

## “End of the Beginning” - A New Commandment to Love

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

I. The End of the Beginning

II. Maundy Thursday

III. **John 13:1(NASB)** - *Now before the **Feast of the Passover**, Jesus, **knowing that His hour had come** that He would depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

**Matthew 26:17-19(NASB)** - <sup>17</sup> *Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat **the Passover**?”* <sup>18</sup> *And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “**My time is near**; I am keeping the Passover at your house with My disciples.’”* <sup>19</sup> *The disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.*

**Exodus 12:1-8(NASB)** - *Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,* <sup>2</sup> *“This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year for you.* <sup>3</sup> *Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the **tenth of this month** they are, each one, to take a lamb for themselves, according to the fathers’ households, a lamb for each household.* <sup>4</sup> *Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; in proportion to what each one should eat, you are to divide the lamb.* <sup>5</sup> *Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.* <sup>6</sup> *You **shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month**, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to slaughter it at twilight.* <sup>7</sup> *Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.* <sup>8</sup> *They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.*

**Matthew 26:26-28(NASB)** - *Now while they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; **this is My body.**”* <sup>27</sup> *And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup> for **this is My blood of the covenant**, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.*

**John 13:3-5(NASB)** - *Jesus, knowing that the Father had handed all things over to Him, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,* <sup>4</sup> *\*got up from supper and \***laid His outer garments aside**; and He took a **towel and tied it around Himself**.* <sup>5</sup> *Then He \*poured water into the basin, **and began washing the disciples' feet** and wiping them with the towel which He had tied around Himself.*

**Philippians 2:7-8(NASB)** - *but emptied Himself by **taking the form of a bond-servant** and being born in the likeness of men.* <sup>8</sup> *And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross.***

**John 13:34-35(NASB)** - *I am giving you a **new commandment**, that you **love one another**; just as I have loved you, that you also **love one another**.* <sup>35</sup> *By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have **love for one another**."*

IV. Washing of Feet

V. Justice and Love - Picture of the Gospel