

Women's Bible Study – Spring 2018

John 13 and 14

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Set up for the next section of John. John was written so that the people may know that Jesus was the Messiah, the son of God. Various signs were performed by Jesus increasing in the wow factor which culminated in Lazarus rising from the dead. That sealed his fate. 13 focuses on an act that Jesus performs to display love, then chapters 14-17 are a discourse by Jesus to his disciples.

1. John 1 - 12- public ministry within Judaism. The SIGNS
2. Signs or talks that often took place within the construct of Jewish festivals and institutions.
3. Second half of John focuses on the private ministry of Jesus and to the focus on the cross. Narrow audience. The HOUR

Do you remember what it is like on the first week of school, or the first week on a new job? You are given all kinds of directives and advice so that you will be able to succeed. The desire of the boss or the teacher is for you to be a success. They do not want you to fail. The instructors might give lectures, power points, conferences so that you will be smart, and they even might spend some one on one time with you to help out in a particularly troublesome area.

This is what Jesus is doing starting out in these chapters. He is finished with his miraculous signs, he is finished with traveling around, and he is finished with spending lots of time with the disciples (chapters 1-12). He is wanting them to succeed so he, as their boss and instructor, is giving them the instructions they will need. He is spending some quality time with them to talk and show them what will happen. He is honing in on the importance of one event coming up, the cross.

So why does he start out washing their feet? To show love. To undo all of their previous thinking that it is good to be important, good to have the "others" do the dirty work, and good for there to be some hierarchy....like Jews are better than Gentiles. Washing of the feet was done by non-Jewish slaves, or the lowest class possible in their minds. Not something as dirty as that to be done by them. Love begins this discourse and is written over and around everything Jesus says.

Let's read Verses 1-11 of chapter 13.

13 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."

Chapter 13

1. Foot washing.
 - a. Ex. of love. Even to Judas
 - b. Peter did not understand. Must be Jesus who cleanses
 - c. Why can't we love like this? Tim Keller's book. Performance based. Jesus has given us the verdict before!! He knew his origin and who he was so he could do this.
2. Betrayal. Judas behavior so conformed to normality that it was not noticeable.
 - a. Not just a story. About us as well. We are in danger of being seduced by our own dreams and wishes and leaving Jesus out of it.
 - b. Left so Jesus could talk intimately
3. Love Command. We are known by this. Vs. 12 - 15.

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.

A new command. 34, 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."

Why is it new? . Deeper, more self - less, more profound

Then Jesus starts with his discourse to them. The instructions they will need.

Chapter 14. Comforts the disciples. It is a comfort!

Jesus wanted his disciples to have a confidence in his power that is equal to their confidence in God. Not a closing of ministry but a continuation. His comment to Philip.

8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

1. He says I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

14 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.From now on you do know him and have seen him."

The way will be constructed. The place is not a building but with Jesus. "Room or abode with our name on it" Heaven is waiting for us. Examples of other religions.

All three are fulfilling the prophecies in the Old Testament. For example, having only one high priest enter into the holy of holies. Jesus reveals the TRUE God, and in him alone can we find eternal LIFE and abundant LIFE.

b. Jesus is coming

Second coming. Empty tomb. Holy Spirit. Vs. 28.

2. He is promising the Holy Spirit. 14: 15-20

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

- a. Pluses of the Holy Spirit. With us forever. Has truth. Commodity the world does not own. Helper. Brings to remembrance everything Jesus has said.. Like a cheater sheet? Peace
- b. Greater works are attributed to Holy Spirit.

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

My experience. Does this work? Are we to take his words for us? Do these truths work?

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