

**John 13:3-10, 12-20**

God, who came to serve.		John 13:3-10, 12-20
<p><i>Intro:</i> As Easter approaches, this is a good time to look at the night before the crucifixion.</p>	<p><i>Review:</i> The Last Supper, as we call it, was the Passover meal taken by Israel in remembrance of the Exodus. Each of the parts of the ceremony was a call to that moment of salvation of the Jewish people. As Christ took the bread and wine, this was to symbolize the final act of salvation from God.</p>	<p><i>Today:</i> John gives the most in-depth look into the Last Supper event. These are the final words the Lord spoke to the apostles before His arrest.</p>
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<p>1. The role of a servant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● V. 5 He became a servant             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jesus came to serve humanity, as the final payment for sin <b>Phil 2:7-8</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● V. 14 The example             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To live as Christ lived, we are to serve one another <b>Phil. 2:3-4</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● V. 16 Humility             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Always remember, we are not greater than Christ <b>John 12:26</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>2. Washed by the servant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● V. 8 Washed for atonement             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is to say, we must be washed of our sins. That which separates us from God. <b>Hebrews 9:13-14</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● V. 9-10 Washed for sanctification             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jesus is clear, though we are made clean by His atonement, we must still strive for holiness <b>Hebrews 10:14</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>3. The servant is God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● V. 3 The Father gave to the Son             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To those that deny the divinity of God, God gave ALL to a lesser being or Jesus is God? <b>John 10:25-30</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● V. 13 Jesus takes a divine title             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jesus calls himself “Lord” in the Greek, this is a divine title. <b>John 18:5-6</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><i>Conclusion:</i> We do not serve a god that demands blind obedience. Our God, THE God, made clear who He is and His love for us. God, who does not demand we make ourselves right with Him but who made a way to be made right. God who humbled Himself to the cross, not a vengeful tyrant.</p>		

## References

**Phil. 2:7-8** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Phil. 2:3-4** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**John 12:26** If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

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**Hebrews 9:13-14** For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, **14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**Hebrews 10:14** For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. [the author, in writing to a Jewish audience, speaks to the fact that sacrifices for sin are no longer necessary. But progressing towards sanctification is on going]

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**John 10:25-30** Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, **26** but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. **30** I and the Father are one.”

**John 18:5-6** They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. **6** When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. [in Greek: *ego eimi* “I am”]