alternative?

- His love for them
- He intended to die for the world.

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The second is detachment. The one who loves remains unaffected by the person they love. True love is vulnerable.

The third is control or manipulation of the other person. In true love, there is no guarantees how, or if, the other will respond.

As we continue to study, we'll take a closer look at how Jesus demonstrated He authentic love towards His disciples.

4) How did He demonstrate His love in vs.3-17?

- He got up from the dinner table to wash their feet

Why did their feet need washing?

- At the time in Palestine, it was customary for people to take a bath before going to someone's home to be their guest. As they walked on dirt roads barefoot or wearing sandals, their feet will need to be washed by lowly servants upon arrival.

What did He had to give up in order to love this way?

- His power & authority as Ruler of the universe
- His rights as their Master and teacher
- He would have to lower Himself to the point of a lowest servant doing a literally dirty job.

How did the disciples respond to His love?

- John must have been surprised as he noted in details each of the steps that Jesus took.
- Peter protested & refused to be washed.
- Yet, no one offered to take over for the Master.

On the surface, what was Peter trying to show? If Peter's love for Jesus was more genuine, what would he have said/done instead?

- His initial protest demonstrated his recognition of the role reversal & the inappropriateness of Master becoming a servant. However, his own pride and arrogance stood in the way of taking on the role of a servant on Jesus' behalf. Instead of humbling himself to serve, Peter stood in judgment of Jesus. He wanted Jesus to act properly as a master, not a servant.

Is there any incongruence with calling Jesus "Lord" and saying "No" or giving instructions to Him?

- Most definitely. If He is Lord, then, our response to Him has to be a consistent "Yes." If He is Lord, then, we should heed His instruction. There is no place for us to instruct or judge Him instead.

5) What was the purpose of His washing of the feet? What did washing of the feet symbolize?

- V. 14 & 15 - to serve as an example for us to serve one another
- Symbolism
  - Humility in service
  - Cleansing of sin
    - v. 8b - Allowing Jesus to wash us so that we can have a relationship with Him.
    - v. 10b - whole body's cleansing may be a symbol of baptism while foot washing is a continuous daily cleansing. Even though Judas received the symbolic cleansing outwardly, he was still not clean because his heart was not in the right place.

In the symbolism of cleansing, how would Jesus be demonstrating His love even further?

- His death on the cross is a must for Him to become our Savior.

What is Jesus' instruction? Are we to literally wash feet whenever we meet?

- v. 14 - Wash one another's feet.
- He washed their feet to minister to the disciples' need at the time. The instruction to wash one another's feet is an instruction to humble ourselves to serve others, looking out for the interests of others (see Phil 2:3-4)

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

What is the promise?

- v. 17 - If we do what we know, we'll be blessed.

6) What need of a brother or sister will you consider to serve him/her in the coming month?

### Vs. 18-38

7) As the evening progresses, Jesus began to prophesize His betrayal. How did He reveal the identity of who will betray Him?

- v. 26 - 27 - He dipped a piece of bread and gave it to Judas.

What was He trying to communicate to Judas by the different things He said to Judas?

- He knew that Judas was keeping a secret in his heart.
- He is God because He knew the secret of his heart. He is still fully in control.
- He is giving Judas a wake-up call to repentance.
- The Jewish dipping and giving of the bread is usually done by the host to the honor guest. Jesus was still treating Judas with honor to communicate His love for Him. This another attempt to save Judas.

V.27 stated that Satan entered into Judas. Did that release Judas of His responsibility?

Why/why not?

- Satan might have prompted in v. 2 & entered in v. 27, but Judas has allowed it. He disregarded Jesus' clear warning and took the bread in v. 27 before Satan was allowed to enter into him.

From His interaction & conversation with Judas, who do you think is in control?

- Jesus was - He knew, predicted, & granted permission before Satan could enter and Judas could leave into the night.

What can we conclude about His view of His death by His clear choice to relinquish His power & control?

- It was His choice to die for us. He was not a helpless victim or martyr. He chose to die to complete His mission of saving us. He chose to love us. He died so that we can have love and relationship with Him.

8) Why did Jesus tell the disciples these things ahead of time?

- v. 19 - so that they will believe that He is God.
- Jesus cared about their emotions and their weak faith. If they could recall that Jesus knew before any of these things happen, they would know that He is God with full power and control. They would understand that He chose to die to show them the extent of His love.

How did thoughts of these event affect Jesus emotionally?

- v. 21 - He was troubled in spirit

How did the disciples respond to the prophecy & Jesus' emotion?

- They were clueless.
- Their concern was to discover who would betray Jesus.
- They did nothing after they found out. The information only had news/gossip value to them.
- To Peter's credit, he offered to follow Jesus and lay down his life for Him.

Was Peter genuine in His claim to lay down his life for Jesus?

- He probably was passionate and genuine at the time. Yet, his pride and arrogance might have prevented him from recognizing his weak faith and his fear.

Why did Jesus tell Peter about his denial?

- He is warning Peter to be alert, to depend on God.
- He wanted Peter to know that He knew & has not rejected him. He wanted him to hold on to his faith.

9) What is the extent of His love for us as revealed in these verses?

- He loved to the point of honoring & seeking the repentance of His betrayer.
- He prepared the disciples before things happen to offer them hope so that they can hold on to their faith.
- He chose the path of death to love us.
- He did not shy away from loneliness, rejection, and betrayal to love us.
- He suffered the rejection even of His Father.
- He died willingly.
- Endless as John 21:25 noted:

<sup>25</sup> Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

What did He give up to love?

- All of Himself - status, glory, honor, power, control, life.

How did He want us to respond to His love?

- V. 34 - Love one another

Why is loving one another a "must"?

- To love us is why He came, we must continue His work.
- We have received love from Him.
- He has modeled love for us.
- Everyone will know that we are His disciples.

What does loving one another demonstrate?

- It'll demonstrate genuine faith and discipleship. If He is love, His disciple must love.
- It will show that world that He is alive in us. He is real.

10) On a personal level, how has Jesus shown the extent of His love for you? As a recipient of His love, how would you show your love for Him as Easter approaches?

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