

Digging Deeper
John 13:1-17
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Day 1

Read through and pray over John 13:1-17.

Jn.13:1 Jesus loved his disciples to the very end. The Greek text is “*eis telos*” which also can be translated as total fullness of love, complete love, and perfect love. As a follower of Jesus through worship, service, and witness, we too are his disciples. Jesus loves his disciples to the very end. Take time today to give Jesus praise for his full, complete and perfect love that endures to the very end.

Day 2

Jn.13: 1-3 This passage explains that Jesus knew everything that was going on. He knew his hour had come. He knew the devil prompted Judas his betrayer. He knew he was given authority over everything from the Father. He knew he came from God. And Jesus knew he would return to God. Jesus knows you too. He knows your troubles, he knows your victories and defeats, he knows what we try to hide, and he knows our heart. Read Hebrews 4:15. Jesus not only knows everything but he also understands. Take some deep breaths today and meditate on the truth that Jesus knows what’s going in the world and in our lives. He understands exactly what we are going through. Jesus is in control.

Day 3

Jn.13:4 This verse begins with “So”, meaning as a result of. It details how Jesus conducts himself in this knowledge. What immediate action does Jesus take in his knowledge? He washed his disciples’ feet. Jesus served others as God called him to do. Read Matthew 28:19-20. As believers who KNOW Jesus Christ as our savior, what has God called us to do?

Day 4

Jn.13:4-5 Jesus humbles himself. He removes himself from the table, he takes off his robe, and wraps a towel around his waist. He prepares himself to be of service to others. Jesus is consistent. He washed all of his disciples feet. His beloved disciple, the disciple who would deny him, the doubting disciple, and even the disciple who would betray him, Jesus served all of them. Take time today to pray for the humility and consistency of Jesus in your life.

Day 5

Jn.13:6-11 Simon Peter didn't know or understand what Jesus was doing. He did not want Jesus to serve him. After Jesus enlightened him, Simon Peter was ready and willing to accept the required help from Jesus. Jesus loves you to the end. He came down from heaven to serve as a ransom for you. Have you accepted this saving help from Jesus? Have you asked Jesus to wash you clean? If you have already done so, take time daily to confess your sins and repent as Jesus washes away the dirt from your feet.

Day 6

Jn.13: 12-17 To make things clear to his disciples Jesus explains exactly why he served them. He has taught them now what they should do. Jesus is our Lord. This means he is our authority and master. Our Lord and Master Jesus humbled himself and consistently served and we are not greater than our Lord and Master. So... now that you know, take time to pray and consider how you will humbly prepare yourself to consistently serve others.