

"Just As I Have Loved You"

JOHN 13 · LESSON 16

Now before the Feast of the _____, when Jesus _____ that his hour had come to _____ out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he _____ them to the end. (John 13:1)

As Jesus gathers with his disciples in a large upper room (Luke 22:12-13) to observe the Passover, what John records for us is invaluable. John was there, in the room. He is writing as an eyewitness, and he wants to make sure that we recognize a few things:

- Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world (13:1).
- Jesus knew that "the Father had given _____ things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God" (13:3).
- Jesus knew "who was to _____ him; that was why he said, 'Not all of you are clean'" (13:11).

Knowing those things, Jesus rose from supper, laid aside his outer garments, and washed the feet of his disciples. Let's listen in to what he said once he had finished:

"Do you _____ what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so _____. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an _____, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not _____ than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you _____ them." (13:12-17)



Even as Jesus taught the disciples this great lesson, he "was troubled in spirit, and testified, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me'" (13:21). Jesus told them before it took place, "that when it does take place you may _____ that I am he" (13:19). Jesus even indicated that the betrayer was _____ (13:22-27), but no one at the table understood what Jesus was really saying (13:28-30).

When Judas had left the upper room, Jesus delivered "a new commandment":

"Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A _____ commandment I give to you, that you _____ one another: just _____ loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will _____ that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (13:34-35)

For Class & Family Discussion:

- John goes out of his way in [John 13](#) to make sure we recognize what Jesus “knew” ([13:1, 3, 11](#)). Why do you think that is? How does recognizing what Jesus “knew” help us appreciate all the more what he did in that upper room?
- Who would normally be responsible for a lowly task like washing feet? So why would Jesus do such a thing? [Luke 22:24-27](#) and [Philippians 2:3-8](#) might be helpful here...
- In your own words, what important point is Jesus making in [13:16](#)?
- After telling the disciples that he had given them “an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” ([13:15](#)), Jesus said, “If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them” ([13:17](#)). Most probably wouldn’t connect being “a servant” with “blessing,” so what did Jesus mean? Is he telling us the truth? How are serving and blessing connected?
- [John 13:34](#) isn’t the first time in the Bible we find the commandment to “love one another,” so why do you think Jesus described it as “a new commandment”?
- [John 13:35](#) is a principle we need to learn and remember and practice for the rest of our lives. What are some of the ways the people around us might learn that we are disciples of Jesus? So how does our “love for one another” serve as the greatest evidence of all?
- In what ways should what we read about Judas Iscariot and Simon Peter in [John 13](#) humble and warn us?
- Let’s brainstorm together: what are some real-life ways we can follow the example Jesus set in [John 13](#) this week?