



April 21, 2024 – John 13:1-17

He loves them to the end: life lessons!

John 13:1–17 (ESV)

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.”

⁸Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.”

¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” ¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?”

¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

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

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Gives a huge lesson on leadership and Christian living: humble, servant leadership!

→ A practical picture of justification and sanctification!

verses 6-10

“washed” is justification!

Ephesians 1:7–8

“except for his feet” is sanctification!

1 John 1:9

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→ A practical application of humble serving!

verses 11-17

Redemption: washing and cleansing, comes through the Lamb, the Suffering Servant, the Humble One!

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Application questions on the back →

--- *Foot washing!* ---

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SUNDAY after church...

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give!
2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

MONDAY

READ: See the John 13:1-17. **DISCUSSION STARTED:** In light of our passage today, read Matthew 20:25-26 and write out how worldly leadership (and life) works. Now contrast this with the unique pattern the Lord lays down for His children in this passage.
PRAY: Pray over your applications.

TUESDAY

READ: John 12: 13:1-17. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In light of our passage today, read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7. Write out several observations on *why* love is such a powerful presence in a fallen world. (Francis Schaeffer called love the Mark of a Christian).
PRAY: Pray over your applications.

WEDNESDAY

READ: See John 13:1-17. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In light of Jesus “hour has come” and the cross is set before Him in a matter of hours – think of why this teaching (13:1-17) is so important to our Lord? How does this make it so important for your life this week?
PRAY: Pray over your applications.

THURSDAY

READ: John 13:1-17. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In light of our passage today, read Galatians 5:22-23 and write out how this fruit of the Spirit fits together with this passage. Why are fruit like these undervalued in the world and in leadership in general?
PRAY: Pray over your applications!

FRIDAY

READ: See John 13:1-17. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Write out the one thing that struck you from our study.
PRAY: Pray over your application!

SATURDAY

Prepare your heart for Sunday’s gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.