

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
John 13:1-11	<p>Humble Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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 – <i>"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"</i> Acts 5:3 ♦ Hence the need for us <i>"to take the shield of faith, wherewith we can quench all the fiery darts of the wicked"</i> Eph 6:16 • vv5-20. Jesus begins to wash the disciples feet as an example for us to have a servants heart toward others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ We should put the needs of others first before ours ♦ We need to love others as we love ourselves • vv8-11. Peter balks at getting served by the Master, and gets rebuked for it – <i>"He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet"</i> – 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
Historical Note on Washing the Feet	<p>A part of 1st century Middle East etiquette involved washing the feet of guests. The dining tables were low to the ground, and diners lounged on the floor instead of sitting upright. That meant it was mandatory before meals to wash one's feet since the feet would be in close proximity to someone else's face.</p> <p>If a host truly wanted to honor a guest they would wash the feet personally. If not, a servant would wash the feet. At the very least the host would simply give water to their guests so each can wash their own feet.</p>
13:12-20	<p>We Should Emulate Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v13. We need to know our position with Christ. He is the Master, the King, and we are his humble slave. True greatness comes from humbly serving, not from being served • vv16-17. Remember – we are SLAVES and not employees of Jesus. We should be devoted and willing slaves with our greatest blessings coming from doing what He commands

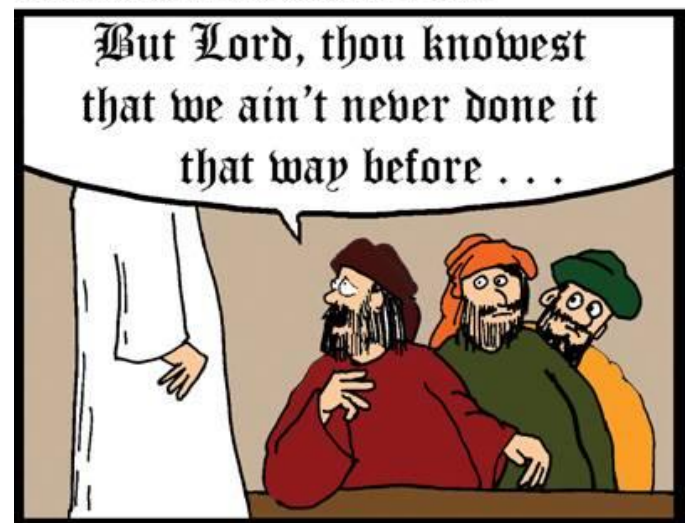
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v18. <i>"I know the ones I have chosen"</i> – another passage used by Calvinists to help prove their points on "unconditional election," "limited atonement," and "irresistible grace." Jesus doesn't state the purpose for choosing the ones He chose. We can only speculate. But He at one time chose Judas to be one of the 12.
13:21-30	<p>Pain of Betrayal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Judas duped the 11 other apostles for 3 years ♦ Paul was duped by Demas 2Timothy 4:10 ♦ John and other church members were duped by "those who went out from us" 1John 2:19 • Apostle Paul even warns the church elders to be on guard for wolves among themselves Acts 20:28-30
13:31-38	<p>A New Commandment – Love One Another</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Jesus was patient, was kind, 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 endured all things. His love for them never wavered.

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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