

### John 13:1-38

Jesus tells His disciples that “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” (John 12:23) In verse 31, the “Ruler of this world will be cast out” and “If I am lifted up from the earth (His crucifixion) I will draw all men to Myself.” (v32)

<sup>36</sup> While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light. “These things Jesus proclaimed, and He went away and hid Himself from them. <sup>37</sup> But though He had performed so many signs in their sight, they *still* were not believing in Him. <sup>38</sup> *This happened* so that the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke would be fulfilled: “LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?” <sup>39</sup> For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, <sup>40</sup> “HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WILL NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED, AND SO I WILL *NOT* HEAL THEM.” <sup>41</sup> These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke about Him. <sup>42</sup> Nevertheless many, even of the rulers, believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing *Him*, so that they would not be excommunicated from the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved the approval of people rather than the [s]approval of God. <sup>44</sup> Now Jesus cried out and said, “The one who believes in Me, does not believe *only* in Me, but *also* in Him who sent Me. <sup>45</sup> And the one who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. <sup>46</sup> I have come *as* Light into the world, so that no one who believes in Me will remain in darkness. <sup>47</sup> If anyone hears My teachings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> The one who rejects Me and does not accept My teachings has one who judges him: the word which I spoke. That will judge him on the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I did not speak on My own, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *as to* what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.” **John 12:36-50 NASB**

- Despite all the miracles, most people did not believe. (v37) See **John 1:10-14 NASB**
- Some of the leaders did believe but they were closet Christians.
- They loved the acceptance and approval of men more than the acceptance and approval of God. (v42-43)
- If you believe in Jesus, then you also believe in God the Father and you will no longer live in darkness. (The ‘Transfer’)
- His commandment is eternal life and it is exactly what God has told Him. (v50)

**13** Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the

world, He loved them to the end.<sup>2</sup> During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, to betray Him,<sup>3</sup> *Jesus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God. **John 13:1-3 NASB**

- Jesus loved them to the ‘end’. (**v1**)
  - This does not mean that He loved them to the end of His physical life, or even the end of His ministry.
  - Loving them to the end means to love them to the highest degree, to the uttermost, forever.
  - “To the end means....” Fulfillment consummation or goal of the process in which the final meaning and intentions are realized.” *Mounce*
  - Jesus knew what was coming to pass: (**v31**)
    - Crucifixion
    - Death
    - Burial
    - Resurrection
    - Satan’s defeat (Jesus took the ‘keys’)
    - Ascension
    - Homecoming!

<sup>4</sup> \*got up from supper, and \*laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

### **Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet**

<sup>5</sup> Then He \*poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. <sup>6</sup> So He \*came to Simon Peter. He \*said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter.” <sup>8</sup> Peter \*said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter \*said to Him, “Lord, *then wash* not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.” <sup>10</sup> Jesus \*said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all *of you*.” <sup>11</sup> For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.” <sup>12</sup> So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined *at the table* again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call Me Teacher and Lord; and <sup>14</sup> you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor *is* one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>18</sup> I do not speak of all of you. I know the

ones I have chosen; but *it is* that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.' <sup>19</sup> From now on I am telling you before *it* comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am *He*. <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." **John 13:4-20 NASB**

- A model of servant leadership.
  - Jesus proceeds to wash the disciples feet...but Peter took exception!
  - Peter tells Jesus..."You will never wash my feet!" (He failed to see that foot washing was Jesus loving them to the 'limit'.
  - Jesus tells Peter and His team a critically important principle...

Jesus said to him, you do not understand now what I am doing, but you will understand later on. **John 13:7 AMPC**

