

COMMENTARY

Gospel of John Chapter 13:

vs. 1-17

As the Passover approaches, Jesus continues to show the extent of His love for the disciples. Jesus, realizing that Judas would betray Him, and all that was going to take place, gets up from the table. This in and of itself would have caused no notice by the disciples as they would have assumed that Jesus was going to ceremoniously wash His hands. Jesus instead, dresses Himself as a slave and prepares to wash the feet of the disciples [prior to this there was discussion about greatness]. Peter tries to discourage Jesus at first, but upon realizing the significance, insists upon being washed.

Jesus spoke of them being clean, but not everyone, for He knew that Judas would betray Him and turn Him over to the religious leaders.

He explains the meaning of this entire incident of the washing of the feet. He reminds them that even though, He is the Lord and Teacher, that He has submitted Himself to service. In the same way, He tells them, they should be willing to submit themselves to others. If they will serve in this attitude they will be blessed.

vs. 18-30

Jesus explains, that what He is going to tell them, is for their benefit. When they see it take place later, their belief will be strengthened, rather than giving way to doubt. He explains how one is going to betray Him. It is suggested that this was said quietly to John, who was next to Him, and not to the entire group. Peter enquires of John, to find out who Jesus is talking about and Jesus gives John a sign of recognition. This sign would tell John who the betrayer would be. Jesus gave the bread to Judas and then told Judas to go and do quickly, what he had planned to do. Judas leaves. The others only speculate as to why Judas left and seem not to realize that Judas is going out to betray their Lord.

vs. 31-38

Jesus speaks to the remaining disciples, after Judas leaves. He tells them that The Son of Man is glorified and has glorified the Father. He explains that He is leaving and that they are to love one another. This will be a sign to all mankind, that those with such great love, must be followers of the Christ.

Peter asks Jesus where He is going and offers to give up all to follow. Jesus tells Peter that he cannot follow and questions if Peter would really give up all, since he will deny Jesus 3 times before the night is over.

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Gospel of John Chapter 14:

vs. 1-4

Jesus reassures His disciples that all is going to be fine. He explains that His leaving is for their benefit, as He is going to prepare a place and will return to get them. Then they will be together forever.

vs. 5-14

Thomas enquires concerning where Jesus is going. Jesus explains that He is the way the truth and the life. Those who follow Him are following the right way, and will find truth and eternal life, besides the Father. He explains how He represents the Father and that they are one in purpose.

Philip asks to see the Father. Jesus replies that those who have seen Him, have seen the Father. Jesus is declaring God's words and doing God's will and therefore is a representation of all that God is.

Jesus further explains that those who have faith in Him, will live a life like His and do great things for God, for Christ will work through them and answer their prayers.

vs. 15-31

Jesus tells them that their love for Him, will be shown by obedience. Their obedience will give them right to have the Spirit with them forever. Only those who accept Christ can enjoy His presence in their life. Jesus promises to return to get them and urges them to obey His commands.

Judas, not Iscariot, asks why they are allowed to see Him and not the world. Jesus replies that those who love Him, will enjoy the indwelling of Christ and the Father as they obey Christ's commands. Those who refuse, will not enjoy the presence of God's Spirit. He tells them that this is the Father's plan.

Jesus explains that the Holy Spirit will teach and remind the disciples of all that Jesus said and did. He will leave them with peace which will last and will not be taken away.

Jesus tells them that He is going, but will return. He explains that Satan is going to do his evil work, but that Satan is not in power; Jesus is doing the will of the Father by allowing Himself to be slain. This He tells them, has been told them now, so that when it all takes place, they will remember and realize that God is in control and that it is the will of God and not Satan overcoming their Lord.

STUDY GUIDE

Gospel of John Chapter 13:

1. Since Jesus loved His own, what did He show them?
2. What did Jesus do, when He got up from the meal?
3. Who tried to discourage Jesus, from washing their feet?
4. How did Jesus respond?
5. What are a servant and messenger, not greater than?
6. According to verse 21, what was one of the disciples going to do?
7. What sign did Jesus give, to identify the betrayer?
8. Who was the one who would betray Jesus?
9. What new command did Jesus give His disciples?
10. How will men know, if one is Jesus' disciple?
11. What did Jesus say would happen before the rooster crows?

BONUS:

1. What message or lesson is there, in Jesus washing the disciples feet?
2. How do Christians today, deny or betray their Lord?

STUDY GUIDE

Gospel of John Chapter 14:

1. What was Jesus going to prepare?
2. If Jesus was going, what was He going to do when He came back?
3. In verse 6, what 3 things does Jesus say that He is?
4. How can one come to the Father?
5. What will those who have faith in Christ, do?
6. What does Jesus say, we can ask for?
7. What will those who love Christ, do?
8. Who is the Counselor, that Jesus promised to give His disciples?
9. According to verse 26, what will the Counselor teach?
10. Why did Jesus tell His disciples these things, before they happened?

BONUS:

1. How can Jesus prepare a place, when we learn in Revelation that the heavens and earth will be destroyed?
2. What are ways to heaven, according to man?
3. What have you seen the Spirit do in your life?