



Messy Love

John 13:1-9, 12-15, 34-35

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“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.

JUST AS I have loved you...” -John 13:34

No one had ever loved the way Jesus would love the WORLD those next three days.

The legend of the PELICAN

“This is love...no one has ever SEEN God; if we love one another, God ABIDES in us and His love is PERFECTED in us.”

-1 John 4:10, 12

Jesus showed us:

1. How to love our ENEMIES, and pray for those who PERSECUTE us.
2. That masters wash servants' feet, leaders are to SERVE, and the best kings are SHEPHERDS.
3. That one who demonstrates true love will lay down his LIFE for others, and even die for the UNRIGHTEOUS (Romans 5:7-8).
4. That love is the DEFINING, DISTINGUISHING characteristic of those who follow Jesus.
5. That love is MESSY; among those He loved was a BETRAYER and DESERTERS.

No one had ever MEASURED UP to this standard of love until Jesus.