

As I Have LOVED YOU

JOHN 13:18–38

OCTOBER 28, 2026

1 INTRODUCTION John 13:18–20

- We continue our study through the Gospel of John on Wednesday nights.
- **Last week we** saw **"A Good Example to Follow"** — Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. Jesus loved them until the very end, not throwing in the towel.
- This week we see a new commandment that Jesus gives His disciples. By following this command, others would know that they were true disciples of Christ.
- We pick up mid conversation. Jesus had just said not all of them were clean, referring to Judas.

John 13:18–19 (NIV)

18 "I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture: 'He who shares my bread has turned against me.' 19 I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am he."

Psalm 41:9 (NLT)

Even my best friend, the one I trusted completely,
the one who shared my food, has turned against me.

- Jesus told them beforehand so that they would believe He is the Messiah.
- Prophecy helps us believe. It still requires faith, but when prophecy is fulfilled, it shines truth on the Word of God.
- Many argue this verse for one of the 5 points of Calvinism, but Jesus was speaking to the 12 He had chosen as disciples.
- What Judas was about to do would fulfill scripture and prophecy.

2 RECEIVING THOSE HE SENDS John 13:20

- If we receive whomever He sends, it is as if we receive Jesus.
- Whoever receives Jesus, it is as if they receive the Father (the One who sent Him).
- The authority is in the One who sent (Jesus/God), not in the person sent.
- If you read ahead (chapters 13–17), you can see He would be sending the Holy Spirit.
- Also in reference to receiving and ministering to the saints. Giving water to one of the least in His name, is like giving water to Jesus.

Matthew 10:42 (NIV)

"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

3 THE BETRAYAL ANNOUNCED John 13:21–25

- He was **troubled in spirit** — to stir or agitate. To cause inward commotion, take away calmness of mind, to make restless, anxious or distressed.
- Yet, He was sinless. Tempted, yet without sin. He can sympathize with us.
- It would be different if it was someone from outside and not within the inner circle.
- It hurts the most when it is someone close and dear.
- Keep in mind that it is man who has let you down and not God.
- Maybe you have been betrayed. Maybe you have betrayed someone dear.
- Do your part to reconcile. As much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Hebrews 4:15–16 (NKJV)

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Romans 12:18 (NKJV)

18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."



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4 JUDAS' DEPARTURE John 13:26–30

- To offer food was a sign of friendship. Jesus was extending a final offer of grace and mercy to the one who was about to betray Him.
- Judas the son of Simon Iscariot took the bread, but he rejected the offer of friendship.
- When Judas had eaten the bread, Satan entered into him.
- Jesus told him, "Hurry and do what you're going to do."
- They didn't understand what Jesus meant since Judas was in charge of the moneybag.
- Judas went out immediately.
- As soon as Judas left, it was night.
- When we walk out on the Lord or when we walk away, it is NIGHT right away.

John 13:27 (NIV)

"As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, 'What you are about to do, do quickly.'"

"Night" — *The time of death; the time for deeds of sin and shame; the time of moral stupidity and darkness; the time when the weary and also the drunken give themselves up to slumber."*

5 THE NEW COMMANDMENT John 13:31–35

- **Judas was now gone**. The time for the Son of Man to be glorified was now.
- After all the signs, miracles, discipling, and teaching, Jesus gives a new commandment.
- "Little children..." – These were grown men, yet He calls them with a term expressing love.
- Jesus goes deeper than the two greatest commandments:
  1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.
  2. Love your neighbor as yoursff.
- Jesus takes it deeper: "Love one another, as I have loved you."
- This is how people will know that we are His disciples — by the love that we share.
- He desires for us to be His hands and feet.
- People get to see the love of Christ through our practical actions.
- Sometimes we have more grace for the world than for those in the body of Christ.

John 13:34–35 (NIV)

34 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.* 35 *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

6 PETER'S RESPONSE John 13:36–38

- Peter just speaks up: "Lord, where are You going?"
- "You can't come now, but you will follow Me later."
- Sometimes we think we are ready, but God is still working in us to prepare us for the work He desires to do through us.
- Peter says, "Why can't I come now, Lord? I'm ready to die for you." Was he?
- Jesus told Peter, "Will you lay down your life for Me?"
- A rooster would not crow until he had denied Jesus 3 times.

John 13:38 (NIV)

"Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!"

REFLECTION & APPLICATION

1. FILL IN THE BLANK

This is how people will know that you are my disciples, if you

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John 13:35

2. FILL IN THE BLANK

As I have loved you, so you must _____.

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3. CHALLENGING QUESTION

How can you demonstrate the love of Christ in a practical way before the week is over? Be specific.