

## STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

### LESSON 14 - JOHN CHAPTER 13

#### ASSIGNMENT

READ John chapter 13.

MEMORIZE John 13:34,

*“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”*

#### OUTLINE OF JOHN CHAPTER 13

- A. The Passover supper, John 13:1.
- B. Jesus is God, John 13:1-3.
- C. Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, John 13:4-17.
- D. Jesus told who would betray Him, John 13:18-30.
- E. Jesus told of His coming death, John 13:31-33.
- F. Jesus gave a new commandment, John 13:34,35.
- G. Jesus warned Peter, John 13:36-38.

#### LOOKING AT JOHN CHAPTER 13

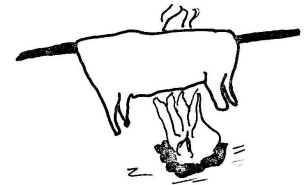
- A. The Passover supper, John 13:1.**

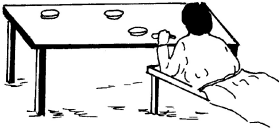
READ John 13:1-5; Luke 22:7-20.

Which feast was near? John 13:1

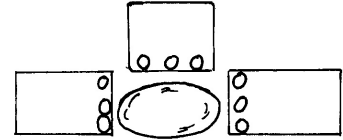
READ again the second page of Lesson 13 on the Passover.

How did they eat the Passover supper? A lamb was killed before the evening. This lamb was roasted on a fire something like this picture.





In the evening the family gathered together for supper. They had a place ready for the supper.



The family would lie on couches to eat. A person would lie on his left side. The right arm was free to take the food. The next person would lie beside him, also on his left side. The father would have the most important place at the table.



1. They started the supper with each one drinking from a cup.



2. Then the father got up and washed his hands in a basin of water. He dried his hands with a towel. All the others did the same.



3. After this the father took some bitter herbs (plants) and dipped them into a sauce. He ate of it.

4. Next the father explained the Passover feast and supper.

5. The lamb was eaten. Also bread without yeast and more bitter herbs were eaten.

6. They sang part of the "hallel." The "hallel" is a part of the Psalms - Psalms 113 to 118.

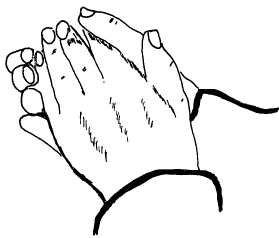


7. They drank the second time from a cup.

8. They washed their hands again.



9. They prayed.



10. Then one of the two unleavened (without yeast) cakes was broken. Bitter herbs were put between pieces of cake. It was dipped in sauce. A piece was given to each one at supper. This most likely was the sop, John 13:26.

11. Then they drank from the cup the last time.



12. The hands were washed again.



13. At the end of the supper the last part of the "hallel" was sung. This was Psalms 115,116,117 and 118. (M. Unger, Unger's Bible Dictionary, pp. 354, 355.)



Now we see what the Passover supper is like. READ Luke 22:7-20 again. READ John chapter 13 again. This time look for the things which were done at a Passover supper. Find a friend and talk about some of the things done at the supper.

**B. Jesus is God, John 13:1-3.**

Jesus knew things that other people could not know. Let us look at these things:



1. Verse 1. Jesus knew that "*His hour was come.*" He had talked about "my hour" before. Now His hour was come.

We read,

*"... his hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father."*

The New Life Testament says it this way,

*"Jesus knew the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father."*

2. Verse 3. Jesus knew the Father had put everything into His hands. Jesus knew that He would have the victory.
3. Verse 3. Jesus knew that He had come from God.
4. Verse 3. Jesus knew that He was going back to God. **This shows us that Jesus is God.**

**C. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, John 13:1-17.**

1. **Judas**, John 13:2.

Who was Judas? Mark 3:19

His name is with the names of the disciples. We are not told how Jesus chose Judas.

What did Jesus know about Judas? John 6:70

What else did we learn about Judas? John 12: 4-6.

He was a \_\_\_\_\_ and carried the

The disciples kept all their money in one bag.

What did Judas promise to do?

(Luke 22:6, Mark 14:10,11)

What did the chief priests promise to give him for it?