- There are things we don't perceive or understand in the now, but we will...later.
- The NASB says in **v7** that we will understand...hereafter.
- The good news is that this is NOT the end...there is a 'hereafter'...the problem is, you may have to wait for it.
- There is a 'later on'...this is not all that there is but later on comes...later.
- Then Jesus tells Peter, "If I don't wash your feet, then you have no part with Me..." so Peter volunteers for a bath.
- Jesus says, "You are clean but not all of you"...referring to Judas (**v11**).
- Jesus asks..."Do you know or understand what I have done to you?" (**v12**)
- Jesus has given them a lesson in humility; not an ordinance of foot washing. (**v13**)
- The leader did for the disciples what they should do for each other...a disposition of servanthood and placing value on each other. (**v14-15**)
- The one who does the sending is to be respected by those whom He sends. (**v16**)
- There is a promised blessing when you have this posture of heart, this value system and put it into practice. (**v17**)
- ..."Lifted up his heel against Me" ...like the kick of a horse.' (**v18**)
- I am now telling you things before it comes to pass, so that when it happens (the crucifixion) then you will not fail to believe that I AM He, the One who I say I am, the Messiah. (**v19**)
- He didn't want the painful process of crucifixion to blind them about His victorious purpose of resurrection. (**v19**)
- He reminds them of their connection with Him and the Father.

- It is imperative that they know and remember what they have seen and heard while being with Jesus.

### Jesus Predicts His Betrayal

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had said these things, He became troubled in spirit, and <sup>21</sup> testified and said, “Truly, truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me.” <sup>22</sup> The disciples *began* looking at one another, at a loss *to know* of which one He was speaking. <sup>23</sup> Lying back on Jesus’ chest was one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. <sup>24</sup> So Simon Peter nodded to this *disciple* and <sup>24</sup> said to him, “Tell *us* who it is of whom He is speaking.” <sup>25</sup> He then simply leaned back on Jesus’ chest and said to Him, “Lord, who is it?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus then answered, “That man is the one for whom I shall dip the piece *of bread* and give it to him.” So when He had dipped the piece *of bread*, He took and gave *it* to Judas, *the son* of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> After this, Satan then entered him. Therefore Jesus said to him, “What you are doing, do *it* quickly.” <sup>28</sup> Now none of those reclining *at the table* knew for what purpose He had said this to him. <sup>29</sup> For some were assuming, since Judas kept the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, “Buy the things we need for the feast”; or else, that he was to give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> So after receiving the piece *of bread*, he left immediately; and it was night.

<sup>31</sup> Therefore when he had left, Jesus <sup>31</sup> said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him; <sup>32</sup> if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am *still* with you a little longer. You will look for Me; and just as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you: ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all *people* will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.” <sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later.” <sup>37</sup> Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You.” <sup>38</sup> Jesus <sup>38</sup> replied, “Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times. **John 13:21-38 NASB**

- Jesus is troubled, disturbed, and agitated in His Spirit due to the upcoming betrayal and he tells the disciples that one of them would definitely betray Him. (v21)
- The disciples wanted to know who the betrayer was...(v22-24)

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- Peter asked John because he thought if anyone would know, it would be John.
- John asks Jesus, and Jesus tells him that the one whom Jesus gives the morsel of bread dipped in the wine is the culprit. (v24-30)
- Jesus gave the morsel of dipped bread to Judas, but no one figured it out.
- Jesus speaks of the immediacy of His glorification and God being glorified in Him.

**13** [Now] before the Passover Feast began, Jesus knew (was fully aware) that the time had come for Him to leave this world *and* return to the Father. And as He had loved those who were His own in the world, He loved them to the last *and* to the highest degree. **John 13:32 AMPC**

- Jesus' glorification is at the same moment the glorification of God.
- Jesus will be glorified but the disciples will be horrified by the process. Sound familiar?
- The glorification meant that Satan no longer had the power of death and sin no longer could dominate people with guilt, shame, and regret.
  - But the process meant that life as they had known it would change forever...Jesus would no longer live among them and they had no idea what was about to take place...the resurrection would change everything but they were not totally clear on this matter yet.
  - Jesus was going...but He was going to a place they could not go...(v33)
  - A new commandment and a new ID badge of discipleship...the Law of the New Covenant.

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment: that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this shall all [men] know that you are My disciples, if you love one another [if you keep on showing love among yourselves]. **John 13:34-35 AMPC**

- By this (showing love to each other) is how people will know that you are following Me.

<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, where are You going? Jesus answered, You are not able to follow Me now where I am going, but you shall follow Me afterwards. <sup>37</sup> Peter said to Him, Lord, why cannot I follow You now? I will lay down my life for You. <sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, Will you [really] lay down your life for Me? I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me [completely disown Me] three times. **John 13:36-38 AMPC**

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- Peter had good intentions, but he had no idea of the scope of his humanness. Denial and a jaded self preservation reared up in Peter.