



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Series: JESUS IN JOHN

Message: “*Lover or Betrayer*”

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SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

John 13:1-38, Matthew 26:23, Psalm 41:9 (betrayer foretold), John 6:70, John 21:20

(the Disciples didn't understand), 1 John 2:5-11, 4:10-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:9 (the

command to love one another), 1 Timothy 1:5, Ephesians 4:22-24, Philippians 2:7-8

(Christ's example), Colossians 1:18, John 12:3-7 (Jesus' feet anointed), Hebrews 10:14

(cleansed forever),

OPENING SCRIPTURE:

[JOHN 13:1-38]

“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. ² 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” ⁸ Peter said to him, “You

shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.”¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹² 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. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

²¹ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³ One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at the table at Jesus’ side, ²⁴ so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, “Lord, who is it?”²⁶ 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. ²⁷ Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.”²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹ 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.**”

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 will follow afterward.” ³⁷ Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” ³⁸ Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 13:1–38.

“Peter speaks not out of angry pique so much as
confused devotion:
‘I will lay down my life for you.’”

-DA Carson

TERMS & BACKGROUND:

[FOOT WASHING] Jesus washed the feet of the Disciples in this story. “The couches would be arranged around tables containing the food, with the upper part of each person’s body facing the food and their feet away from the table. Jesus would go to the outside of this circle to wash each person’s feet. After travelers had come a long distance, the host was to provide water for their feet as a sign of hospitality, as exemplified by Abraham (Gen 18:4). Yet losing sandals and personally washing someone else’s feet was considered servile, most commonly the work of a servant or of very submissive wives or children (cf. also 1 Sam 25:41).”

Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), Jn 13:3–8.

[THE LAST SUPPER] John 13:1-30 Rightfully referenced as the last supper as this was the last time Jesus would eat with His disciples before He was crucified.

OUTLINE:

I. (v1-20) WASHING (The Disciple's feet)

Isn't it unique that we find Jesus' public ministry focus transition to a very intimate and private ministry? Jesus was rejected by a nation but now Jesus looks to each individual regardless of nationality.

A. (v1-11) The act of foot washing

1. (v1) *"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."*
 - a) **Timing...**
 - (1) **Egypt-** is before the feast of the Passover marking the passing over of the death angel sparing the firstborn son of every house that had put the blood over the door
 - (2) **Jerusalem-** Jesus was preparing to apply the blood over the doorpost of every heart who would believe
 - (3) **The hour** that had come was the hour for Jesus to go to the cross
 - b) **His Love...**
 - (1) **Jesus' love for His bride** is marked by the relentless approach to the cross knowing He must die for our sins
2. (v2) *"² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him..."*
 - a) The Devil/Satan was at work as the primary agent of evil yet fulfilling God's will that His Son must die for the sins of the Elect/the bride of Christ
3. (v3-5) *"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."*
 - a) **Jesus' feet had been anointed** by Mary for His Burial (Signifying His coming sacrifice for us)

- b) **Jesus knew it was time** as God had made it known to Him
 - c) Jesus signifies His reasons for coming to Bethlehem in this gesture of **taking off His outer Garment**
 - (1) **Philippians 2:7-8** He set aside His glory (the outward glory) as God and took on the role of Servant (Humility)
4. (v6-8a) *“He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, **“Lord, do you wash my feet?”**”*⁷ *Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.”*⁸ *Peter said to him, **“You shall never wash my feet.”**”*
- a) Peter was appalled by Jesus’ actions: How could Jesus wash His feet when Peter needed to wash His king’s feet
 - b) Jesus was lowering Himself to a bondservant status
 - (1) *Jesus came to seek and save the lost (serve us with the giving of His life)*
5. (v8b) *“Jesus answered him, **“If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”**”*
- a) “No share with me”-
 - (1) No fellowship with Him
 - (2) No part of the kingdom with Him
 - (3) We must yield to (His hands) in order to walk with him (our feet)
 - (4) If we do not yield to Him we will not follow Him to heaven
6. (v9-10) *“⁹ Simon Peter said to him, **“Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”**”*¹⁰ *Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.”*
- a) Peter then has a knee jerk reaction and wants Jesus to wash his hands and his head
 - b) Jesus clarifies the symbolism of only the feet to be washed
 - (1) *(Positionally) We are washed or bathed clean by the Salvific work of Jesus on the cross and are clean for eternity*
 - (a) **Hebrews 10:14** “For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”
 - (2) *(Daily Washing/progressive sanctification) However, in a daily sense, we are still dealing with our sinful nature and get the world on us and need our feet washed to have closeness with Jesus (Close fellowship)*
 - (a) Daily repentance of Sins for the closeness of fellowship

- (i) **1 John 1:9** *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*
- (ii) **1 John 2:1** *"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."*

7. (v11) **"*For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'*"**

- a) Jesus knew Judas would betray Him yet He still ministered and cared for Judas

B. (v12-20) Jesus' meaning for the foot washing

1. (v12-14) ***"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."***

a) Symbolism in this passage:

- (1) *Jesus taking off His outer garment (taking on the form of a servant and becoming man/going to a cross)*
- (2) *Jesus putting back on His outer garment (after His death and resurrection/returning to the right hand of the father)*

b) Jesus tells them the reason for the washing was to give the example of washing one another's feet

