LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 01 Dec 2013 ................................ John 12. ........................................ Live Selflessly
2) 08 Dec ............................................ John 13. ........................................ Serve Humbly
3) 15 Dec ............................................ John 14. ........................................ Believe Exclusively
4) 22 Dec ............................................ Luke 1-2. ........................................ Christmas Message
5) 29 Dec ............................................ John 15:1-25. ................................ Stay Open and Obedient
6) 05 Jan 2014 ................................ John 15:26 – 16:33. ................................ Depend on the Spirit
7) 12 Jan ............................................ John 17. ........................................ Honor Jesus
8) 19 Jan ............................................ Psalm 139. ........................................ Value Every Life
9) 26 Jan ............................................ John 18. ........................................ Our Messiah - Abused
10) 02 Feb ............................................ John 19:1-16. ................................ Our King - Condemned
11) 09 Feb ............................................ John 19:17:42. ................................ Our Savior - Crucified
12) 16 Feb ............................................ John 20. ........................................ Live in Resurrection Power
13) 23 Feb ............................................ John 21. ........................................ Follow with Renewed Purpose

INTRODUCTION

• This chapter deals with the Last Supper, washing the Apostles’ feet, Judas’ betrayal, and the delivery of a new commandment to love one another.

Passage | Comments
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Humble Service | v1. Jesus loved His own to the end. There seems to be a hierarchical structure. Jesus had an inner circle of close associates (Peter, James, and John) with John being labeled as the “disciple whom Jesus loved”
| v2. How does the devil put something into our hearts? Can Satan read our minds?
| Satan can tempt no one unless there was first some inclination of the mind. In the case of Judas it was the love of money
| And same with Ananias and Sapphira – “But Peter said, Ananias, why hast Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?” 
| Hence the need for us “to take the shield of faith, whereby we can quench all the fiery darts of the wicked”
| vv5-20. Jesus begins to wash the disciples feet as an example for us to have a servants heart toward others
| We should put the needs of others first before ours
| We need to love others as we love ourselves
| v8-11. Peter balks at getting served by the Master, and gets rebuked for it – “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet” – a nice way to say we don’t need to get resaved every time we come to the Lord. We just need to fess up to any shortcomings since last visit and move on to the next testing in life

A New Commandment – Love One Another

• If we do not exhibit love amongst one another, then we are no different than the rest of the world
• How do we show our love for one another as Christ showed His love for His disciples? Consider 1Cor 13:
  - Jesus was patient, was kind, was not easily provoked, did not seek His own way, was not jealous, did not brag, wasn’t arrogant, did not act unbecomingly, did not seek His own way, was not easily provoked, did not take into account a wrong suffered, did not rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoiced in the truth, He bore all things, He believed all things, He hopes all things, and He endures all things. His love for them never wavered.

Pain of Betrayal

• Jesus lets the cat out of the bag and accuses one of the 12 of being a betrayer – and only Judas recognizes it, with the other 11 oblivious to what is going on
• Can we tell if we have wolves in our midst? Not always
  - Judas duped the 11 other apostles for 3 years
  - Paul was duped by Demas
  - John and other church members were duped by “those who went out from us”
• Apostle Paul even warns the church elders to be on guard for wolves among themselves

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

• As Jesus took the initiative to wash the feet of His disciples we should also take the initiative to have a servant’s heart for fellow believers who are striving in their service to the Lord

NEXT WEEK: John 14. Jesus gives a special promise that His disciples will one day do greater works than Him; and Jesus also elaborates on what the Spirit of truth will accomplish in the hearts of believers

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But Lord, thou knowest that we ain’t never done it that way before...