

John 13

Stoop Down

I. Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet: 24 Hours

1 Now **before the Feast of the Passover**, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father

- **What was on Jesus mind the night before death?**

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| 1. Crucifixion | His hour was here. |
| 2. Resurrection | Depart this world |
| 3. Ascension | Be back with Father |

We were also consuming the mind of Jesus as He prepared for the cross...

Hebrews 12:2 ...for the joy that was set before Him [Us] endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

...having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

- **Love them to the end...** Lit "to the fullest extent, to the uttermost."

Face like flint He presses on to finish what He started...love to the end

- **First had to:**

1. **Overcome His inner turmoil:** Troubled soul thinking of cross
2. **Overcome outward taunts** to avoid the cross...

Luke 4:5 ...the devil [who had title deed to earth from Adam] [took Jesus] up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." [Get behind Me Satan!]

- **Devil:** "Forget the cross and I'll give it all back to you..."
- Later Satan used Peter's mouth to speak the same i.e. avoid the cross

Mark 8:32 [Rejected, killed rise again] Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "**Get behind Me, Satan!** For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

- Overcame inner turmoil/Outward taunts

Jesus loved His own the end Satan would pursue Jesus all the way...

2 And supper being ended [still in progress?], the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to **betray Him...**

- **Mary, Lazarus sister anointed Jesus feet:**

1. **Judas angry:** Could have sold and given to poor! He was a thief.
2. **Jesus rebuke:** Leave her alone it precedes my burial

Matthew 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

Greed motivates Judas to betray...Sin opens door for Satan to use us

- **Chronology:** Last Supper
 1. Devil already possessing Judas
 2. Judas poised to betray Jesus...began with love of money. Chose his master

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

Jesus knew who He was.

Comfortable in His own skin. No Pretense. Real. Genuine

- **Because Jesus...**
 1. Knew the gift of God
 2. Knew He came from God
 3. Knew He was going back to God...He humbled Himself

He rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

- Jesus knew who He was: "...so he got up from the meal [and served] [NIV]

**People who know who they are have nothing to prove
Humble themselves without fear of man**

Jesus knew who He was. Genuine. FREE

- **Because we...**
 1. **Know the Gift of God:** Salvation
 2. **Know where we came from:** Unlike Jesus we were darkness
 3. **Know where we are going:** Heaven because of God's love/Jesus sacrifice

We can also know who we are.

Comfortable in own skin. No pretense. Real. Genuine. Nothing to prove
Free of the fear of man. Free to serve

- Jesus demonstrated loving His own to the end
- **Love is demonstrated by Action...not good intentions**

5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

Psalm 18:35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your **gentleness has made me great.** [Stoop down to lift me up]

- Before this the disciples were talking...

Luke 22:24 there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.

- **Wonderful Contrast:**

1. **Apostles:** Discussing which is greatest
2. **Jesus:** Cross tomorrow. Washing feet tonight.

6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "**Lord, are You washing my feet?**" 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." 8 Peter said to Him, "**You shall never wash my feet!**"

- Peter watching in agony as Jesus moves from foot to foot toward him...

"You shall never wash my feet!"

It takes more humility to have feet washed than to wash feet. This is a test.

8b... Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."
If you don't humble yourself right now we are finished

- Whatever the look was it was serious...

9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, **not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!**"

- **Not only my...**

1. **Feet:** Places I go but also my...
2. **Hands:** Things I do
3. **My Head:** Things I think

10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and **you are clean**, but not all of you." 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "**You are not all clean.**"

- You are already washed Peter because You believe in Me

John 15:3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

- **Just your feet:** Sin of the world sticking to feet as you walk through each day

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

- **Peter:** Wash all of me
- **Jesus:** Just your feet Peter

Peter's own feet walked on the water in an amazing act of faith – and still needed his feet washed [Guzik]

We are grateful Jesus did not say, If you do not have great holiness, you have no part with Me. We are happy He did not say, If you are not a Bible expert, you have no part with Me. Having a part with Jesus begins simply with **receiving something from Him**, not achieving something our self. [Guzik]

- **You not all clean:** Guess which one

12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "**Do you know what I have done to you?**"

Do you know what I have done to you: This is bigger than it might seem

**...having loved His own who were in the world He loved them to the end
...as demonstrated right here**

- We love by serving...

13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an **example**, that you should **do as I have done to you**.

Jesus fulfilled entire Law Fulfilled In ½ hour: Love one another as you love yourself

- **Example of what it means to be Great in Eyes of God**
- I am Teacher and Lord... I have washed your feet now **Go and do likewise**

Philippians 5:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the **form of a bondservant**, and coming in the likeness of men.

16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

- If you see My example to you...do the same

You confess I am greater than you and you are right...and I just washed your feet

17 If you know these things, **blessed are you if you do them**.

Blessed are you if you do it...

Jesus said to Love. We love by serving. If we are not serving we are not loving. Period.

Matthew 23:11 he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. **12** And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

People who know who they are serve others unashamedly

- **Desire the praise of God rather than man**
 1. Know where they were from
 2. Know who they are
 3. Know where they're going so they get up and serve...
- Last Supper with the 12
- Jesus Washes Disciples Feet
- Give instructions for after death

II. Jesus Identifies His Betrayer

18 "I do not speak concerning **all of you**. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.'

