

- 1) Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper
- 2) There is one aspect about the Lord's Supper that we will look more closely at
- 3) To do that we need to go to **John 13**

**Jn.13:1** *Now before the Feast of the Passover*, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

- 1) "Now before the Feast of the Passover"
  - a. This is the **last Passover**
    - i. The **real Passover Lamb** was about to be offered

**V.2** *During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,*

- 1) "During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot"
  - a. **The number 13** is considered an unlucky number b/c that is how many individuals were at the Last Supper
  - b. But that isn't really true
  - c. There were **actually 14 individuals present**
  - d. Satan was there & busy
  - e. There are some activities that aren't mentioned in the other accounts
  - f. While they are eating Christ gets up & **washes the disciple's feet** – Then He **returns** to the table again **V.12**

**V.12** So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and **reclined at the table again**, He said to them, "*Do you know what I have done to you?*"

- 1) "Do you know what I have done to you"
  - a. He gives them a partial explanation of why He washed their feet
  - b. Then He becomes very distressed **V.21**

**V.21** When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that *one of you will betray Me.*"

- 1) "one of you will betray Me"
  - a) He confides in them that **one of them would is a traitor**
  - b) Recently, Christ has given to the disciples quite a bit of **bad news**
  - c) HE has said to them – either directly or indirectly that:
    - i) One of them was a **traitor**

**Jn.13:21** When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me."

- ii) HE is **going away** & they can't follow Him  
**Jn.7:34** "You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come."  
**Jn.8:21** (to religious leaders) Then He said again to them, "I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come."  
**Jn.12:8** "For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me."  
**V.35** So Jesus said to them, "For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.  
**Jn.13:33** "Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'"
- iii) HE was **going to die**  
**Jn.12:32** "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."  
33 But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.
- iv) In the hearing of them all that Simon **Peter was going to forsake Him**  
**Lk22:31** "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat;  
32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."
- d) While reclining at the table w/ them – John records that Christ gives them some **good news**

- i) They recognize what HE is saying immediately

Jn.14:1 (NP)

**Jn.14:1** "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.  
V.2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.  
V.3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

\*While they **knew what He was saying**

\*Like so many other truths, it wasn't until after the Holy Spirit came that it had meaning

\***John 14:1-3** is a **marriage proposal**

\*The **idea that the Church** is the **bride of Christ** is common in Scripture  
**2 Cor.11:2** For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

**Eph.5:31** (passage on husbands & wives) FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

**Rev.21:2** (Our eternal dwelling place) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

**Rev.21:9** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

**Rev.22:17** The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

\*But **where did that idea** of the Church being the bride of Christ **come from?**  
**Jn14**

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1) "Do not let your heart be troubled"

a. Sin is everywhere & distresses the believer

i. Even **Lot** who was a carnal believer was troubled by what went on around him

**2 Peter 2:7 (NP)**

**2 Pet.2:7** and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men  
8 (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds)

- b. We are to keep our trust/focus on Christ
  - i. That is the proper way to control stress

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- 1) "In My Father's house are many dwelling places...I go to prepare a place for you"
  - a) **Tradition** was very important to the Jew
  - b) In that day when a young man proposed to a woman –
    - i) If his family had land & was reasonably well off – this is how he did it
    - ii) He would tell the future wife about the land/wealth of his father
    - iii) He would promise to go & build them a place on that land
  - c) Then he would promise that when it was ready – he would come back for her

V.3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, *I will come again and receive you to Myself*, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

- 1) "I will come again and receive you to Myself"
  - a) It usually took about a year for him to make a place for her
  - b) She couldn't see it until it was finished & he took her there
  - c) She didn't know how far along it was or when he was coming for her
  - d) When their place was finished & it was time for the wedding the best man would tip off the bride's parents
  - e) They would make sure that the family was home & the bridegroom & his party would get within shouting distance of her house & blow a trumpet & call her name
  - f) The wedding would begin – it lasted for a week
  - g) On the night of the last supper our Lord made this proposal to His disciples

We have our instructions for the Lord's Supper

**1 Cor.11:23 (NP)**

