

THE SOVEREIGN SERVANT

John 13:1-20

FROM PASTOR MARK

Welcome to John 13-17, “Precious Final Words.” Jesus’ Farewell Address prepared His disciples for their future. But it began with a message in action that they would never forget. What was the impact of our Sovereign’s service when He washed their feet?

- I. **OUR SAVIOR’S LOVE FOR US (13:1-5)**
 - A. Perfectly Timed Love (13:1a)
 - 1. Passover—Connected to His being the Lamb of God
 - 2. His Hour Had Come
 - B. Permanently Deep Love (13:1b)
 - C. Painfully Suffering Love (13:2)
 - D. Powerfully Sovereign Love (13:3)
 - E. Practically Demonstrated Love (13:4-5)

- II. **OUR SAVIOR’S WORK FOR US (13:6-11)**
 - A. Shocking Work (13:6-7)
 - B. Essential Work (13:8a)
 - C. Cleansing Work (13:8b-11)

- III. **OUR SAVIOR’S MODEL FOR US (13:12-20)**
 - A. The Authority of our Model (12-13, 20)
 - B. The Practicality of our Model (14-15)
 - C. The Humility of our Model (16; Philippians 2:5-11)
 - D. The Joy of our Model (17; Acts 20:35)
 - E. The Warning of our Model (18-19)

The more we think about Jesus washing feet, the more amazing it becomes, and the more we are reminded of His cross (Mark 10:45).

Have we allowed the Sovereign to serve us (and humbly received His saving work)? Have we been transformed from our prideful, selfish tendencies into the joy of living and serving like Him?

FOR NEXT TIME—Read John 13:21-38, *Mirrors in the Upper Room*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY 29, 2023

1. What menial tasks in our day remind us of servants washing feet in Jesus’ day?
2. Read John 13:1-5. What word or phrase in these verses impresses you with how much Jesus loves us?
3. Read John 13:6-11. Imagine that you were around that table when Jesus started washing your feet. Would you have reacted like Peter or what would your reaction have been?
4. Read Mark 10:45. In what ways does Jesus’ feet washing remind us of His cross work for us?
5. Read John 13:12-17. How have you seen a Christ-follower today follow His example of serving others?
6. How can we teach our children or grandchildren to develop a heart to serve others?
7. For whom and in what way is Jesus asking you to humbly serve Him and others?