

JOHN 13-14

March 31, 2021

1. John 13 marks a significant shift in this gospel account. Read John 13:1. What does Jesus know?

What important holiday is about to take place?

2. Read John 13:1-5 along with Matthew 26:17-20. Who is with Jesus at this intimate dinner?

List the actions Jesus takes in washing the feet of the Twelve in John 13:4-5.

3. Read John 13:6-17. According to verses 13-17, why did Jesus wash their feet? Keeping verse 1 in mind, read Philippians 2:4-8. How do these verses in Philippians connect to John's account?

Why is it important to you to follow Jesus' example?

What is the outcome of following Jesus' example?

4. Read John 13:18-30. Why is Jesus troubled in verse 21?

From Jesus' words and actions, which disciple will betray Him?

Thinking back on all we have learned of light and darkness in John, what do you think is the significance of John noting the time of day in John 13:30?

5. Jesus continues to speak to the 11 disciples who remain at dinner. Read John 13:31-35. Loving God and one another is not a new concept. Looking at verse 34, what is new?

Why is this action important according to verse 35?

How have you seen someone show love recently that highlighted the love of Jesus?
Please share.

6. Read John 13:36-38. In verse 33, Jesus says He's going to a place the disciples cannot come. What prediction does Jesus make following Peter's bold statement?

Though much of the dialogue at dinner is saddening, why does Jesus share what is soon to happen? Read John 13:19 and 14:29, along with 2:22 and 12:16.

Even though the disciples do not fully understand all that Jesus says this night, His kindness is demonstrated in preparing them for a stronger faith for the future. After the ascension of Jesus, Peter wrote 1 Peter 1:18-21. What amazing insights does Peter say about God in these verses?

7. Read John 14:1-3. In the midst of troubling predictions, Jesus offers a comforting one. What brings hope in verses 1-3?
8. Read John 14:4-7. What does Thomas ask Jesus to clarify, and how does Jesus explain?

How does John 3:16 support what Jesus says in John 14:4-7?

9. What does Philip ask next of Jesus in John 14:8? In your own words, summarize Jesus' relationship with His Father in verses 9-12. Notice the repeated words in verses 10-12.

10. Read John 14:13-14. What wonderful promise about prayer do we find in these verses?

How is the Father glorified?

11. Notice how many times Jesus speaks of His Father in John 14:16-31. Who else is described in verses 16-17 and 26?

What titles does Jesus use to describe Him?

What role will He play?

12. What fuels our obedience according to verses 15, 21 and 23?

Why does the Son obey the Father, according to 14:30-31?

13. Jesus' speech to His beloved friends is full of comfort. If you had been one of the 11 still left in the room, what in John 14:25-29 would you have found comforting and why?

According to verse 27, why should you not be troubled? Also see John 14:1-4.

14. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

Any Last Words?

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“How can we live with the end in mind?”

_____ ***with the end in mind.***

13:1-30

- On the day Passover lambs were killed, the Son of God celebrates Passover.
- The Passover meal had 13 guests: the Son of God (the Passover Lamb) and His Twelve.
- Knowing His hour had come to return to the Father, Jesus serves.
- By washing the 24 feet of His Twelve, Jesus leads from a place of extreme humility.
- Judas, Jesus' betrayer, was one of the honored guests at the Passover dinner, and Jesus still shows great kindness to him.
- For followers of Jesus, “the end” is either the rapture or physical death, which immediately brings us to the presence of Jesus in Heaven.

Motivated by His abundant love, we can serve with purpose.
Because He served, we serve.

_____ ***with the end in mind.***

13:31-38

- Jesus gives the disciples a new commandment: to love as He had shown love.
- *Agape* is Christ's selfless love that can be emulated by His followers.
- Peter declares he will follow Jesus to the death. In response, He predicts Peter's denial.
- *Agape* is shown in the choice to die daily to self while following Him.

We can live no better life than one spent in *agape*.
Because He loved, we love.

_____ ***the Way with the end in mind.***

14:1-31

- Jesus comforts the disciples with a promise of reunion!
- Jesus tells them they can follow Him because He is *the way*, *the truth*, and *the life*.
- Because of His love for the Father, Jesus obeys the Father.
- When we pray according to Jesus' will, Jesus carries out *His* will.
- Jesus promises peace and the lasting presence of His Holy Spirit.

Because He opened the way, we follow.

_____ ***is how we live with the end in mind.***

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DEUTERONOMY 6:5 (NET) You must love the LORD your God with your whole mind, your whole being, and all your strength.

LEVITICUS 19:18b [Y]ou shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

ROMANS 12:1b [P]resent your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

LUKE 9:23 (NLT) Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”

LUKE 9:25 “For what does it profit man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”

PSALM 100:3 (NET) Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us and we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

ROMANS 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

ROMANS 10:9 [I]f you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the death, you will be saved.

PSALM 90:12 (NET) So teach us to consider our mortality, so that we might live wisely.