

**Gospel of
John**
Thursday Morning
Bible Class

John 13:1-38

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Jesus washes feet – 13:1-20
 †1 - It is now Thursday of Holy Week. Jesus is about to eat the Passover meal with His disciples.
 †The word “love” occurs 31 times in chs 13-17.
 †Jesus knew his hour had come. He was ready because of the love he had for us.
 †Jesus loves the whole world, but has a special love for the 12.
 †He loved them to the fullest extent.

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 †2 – Judas’ plot is the work of the devil. He is just looking for the right opportunity.
 †3 – Everything was going according to God’s plan, and that God had given him authority over it all.
 †4 – In an act of love, Jesus washed their feet.
 †This was an act of supreme servanthood.
 †6 - Peter objected to having his rabbi act as a servant.

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†7 – Jesus said that they may not understand then, but they would get it later.
†8 – But Peter refuses. But this is more than just a foot washing. It is a lesson in humility.
†But it also shows that Jesus has no connecton to those who have not been cleansed by him.
†9 – Peter then asks for a total washing.

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†10 – They have already “bathed”. They have been forgiven and reconciled to God. But the feet need washing.
†11 – Jesus knew who his betrayer was.
†12 – “Do you understand?” They did not.
†13-14 - Jesus was their teacher and Lord. If he served them, they ought to do the same for others.

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†15 – Jesus had given them an example of servanthood.
†16 – In Jesus’ kingdom, the master serves the servant.
†17 – They will be blessed if they do this.
†18 – Jesus singles out the one who would betray him.
†20 – Jesus is sent by God, and He is sending them

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“One will betray me” – 13:21-30

†21 – Again Jesus is “troubled.” He is wrestling with Satan. At the heart of his struggle was that one whom he loved would betray him.

†22 – The disciples are clueless. Could they accidentally betray him?

†23 – The “disciples whom Jesus loved” was how John referred to himself.

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Reclining at the Table



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“One will betray me” – 13:21-30

†24 – Peter wants John to ask Jesus who he meant.

†25-26 – The one to whom he would give a piece of bread.

†27 – Satan “entered him.” Jesus told him to do it quickly. Now Judas knew that Jesus knew.

†28 – The disciples did not understand.

†30 – Judas went out into the night.

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A New Commandment – 13:31-35

†31 – Now the Son of Man is glorified. His coming trial, suffering and death was his glorification.
†32 – Jesus makes five references to glory in 2 verses.
†33 – “Little children” – A term of endearment.
†34 – A “new” commandment – Love one another.
†We are to love as Christ loved us.

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“You will deny me!” – 13:36-38

†36 – Peter asks Jesus where he is going? Why can’t he follow? Not now, but he will follow Jesus later.
†37 – Peter was devoted to Jesus, and in the emotion of the moment he is convinced he would give his life for Jesus.
†He failed because his devotion was based on emotion.

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“You will deny me!” – 13:36-38

†38 – “Will you?” Before the morning dawned, he would deny knowing Jesus three times.
†Judas’ denial was planned; Peter’s denial was spontaneous.
†The “rooster crows” – A chicken or a man?
†Probably the priest who called people to prayer early in the morning. He was called “the rooster.”

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