(1) *Here we see the realization that washing with water is a symbol of truth which is found in God's word (John 17:17)*

(a) **John 17:17** *"Sanctify them in the truth; **your word is truth.**"*

(b) **Ephesians 5:25** *"²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and **gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.**"*

- (i) *We are called to disciple our wives and our brothers and sisters in Christ by preaching and teaching and counseling with the Word of God as the sanctifying tool*

2. (v15-16) *“¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that **you also should do just as I have done to you.** ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.”*
 - a) Jesus was giving instruction on how to live our lives here on earth (serving one another)
 - (1) *Teaching the word of truth*
 - (2) *Serving one another in physical means of sacrifice*

3. (v17-19) *“¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; **I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled. ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’** ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.”*
 - a) Jesus had not chosen Judas (Judas was the instrument to fulfill the prophecy that someone must betray Jesus in order that He might die for the sins of those who would believe)
 - b) Those whom God has opened their eyes to see are blessed by His grace and should be thankful for His mercy

4. (v20) *“²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever **receives me receives the one who sent me.**”*
 - a) To receive Jesus is to receive God the Father

II. (v21-38) WARNING (The Betrayer)

- A. (v21) *“²¹ After saying these things, **Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”**”*
 1. Although Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him He was still troubled at the sinful act (Holiness/ Humanity)
 - a) “Troubled in Spirit”- Jesus was broken over
 - (1) The national rejection
 - (2) Judas a close friends rejection of Jesus (betrayal)
 - b) Judas was contemplating turning on Jesus even then as he was at the table with Jesus

- B. (v22-25) *“²² The disciples looked at one another, **uncertain of whom he spoke.** ²³ One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved (John), was reclining at a table at Jesus’ side, ²⁴ so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, “**Lord, who is it?**”*

1. The disciples are worried about who the betrayer will be
- C. (v26-27) ²⁶ *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.**”*
1. Jesus was telling them who it would be- Judas
 2. It was also custom for the host to give one guest a portion of the bread
 - a) *Jesus shows absolute meekness in this matter (knowing Judas will sell Him out)*
- D. (v28-30) ²⁸ *Now **no one at the table knew why he said this to him.*** ²⁹ *Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor.* ³⁰ *So, after receiving the morsel of bread, **he immediately went out.** And it was night.”*
1. Even though the Disciples were just told by Jesus’ actions the disciples did not catch on to the fact that Judas was the betrayer
 - a) *Many times God is showing us the truth but we cannot see it because we are too close to the matter/people*
 - b) *Judas was quite the deceiver as the disciples did not catch his plan and heart (greed)*
 - c) *Judas even though the savior had just appealed to Judas’ heart he makes the move to betray (Strong will of the flesh & influence of Satan)*
- E. (v31) ³¹ *When he had gone out, Jesus said, “**Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him**”*
1. Judas’ exit signified the next step and final approach to the cross
 2. Jesus signaling He is ready to Go to the Cross
- F. (v32) ³² ***If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.**”*
1. Arthur Pink makes note of five Characteristics of God that are glorified on the cross:
 - a) His Power (Sustaining Christ/ Resurrection)
 - b) His Justice (judging Sin)
 - c) His Love (Dying for Sinful man)
 - d) His Holiness (Perfect lamb slain for us)
 - e) His Faithfulness (Dying in spite of His flesh being weak)
 2. Arthur Pink also notes that Glorification of the Son occurs by three acts
 - a) Overcoming Satan (Hebrews 2:14)
 - b) Becoming the Final Adam (Romans 5:12-15)
 - c) Performing the greatest Work in Human History

- G. (v33) 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.”***
1. Jesus was speaking here of the priestly duties and that He alone could go in to make the Sacrifice for those who would believe (the place they could not go was the cross to offer the sacrifice)
 2. This is different than when he spoke to the lost people prior (John 8:21)
 - a) There he was speaking of Heaven (No way to the Father)
- H. (v34-35) 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.***
1. Jesus was aligning Matthew 22:38-40's 2 commands of
 - a) *Loving God*
 - b) *Loving your Neighbor as yourself*
 2. Loving is serving and giving as seen here in this text
 - a) *This command brings in the quality by which Jesus is showing His love for His followers (laying down his life)*
 3. People know Christians or Followers of Christ by the way they love one another
 - a) *People who hold grudges are not showing themselves to be children of God*
 - b) *People who do not serve His Church are not showing themselves to be children of God*
 - c) *People who do not love one another are not followers of Christ*
- I. (v36-38) 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 will follow afterward.”*** ³⁷ *Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”* ³⁸ *Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.”*
1. Jesus again is talking about going to a cross
 2. Peter would get His time to die as a follower of Christ (Dying for His faith)
 3. Peter would get the opportunity to come to heaven and be with the Father because of Jesus' salvific work
 4. Peter does not know his own flesh and weakness as Jesus does
 - a) *Jesus knows we are weak yet He still loves us*
 - b) *Jesus knows we will fail Him yet because He has chosen us and identified himself with the elect He cannot deny us*
 - (1) *Yet we should be reminded that as Peter being close to Jesus failed Him greatly and was restored*