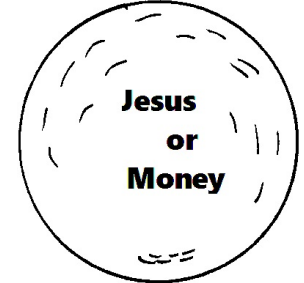
Mark 14:11

Did the disciples know what Judas planned to do? John 13:28-29

Judas had been with Jesus for three years. It seemed Judas was just like the other disciples. Jesus loved him as He loved the others. Jesus taught him as He taught the others. Jesus never told Judas to go away. Yet, Jesus knew what Judas would do, John 6:70.

When many people left Jesus (John 6), Judas stayed with Jesus. He carried the money. Maybe he thought he would get more if he just stayed with Jesus.

Now Judas had promised the religious leaders that he would tell on Jesus. His heart must have been hard as stone.

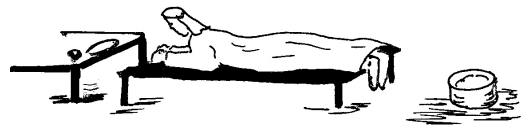


## 2. Washing the feet of the disciples.

John does not tell much about the supper itself. He tells what happened after the supper.

What did they do after the last cup in the Passover supper? (See number 12)

What did Jesus do? John 13:4,5



1) \_\_\_\_\_ from supper,

- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ His garments,
- 3) took a \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) poured \_\_\_\_\_ into a \_\_\_\_\_,
- 5) washed the feet of the \_\_\_\_\_,
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ them with a towel.

We do not know whose feet Jesus washed first. Maybe He started with Peter.

What did Peter say? John 13:6

In Palestine a slave washed the feet of his master or boss. The boss never washed the feet of his slave.

Here Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ and Peter was the \_\_\_\_\_.

Peter thought that he should wash the feet of Jesus, but **NOT** Jesus wash his feet.

Jesus wanted to teach His disciples a very important lesson. They did not understand it. Jesus wanted them to obey Him even when they could not understand.

Peter did not think it was right, so he said,

*“Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ my feet.”* (John 13:8).

What did Jesus tell Peter? John 13:8

*“If I wash thee not, \_\_\_\_\_.”*

Peter was always quick to speak. He loved Jesus and he certainly wanted to belong to Jesus. He asked Jesus to wash his hands and his head too.

Jesus taught some lessons:

- 1) Jesus told us a very important truth here. He talked about washing our bodies. When we have washed our bodies, we are clean all over. When we walk in the dust, our feet get dirty. But the rest of our bodies are still clean. Only our feet need to be washed.

In verse 10 Jesus talked about more than washing our bodies. When we trust Jesus Christ as our Savior, His blood washes away all our sin, 1 John 1:7. This is like washing the whole body. This is what Jesus meant when He said,

*"You are all clean."*

In 1 John 1:9 (N.L.T.) we read,

*"If we tell Him our sins, He is faithful and we can depend on Him to forgive us our sins. He will make our lives clean from all sin."*

Once in awhile every one of us sins. This sin is like dust on our feet. It needs to be washed off. When we confess our sins, the blood of Jesus washes it off. Jesus cleaned the feet of the disciples, John 13:14. Jesus cleans our lives.

2) Jesus taught the disciples to be humble, John 13:14.

They had argued who should be the \_\_\_\_\_, Luke 9:46,48.

This was not right. They should be willing to help each other.

We do not read that the disciples washed each other's feet later. It does not seem Jesus wanted them to do this. But He did want them to be humble.

We can learn from this. When we are an important person, we should be like Jesus. We should be willing to work and to help others.

3) Jesus taught His disciples by example. In verse 15 He says,

*"I have given you an \_\_\_\_\_, . . ."*

Who is greater, the servant or the lord? \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus as the Lord served the disciples.

What should we do? \_\_\_\_\_.

We should be examples to others too.

Write down the lessons Jesus taught in washing the feet of the disciples.

