

# John 13

## Called To Serve

Okay, here we go. Today's study is called "Called To Serve." This is fine, but the question is serve who? The alternate title would be "Love One Another". We will explore both things. Love Through Service.

*John 13* is known as "the Last Supper" There are more details in the other Gospels and we will look at these as well, but first let's read...

### ***John 13***

- 1) Why did Jesus wash the disciple's feet?

Ultimately, Jesus took the position of a slave to demonstrate the message He had been giving them from the beginning. I mean, surely they had "gotten it" ...

### ***Luke 22:19-30***

What is the order of events? After He finished washing their feet, can you see Him just shaking His head?

I imagine God is the same way with us sometimes! In essence, Jesus going to the cross for you is the washing of your feet. His death for you is the ultimate service. The laying down of His life.

### ***John 13:12-17***

*"If you know these things, blessed are you if you \_\_\_\_\_ them!"*

### ***John 13:22-30***

Jesus knew all along Judas was stealing and would betray Him, yet He washed Judas' feet.

- 2) Why did Jesus also wash Judas' feet?

What is interesting to me is *Chapter 12:5-6*. We learn that Judas regularly stole from the money box, yet no one else knew, except Jesus. How much effort does it take to conceal a long-term repeated theft?

The truth is we are much the same. We do not give God all He has asked for. We give what we feel is right or enough to appease God: this amount of money, this amount of time, this amount of forgiveness, this amount of patience.

Jesus is still the example of a servant for us. And now He reigns. After the triumphal entry, they STILL supposed He was going to set up a kingdom.

3) How do we betray Jesus as His followers?

This is a tough harsh question. Pride, ego, guilt, shame... would have us say, "How dare you!" But, I encourage you to look into this concept. You see the sooner you can come to terms with your failings, the quicker you can forgive the 'Judases' in your life. Jesus washed Judas' feet as well!

**John 13:34-35**

4) What does this mean to you?

I use this verse often. Truly, it is easy to love those who love you.

**Luke 6:32-26**

The question comes to mind --- when does your love for others blow God away! When does He say, "Wow, I am so proud of you!"

Let's not live superficial lives.

Next week we will be talking again about peace and the Holy Spirit, but for today.....

5) Where could you love better? (*private question*)

Let's NOT betray Jesus by NOT following His commands. Today's lesson is a real challenge to you hopefully.

How many have found God only to better themselves? This in itself is amazing, but as we mature, it quickly becomes about service and not self-enrichment, power, or position.

Have you learned to be a servant?

Are you known for your love?

Remember, you are called to serve!!!!