

The Farewell Discourse (John 13: 1 – 30)

January 1 and January 4, 2023

Sunday, January 1 (Introduction and John 13: 1 – 17)

- In general, how does John's account of the Passover meal differ from those given in the other three gospels?
- In **John 13: 1**, what acknowledgement did Jesus make regarding His coming death, and the love that He had for His disciples? (*John 7: 30; John 3: 16 – 17*)
- In **John 13: 2 – 5**, what realization did Jesus have, and what did He prepare to do? What was the cultural significance of this action? (*Luke 24: 44 – 47*)
- Describe the conversation between Jesus and Peter, recorded in **John 13: 6 – 8**. Why did Peter initially object to Jesus washing his feet, and how would you characterize Jesus' response? How does Jesus' response explain His purpose in washing His disciples' feet?
- Similarly, describe the continuing conversation recorded in **John 13: 9 – 11**. Why did John then ask Jesus to wash his hands and head as well? How did Jesus respond? (*Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 9*)
- In **John 13: 12 – 15**, what explanation did Jesus give as to why He washed the apostles' feet, and what direction did He give? How does this action, and the meaning behind it, set the stage for the remainder of Jesus' teaching that evening? (*John 8: 31; 1 Corinthians 11: 1*)
- What message did Jesus deliver in **John 13: 16 – 17**? What perspective did Jesus give regarding the attitude that we are to have and display toward others? (*Luke 22: 24 – 27; Philippians 2: 3 – 4*)

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Wednesday, January 4 (John 13: 18 – 30)

- From **John 13: 18**, what did Jesus mean by stating that He knows who He had “chosen”? What prophecy did Jesus reference?
(*Matthew 26: 14 – 16; Psalm 41: 9*)
- Describe the statement that Jesus made in **John 13: 19 – 20**. How does this relate to the statement that Jesus makes later in **John 14: 7**, and what can we learn and apply from His message?
- In **John 13: 21 – 22**, what does it mean that Jesus was “troubled in spirit”? How did the apostles respond to Jesus’ statement?
- In **John 13: 23 – 25**, who is the disciple “whom Jesus loved”? What did Peter request that he ask Jesus, and why do you think that Peter wouldn’t ask Jesus himself?
- How did Jesus respond in **John 13: 26**, and what action did He take following His statement?
- From **John 13: 27**, describe the relevance of the reference to Satan (related to the reference in **John 13: 2**). What does this indicate about Judas’ motivation in betraying Christ? Describe the subsequent comment that Jesus makes to Judas.
- Describe the reaction by the other apostles, as recorded in **John 13: 28 – 29**. How is it that they did not understand what Jesus had said about Judas betraying Him. (*Matthew 16: 21 – 24*)
- In **John 13: 30**, why is it significant that Judas departs and does not hear the remainder of Jesus’ teaching that night? (*Matthew 27: 3 – 5*)