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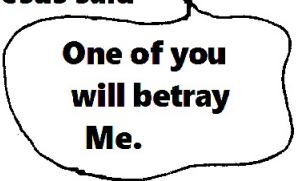
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**D. Jesus told who would betray Him, John 13:18-30.**

Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray Him. Jesus told them this so they would believe He was the Christ.

**Jesus said**



**One of you  
will betray  
Me.**

*"Ye may believe that I am he."* John 13:19.

Did Jesus know before this that Judas would betray Him? John 6:70

Yet, He did not send Judas away. He showed love to Judas.

The Old Testament said that someone would betray Jesus. READ John 13:18 and Psalm 41:9.

Do these verses say the same thing?

The New Life Testament says it this way:

*"The man who eats bread with Me has turned against Me."*

Those who receive Jesus also receive God. Most of the disciples received Jesus. They believed in Him.

Did Judas receive Jesus?

If he had received Jesus, he would not have turned against Jesus.

Jesus was troubled in spirit.

The New Life Testament says,

*"Jesus was troubled in heart."* John 13:21.

Jesus was very sad. He had to tell them sad news. One of His own followers was going to tell on Him. The religious leaders were against Jesus. That was bad. But now one of His own followers turned against Him.



**Who is  
it?**



**Who is  
it?**



**The one to  
whom I  
give  
the sop.**

Why was Jesus sad?

The disciples could not understand the words of Jesus. They thought they all

loved Jesus.

Did they know who Jesus was talking about? John 13:22

Do you think Judas knew?

John lay next to Jesus at the table. He does not give us his name. He calls himself "one of his disciples whom Jesus loved." Peter must have been on the other side of the table. He got John to look his way. He wanted John to ask Jesus, "Who is it?"

What did John ask Jesus? John 13:25

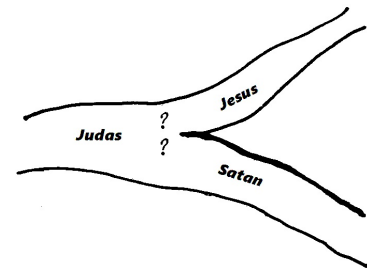
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How did Jesus answer John? John 13:26

Remember the Passover supper. Look back to beginning of lesson.

What was a sop?

Would most of the disciples think it strange when Jesus gave a sop to Judas?



This could be a part of the supper. It was to show love and friendship. It seemed like Jesus gave Judas another chance to turn.

Did John know why Jesus gave the sop to Judas?

What happened after Judas took the sop?

John 13:27

Judas had many chances to turn to Jesus. He did not receive Jesus into his life. He chose to turn against Jesus. He did not accept the love of Jesus even this evening. When he chose to go his own way, Jesus had to let him go. Satan came into Judas.

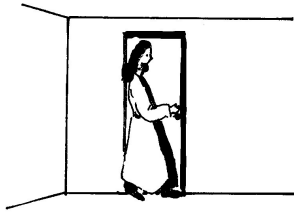
What did Jesus tell Judas? John 13:27

The New Life Testament tells it this way:

*"What you are going to do, do in a hurry."*

It could be explained in this way: Jesus said, "I am not afraid of you, Satan. I am





ready for you.” The time had come for Jesus to die. He knew this. He was ready to die. He was ready to overcome Satan too.

Judas went out right after Jesus gave him the sop.

What time of day was it?

It was dark outside, but the heart of Judas was black. It was black with sin. It was night for Judas - he did not know where he was going.

What did the disciples think Judas went out to do? John 13:29

1)

2)

**E. Jesus told of His coming death, John 13:31-33.**

Judas had left. Only the true followers of Jesus were with Him.

Chapter 13:31 to chapter 17:26 was the last visit of Jesus and His disciples. Jesus answered the questions of the disciples. He told them of His going away. He spoke words of comfort to them.

Jesus spoke of His death in verse 31. He said He would be glorified. The New Life Testament says it this way:

*“The Son of Man is now honored and God has been honored in Him.”* John 13:31.

How did Jesus honor God on earth? John 17:4

But now Jesus would be honored in another way. He looked beyond death to the resurrection. His work was finished on earth. He would go to His Father. After sorrow comes sunshine. After death comes life. After a fight comes victory.

