

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Called To Serve
John 13
Week 19 May 31, 2026
Pastor Mike Popovich

Now 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.

John 13:1 ESV

JESUS' TIME IS HERE

After three and a half years of ministry, healing, teaching and sharing the good news with the people, it is time to fulfill the requirements of salvation.

Jesus would be the ultimate Passover Lamb sacrificed for our sins.

Jesus loved those He encountered and He continues to love us.

MEET THE NEED

During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then 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.

John 13:2-5 ESV

Judas had already decided to help the religious leaders find and arrest Jesus under the cover of darkness.

If you see a need do not be afraid or too proud to serve.

When 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? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:12-14 ESV

If He can do it as our Lord and Savior then we can do it also.

THE BETRAYAL

Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. John 13:26 ESV

Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly."

John 13:27 ESV

That was the last opportunity for Judas to repent and not betray Jesus.

A NEW COMMANDMENT

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:31-35 ESV

If we love one another. That means we take care of each other. When we see a need we work to meet it. We serve one another.

Jesus loves us to the point of becoming the sacrificial lamb who takes away the sins of the world.