

## John 13:1-38 **Passover Supper – Jesus washed Disciples Feet**

### Loved to the End

<sup>1</sup> Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

### After Supper – Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to Betray Jesus

<sup>2</sup> And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,

### Jesus Washed Disciples Feet

<sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. <sup>5</sup> After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. <sup>6</sup> Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

### Foot Washing – Example for Disciples to follow

<sup>12</sup> So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

### Told before hand so you will believe I am Messiah

<sup>18</sup> I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' <sup>19</sup> Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.

### Receiving messenger and message sender

<sup>20</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

### One of you will betray Me

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

<sup>22</sup> Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. <sup>23</sup> Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. <sup>25</sup> Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

### Betrayer identified

26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

### What you do, do quickly

27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." 28 But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. 29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. 30 Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

### Father and Son Glorified

31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.

### Going where you cannot come

33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.

### A New Commandment – Love one another, as I have loved you – Evidence of Discipleship

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

### Why can I not follow You now?

36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward." 37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake." 38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

### Loved to the End

✠ Passover – The Lord's Last Supper – Jesus loved His disciples to the very end. [John 13:1]

### Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to Betray Jesus

✠ Satan had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son to betray Jesus. [John 13:2]

### After Supper – Jesus Washed His Disciples Feet

✠ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. [John 13:3-11]

✧ Jesus knew that the Father had given **all things** into His hands.

✧ Jesus knew that He had come from God and was going to return to God.

✧ Jesus had the ability to say yes, or to say no, to the things that were about to happen.

[Matthew 26:52-54]

- ✧ Out of Ignorance, Peter objected, until Jesus expressed the importance of the event, then Peter went all the way.
- ✧ For a Saint of God to be fully clean, He must be careful to keep his walk clean before God.
- ✧ Jesus knew who would betray Him so He said they are not **all** clean.

### Jesus Explained the Foot Washing – Example for Disciples to follow

- ✧ The blessedness of humble servitude. [John 13:12-17, Matthew 20:25-28, 23:11-12, Mark 9:35, 10:42-45]
- ✧ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. [John 13:12-15]
- ✧ Jesus set the example of humble submission by washing the disciples feet.
- ✧ Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. [John 13:16-17]

### Told before hand so you will believe I am Messiah

- ✧ Jesus had chosen the one to betray Him in order that Scripture may be fulfilled. [John 13:18, Psalm 41:9]
- ✧ Jesus told in advance what would happen so the Disciples may believe that Jesus is the Messiah when they see it happen. [John 13:19]
- ✧ This is one of the factors as evidence that identify the True God. [Isaiah 48:3-5]

### Receiving messenger and message sender

- ✧ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." [John 13:20]
- ✧ To be receptive to the messenger, is to be receptive to the One Who sent the messenger, As well as to the message sent by the messenger.

### One of you will betray Me

- ✧ When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." [John 13:21]
- ✧ It is troubling to realize that the time has come to identify the one to betray you and to deliberately send him on his way.
- ✧ Jesus made the announcement straight forward, to cause soul searching among the disciples and to alert Judas. Judas was the only one that knew what Jesus was talking about.
- ✧ Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" [John 13:22-25]
- ✧ It is interesting in the book of John, whenever John writes about himself he always refers to himself as, "one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved." [John 13:23, 20:2, 21:7, 20]
- ✧ John is the one who focused most on love, and stayed as close to Jesus as possible, "leaning on Jesus' bosom, leaning back on Jesus' breast."
- ✧ John asked Jesus directly, "Lord, who is it?"

### Betrayer identified

- ✧ Jesus answered, "**It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.**" And **having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.** [John 13:26]
- ✧ Here we are reminded that Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus, is the son of Simon the Pharisee, a leper at whose house Jesus ate with Mary who anointed Jesus with oil, Martha,

and Lazarus whom Jesus raised from the dead, the brother and sisters of Judas. [John 6:71, 11:1-46, 12:1-3, 13:26, Luke 10:38-42]

### What you do, do quickly

- ✠ Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." [John 13:27]
- ✧ Satan had put it into the heart of Judas to betray Jesus. [John 13:2]
- ✧ Now Satan actually entered into Judas.
- ✧ Jesus said, "What you do, do quickly."
- ✧ Jesus and Judas were the only ones who knew what the dialogue was about.
- ✠ But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. [John 13:28-29]
- ✠ Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night. [John 13:30]
- ✧ It is always night when we do the will of Satan, the works and power of darkness. [Proverbs 2:12-13, Luke 22:53, Romans 13:12, Ephesians 5:11, Colossians 1:13]

### Father and Son Glorified

- ✠ So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "**Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.** If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. [John 13:31-32]
- ✧ God gains glory when He does something no power on earth can do.
  - ✦ Examples: Creation, confusion of languages at Tower of Babel, Flood of Noah's time, destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage, Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
- ✧ Jesus and the Father were both glorified by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and His ascension into Heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father in Heaven.

### Going where you cannot come

- ✠ Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. [John 13:33]
- ✧ Jesus will soon be departing from this earth and going to the Father where the disciples cannot go, but they are not left here without hope.
- ✧ Jesus promised that they will come to Him later. [John 13:36, 14:1-3]
- ✧ In the mean time, there is a commandment to last for the rest of the time here.

### A New Commandment – Love one another, as I have loved you – Evidence of Discipleship

- ✠ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." [John 13:34-35]
- ✧ Love for one another is the mark of the Saint of God throughout the rest of the Bible.
- ✧ It shows up in almost all the Epistles of the New Testament.

### Why can I not follow You now?

- ✠ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward." [John 13:36]
- ✧ Simon Peter certainly expresses the cry of all our hearts, "Why not now?"
- ✧ Even Paul said to be with Jesus is much more desirable, but it is more needful to remain behind to help those who need our help here. [Philippians 1:23-24]
- ✧ Jesus assured Peter that the time would come when he would certainly follow Jesus to His new home in Heaven.

✚ Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times. [\[John 13:37-38\]](#)

✧ Peter's rash promise of his willingness to die for Jesus was demonstrated when he drew the sword to protect Jesus from being arrested, which Jesus did not allow. [\[John 18:10, Matthew 26:51-52, Mark 14:47, Luke 22:50-51\]](#)

✧ Jesus foretold Peter's three denials before cock crow in the morning. Which actually happened. [\[Matthew 26:69-75, Mark 14:66-72, Luke 22:54-62, John 18:15-27\]](#)