Jesus showed His followers real love when He called them “little children.” He talked to them much as a father would talk to his children. It was like a father who must go away. Before a father goes away he tells his children he will miss them. He tells them they will miss him. The father tells them they cannot go with him. Then he tells them what they are to do while he is gone.

READ John 13:33 and John 7:34.

To the Jews Jesus said, (John 7:34)

*“Ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ me and \_\_\_\_\_ me.”*

To the disciples Jesus said, (John 13:33)

*“Ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ me.”*

But they could not go with Jesus. So Jesus told them what they were to do.

**F. Jesus gave a new commandment, John 13:34,35.**

What was the new commandment?

John 13:34

What was the second greatest commandment?

Matthew 22:39

We may say, “What is new about the new commandment?” The old commandment said to love others as ourselves. The new commandment says to love others as **Jesus has loved us**. This is a much greater love.



What will people know when we love one another?

John 13:35

Do people know we are Christians by our love?

**G. Jesus warned Peter, John 13:35-38.**

Jesus talked about going away. Peter asked,

*“Lord, \_\_\_\_\_?”*

or “Where are You going?”

Let us think of this question also when we study chapter 14.

First, Jesus told Peter,



**Peter - WATCH OUT  
or you will deny  
Jesus.**

**WARNING**

*“You cannot come with me now. You will follow Me later.”*

What was Peter's next question? John 13:37

“Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Peter wanted to follow Jesus. He meant what he said. But Peter did not know he was weak.

How did Jesus warn Peter? John 13:38

“ \_\_\_\_\_ |  
\_\_\_\_\_, the cock \_\_\_\_\_ crow, \_\_\_\_\_ thou  
\_\_\_\_\_ .”

When daylight begins, the cock (rooster) crows. Jesus really said,

*“Before it is morning, Peter, you will say three times, 'I do not know Jesus'.”*

Peter thought he was strong. He had to learn that he needed help to live for Jesus.

What does John 15:5 say?

“ \_\_\_\_\_ can do \_\_\_\_\_ .”

## **IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER**

1. Jesus is God. He knows what people cannot know.
  - a. Jesus knew His hour was come.
  - b. Jesus knew the Father had put everything into His hand.
  - c. Jesus knew He had come from God.
  - d. Jesus knew that He was going back to God.
  
2. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples to teach them several lessons:
  - a. When the body is washed, a person is clean. When Jesus washes our sins away, we are clean. The feet get dirty and have to be washed more often. The sins we do from time to time must be washed away too.
  - b. Jesus taught the disciples to be humble.
  - c. Jesus taught His disciples by example.

3. Jesus knows what is in people. People can pretend to be Christians but Jesus knows if they are Christians. **IT IS A DANGEROUS THING TO PRETEND TO BE A CHRISTIAN.** It is a dangerous thing to turn against Jesus. Judas turned against Jesus and Satan came into him.
4. The new commandment is to love others as Jesus loved us.

### WORDS TO LEARN

1. confess - to tell our faults or sins to God.
2. the Christ - Messiah, the Anointed One, the chosen One who was to come. The One God said would come.
3. deny - to say "no," to say something is not true.
4. hallel - a part of the Psalms - 113 to 118.
5. humble - to be free from pride, not to think too much of oneself.
6. serve - to do something for the good of another.
7. sop - cake made without yeast and broken. Bitter herbs are put between the pieces of cake. The cake is dipped into sauce.
8. warn - to tell of danger.

### Lesson 14 - Review

#### Fill in the blanks.

1. Jesus (is) (is not) \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. Jesus knew what people (can) (cannot) \_\_\_\_\_ know.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ betrayed Jesus. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ carried the money bag.
4. Jesus washed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples.  
Jesus did this to show that
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ when we trust Jesus Christ as our Savior, He washes away our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ when we sin as Christians it is like \_\_\_\_\_ on our \_\_\_\_\_ . It needs to be washed away.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Jesus (knew) (did not know) \_\_\_\_\_ He would die.
6. Jesus said He would be \_\_\_\_\_ because of His death.
7. What new commandment did Jesus give to the disciples?

8. Jesus said to Peter, “Before the  
you will me times.”
9. Write out John 13:34.

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