- Instructions given don't apply to all 12 of you
- But, I have chosen each of you for a purpose
 1. 11 To follow Me
 2. 1 to betray Me as prophesied by David 1000 years ago...

Psalms 41:9 Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

- **Scripture fulfilled**
- **Dual meaning:** Both cruel revenge against a king by a friend
 1. **1000 years earlier:** Spoke of Ahithophel once David's friend/advisor
 2. Ahithophel became enemy after David **defiled granddaughter Bathsheba**
 3. Ahithophel betrayed David as Judas will betray Jesus

Suspense building at table... "My betrayer is eating w/us, talking among us, laughing w/us"

- **Why would Jesus tell this to the boys?**

19 Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may **believe that I am He.**

- **Only God know the future perfectly**

Isaiah 46:9 ... I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, **10** Declaring the **end from the beginning**...from ancient times things that are **not yet done**

I AM outside of time. Everything is present to Me.

I know all thing past, present and future

- God challenges to all religions, cults, and false gods: **"Now you try!"**

Isaiah 41:21 "Present your case," says the Lord. "Bring forth your strong reasons," says the King of Jacob. 22 "Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; Let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; Or declare to us things to come. 23 Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; Yes, do good or do evil, That we may be dismayed and see it together. 24 Indeed you are nothing, and your work is nothing; He who chooses you is an abomination.

- I told you I would be betrayed **so you will believe that I AM God**
- Jesus continues to give instructions for after His death...

20 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

- I'm leaving. He who receives Me?
- **You are going out in my place:** To work, to school, to your family and friends
 1. Those who receive you receive Me
 2. Those who reject you are rejecting Me

You will be My ambassadors after I am gone...

21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

- Upcoming betrayal by friend is affecting the man Jesus
- **Troubled in spirit:** Inward commotion, stirred up

I am telling the truth....one of you will betray Me

22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. 23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

- **Apostle John**
 1. One whom Jesus loved [4 x in this Gospel]
 2. Now Leaning on Jesus chest
 3. Jesus best friend now listening to heartbeat of God

At a special or ceremonial meal like this they would lay on their stomachs around a U-shaped table, leaning on their left elbow and eating with their right hand. It seems that from John's position next to Jesus, he could lean back and be close enough to speak quietly to Jesus and still be heard. [Guzik]

- Peter pushing finger into John's side: **Ask Him**

25 Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "**Lord, who is it?**" 26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 Now after the piece of bread, **Satan entered him.**

- The one **I serve** next/Judas eats/Satan enters
- **Mat 26:** Each one: Is it I? Judas sitting next to Jesus: Is it I? **Yes, it's you.**

27b...Then Jesus said to him, "**What you do, do quickly.**"

- **Q.** Who is in control? **A.** The one giving the command; **Jesus**

28 But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.

- **Judas had them all duped...**
 1. Looked like a believer
 2. Acted like a believer
 3. Hung out with believers
 4. Cast out demons and healed like fellow believers
 5. Went to church with believers...

Matthew 13:24 [Read] [Parable of the Wheat and the Tares] Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 **Let both grow together until the harvest**, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

...36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "**Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.**" 37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Wheat and Tares growing together until the Harvest
No one at dinner knew why Jesus said "**What you do, do quickly.**" to Judas

29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had

said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. 30 Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately.

- **Judas left immediately to betray:** Had to because Jesus told him to

30b...And it was night.

John 9:4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work

John 11:9 "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

John 12:35 "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

- It is now night

SUMMARY Jesus Identifies His Betrayer

III. The New Commandment

31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately."

- **Judas leaves:** Clock begins to tick
- **Jesus time is at hand**

All for God's Glory 5 x

- God's desire to save man by sending His only Son
- Jesus willingness to follow through with the plan to die for us

"He calls his death his glory, esteems his crown of thorns more precious than Solomon's diadem; looks upon his welts as spangles, his blows on the face as ingots, his wounds as gems, his spittings on as sweet ointment, his cross as his throne." [Trapp]

Jesus continues to instruct and comfort...

33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, '**Where I am going, you cannot come,**' so now I say to you.

- **Little longer:** Hours

So while I am gone I leave you with just one command...

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another; as I**

have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have **love for one another.**"

The world will know you know Me by your love for one another

- Jesus will drive this command home in the next 24 hours. **Ch. 15**
- **New?** Lit. a fresh commandment

1. New Commandment to those who chose to forget the OT

Leviticus 19:18 [1400 yrs. Earlier] You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. [John would later call it a new commandment again in 1 John 2]

2. New Commandment because Jesus adds caveat/qualification...**as I loved you**

- **Call to Progressive Sacrificial Love**

1. Love one another
2. Love neighbors
3. Love enemies

Summary New Commandment

IV. Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

36 Simon Peter said to Him, "**Lord, where are You going?**" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but **you shall follow Me afterward.**"

- You can't go with Me now **Peter**
- You will be with Me later...**and forever**

37 Peter said to Him, "Lord **why can I not follow You now?**"

- **Love of Peter for the Lord:** Like a child whose parent is leaving...

Why can't I follow You now!

37b...I will lay down my life for Your sake." 38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

- Fear will overpower your love Peter
- Later love will overcome fear

Your love for Me will be perfected as you learn to love others with My love

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear

Summary Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

