John 13 The Lord's Supper

Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that His hour had come that He would depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. 2 And during supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had handed all things over to Him, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, 4 got up from supper and laid His outer garments aside; and He took a towel and tied it around Himself.

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

5 Then He poured water into the basin, and began washing the disciples' feet and wiping them with the towel which He had tied around Himself. 6 So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, You are washing my feet?" 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not realize right now, but you will understand later."

8 Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no place with Me." 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet; otherwise he is completely clean. And you are clean—but not all of you." 11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; it was for this reason that He said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 Then, when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you? 13 You call Me 'Teacher' and 'Lord'; and you are correct, for so I am. 14 So if I, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I gave you an example, so that you also would do just as I did for you.

16 Truly, truly I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. 18 I am not speaking about all of you. I know the ones whom I have chosen; but this is happening so that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'

19 From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it does happen, you may believe that I am He. 20 Truly, truly I say to you, the one who receives anyone I send, receives Me; and the one who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

Jesus Predicts His Betrayal

21 When Jesus had said these things, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me." 22 The disciples began

looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking. 23 Lying back on Jesus' chest was one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 So Simon Peter nodded to this disciple and said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking."

25 He then simply leaned back on Jesus' chest and said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus then answered, "That man is the one for whom I shall dip the piece of bread and give it to him." So when He had dipped the piece of bread, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

27 After this, Satan then entered him. Therefore Jesus said to him, "What you are doing, do it quickly." 28 Now none of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him. 29 For some were assuming, since Judas kept the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, "Buy the things we need for the feast"; or else, that he was to give something to the poor. 30 So after receiving the piece of bread, he left immediately; and it was night.

31 Therefore when he had left, 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 will glorify Him immediately. 33 Little children, I am still with you a little longer. You will look for Me; and just as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you: 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also 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, "Where I am going, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later." 37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You." 38 Jesus replied, "Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

- What questions were provoked within you?
- Did anything confuse you?
- Did anything move you emotionally?
- Did God instruct you to do something?
- Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Paul's observations and insights

Jesus time on earth was about to come to an end, after 33 years he needed to let go. What does it mean for the devil 'to put into the heart of Judas'? What is it 'to betray'? In what way does God hand things over to Jesus? When did Jesus know He came forth from God?

Jesus has a desire to demonstrate to the disciples what it means to serve in humility.

Why did Jesus wash their feet?

Why was Peter unwilling to have his feet washed by Jesus?

What was it that Peter needed to understand?

Look and see how Jesus is able to bring out of an ordinary situation a word of revelation – 'not all of you are clean'.

Why did Jesus ask the disciples 'do you know what I have done for you today'? In setting an example of serving one another, Jesus is anticipating all disciples will do the same.

'Truly, truly', could not express any stronger God's expectation for the disciples to listen and obey Him.

How must Jesus be feeling towards Judas and his act of betrayal despite all He had done for Him?

To foretell is to prophesy.

The chain of authority in the Kingdom of God is, God sent Jesus, Jesus sends disciples. What is it to be sent?

What is it to tremble in Spirit?

Can you imagine the atmosphere in the room after Jesus had declared one of the disciples would betray Him?

Which of the disciples was lying back on Jesus?

Did Jesus love some disciples more than others?

It is Peter who is bold enough to ask the disciple, to ask Jesus, who the betrayer is?

Jesus in response declares 'I will give you a sign'. Why did He not just say Judas?

What is it for Satan to enter Judas?

What was it that Judas needed to do quickly?

What is the significance of the statement 'and it was night'.

For Jesus to be glorified is for Him to be exalted.

How does Jesus' life glorify God?

Jesus told the Jews they could not go where He was going, but now He says the same things to the disciples.

So where was Jesus going?

What is it to love another disciple of Jesus Christ?

What motivated Peter to say he would lay down his life for Jesus?

Jesus prepares Peter with a prophetic word regarding his faithlessness!