

John 13 - Whoever Receives You, Receives Me

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I HAVE DONE TO YOU?

- Joh 13:1 ESV Now before the Feast of the Passover, when **Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world** to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, **he loved them to the end.** 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.....[interaction with Peter].....12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, ***"Do you understand what I have done to you?"***

Preparing us to be SENT ONES

- 13 **You call me Teacher and Lord**, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you also ought to wash one another's feet.** 15 For **I have given you an example**, that you also should **do just as I have done to you.** 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, **nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.**
 - The messenger is not greater than the one who sent him
 - As he is getting ready to leave - **he is preparing them to be SENT ONES**

Lesson 1 - humility and consider others better than yourself

- We are not greater than our **LORD and Teacher** (they fought about who is greater)
- We are to follow **His example** (humility, servanthood - a kingdom type of leadership)
- You can't imagine these men (in their current state of mind) washing each other's feet

Lesson 2 - commitment to obedience

- 17 If you know these things, ***blesed are you if you do them.***
 - If you hear but don't do them you deceive yourself - James
 - If you heart and don't do them you are building on sand - Matther

Lesson 3 - confidence in the reliability of scripture

- 18-21 ESV I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But **the Scripture will be fulfilled**, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' 19 **I am telling you this now, before it takes place**, that when it does take place ***you may believe that I am he.*** 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever receives the one I send receives me**, and whoever receives me **receives the one who sent me.**" 21 After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, **"Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."**

The radical truth found in this chapter

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LET THIS SINK IN - "whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

WE ARE THE SENT ONES

- Joh 20:21 ESV Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."
- Joh 17:8 ESV For I have given them **the words that you gave me**, and they have **received them** and have **come to know** in truth that I came from you; and **they have believed** that you sent me.

Lesson 4 - love one another as I have loved you - all will know

- Joh 13:33-35 ESV Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' 34 **A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you**, you also are to love one another. 35 **By this all people will know that you are my disciples**, if you have love for one another."

Lesson 5 - He leads us to lay our life down

- Joh 13:36-38 ESV Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, **but you will follow afterward**." 37 Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." 38 Jesus answered, "**Will you lay down your life for me?** Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times."
 - Peter was UNABLE at this time
 - But later he would

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Who can carry the weight of this calling?

- 2Co 5:14-20 ESV For **the love of Christ controls us**, because we have concluded this: that **one has died for all, therefore all have died**; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might **no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised**. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation**. The **old has passed away**; behold, **the new has come**. 18 **All**

this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

- Vs 18 All WHAT is from God? - old passing away, new coming
- The NEW COMING is **forever linked** to the MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION
- **New life** -- reconciliation us to himself **Live for Him** -- the ministry of reconciliation
- In Christ GOD was reconciling the world to himself -- not counting their trespasses against them **AND ENTRUSTING TO US** the message of reconciliation
- Therefore **we are ambassadors** for Christ, --- GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US

Summary:

Just like those men, God is preparing us to be SENT

Whoever RECEIVES you receives HIM who sent us

- Humility
- Obedience
- Confidence in the Word of God
- Loving One Another
- Willing to lay our lives down