

## FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 1/22-23/2024 - John 13:1-38

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### OPENING PRAYER

**Review from last week: (John 12:1-50) – Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany! The Plot to Kill Lazarus! Jesus Predicts His Death on the Cross! Who Has Believed Our Report? Walk in the Light!**

**(John 13:1-38) – Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet! – (vs. 1-17); Jesus Identifies His Betrayer! – (vs. 18-30); The New Commandment! – (vs. 31-34) Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial! – (vs. 36-38)**

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet - (vs. 1-17)

Joh 13:1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end (the uttermost).

- **John does not give us any of the details of the Feast of the Passover with His disciples.** He just tells us that the Feast had come and Jesus knew that His hour had come. According to God's determined counsel and purposes, Jesus was to be crucified on Passover, thus, fulfilling the shadow that was cast into the Old Testament that brought about the *Feast of the Passover*.
- **Going clear back to Egypt when Moses had been directed by God to demand the release of the children** of Israel from the bondage in Egypt and the subsequent plagues that the Lord brought upon the Egyptians, that final plague in which God was to take the firstborn of every household in a judgment against the Egyptians, He commanded the children of Israel that they take a one-year-old lamb out of their flock, to slay the lamb, putting the blood in a basin and sprinkling it upon the lintels and the doorposts of their house. The Lord declared that when He went through the land that night, whenever He saw the blood upon the lintels and doorposts of the house, He would pass over that house. Hence the term, Passover; and the Feast. The sacrificial lamb, by its dying, saved the firstborn in the house from death!
- **It was a beautiful foreshadowing of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, dying for us that we could escape death!** That is, that spiritual death. Paul tells us in (Col 2:16-17) *So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, [17] which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.* So it was foreshadowing Jesus, the Lamb of God who delivered us from death. Thus, Jesus celebrated with His disciples this Jewish *Feast of the Passover*. When He celebrated with His disciples He brought to them the full meaning.
- **He said, "This cup is a new covenant in My blood which is shed for the remission of sins (Luke 22:20). "This bread is My body, that is broken for you" (1 Cor 11:24).** The substance is Jesus. So knowing now that He is going to give Himself on Passover, to fulfill that type and shadow from the Old Testament, He loved His own unto the uttermost! He loved them! He was close to them!
- **So we go from before the Feast of the Passover to after supper.** Between verses one and two, probably jumping a couple of days.

Joh 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil, having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,

Joh 13:3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,

Joh 13:4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

- **The disciples were arguing, who is the greatest? (Luk 22:24) Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.** Notice the mind set and attitude of the disciples as they came to the Passover Seder. They were far from servitude, far from serving one another, but were arguing who would be the greatest! Jesus knows that they would be unable to receive what He had for them in the hours ahead. So He takes them to this extreme servanthood example of foot-washing, which was about the lowest, most disliked thing they could do! Only the lowest of slaves normally would do this.

It was far beneath them. So He, being the God Man, far above this lowly task, gave them this great example of serving one another! What an example for them and for us!

- **Jesus had said to His disciples, (Mat 28:18) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.** Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands. What does He do? Here is the power of the universe vested in Him. What does He do with that power? He goes over, takes a towel, and girds Himself.
- **The scripture commands us to gird up our loins.** What does that mean? In those days, people wore long robes for clothing. It was for warmth, but it could be cumbersome if you tried to run or to work with a long robe down to your ankles. So, when they were going to work or when they were going to battle, they would gird themselves. That is, they would pull up the robe and they would tie a sash so that then they would have a short type of a tunic, giving freedom of movement. The same when a slave would go to work. You would always see a slave with girded robe. We must address ourselves to duty, to take pains. We must divest ourselves of everything that would either feed our pride or hang in our way and hinder us in what we have to do, those that in earnest, get now to business.
- **So Jesus went over, took a towel, and girded Himself with it. Then He came back.**

*Joh 13:5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.*

*Joh 13:6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"*

*Joh 13:7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."*

- **So Peter objected and rightfully so, I think.** I cannot imagine the Lord washing my feet and yet, that is just the kind of the Lord I serve. It is sort of like when He came to John the Baptist to be baptized. John said, Lord, You ought to be baptizing Me. I am sure Peter felt, Lord, I should be washing Your feet. Jesus just said, Peter, you do not understand now, but you will understand.

*Joh 13:8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash (nipto) my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."*

- **Peter said, I will not allow that!** No! Never! Peter, showing humility and modesty, was a real contradiction to the will of the Lord Jesus. His insistence upon His offer was a good reason for Peter's acceptance of it.

*Joh 13:9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"*

- **Peter is all enthusiastic all the way!** If it means being a part of You, Lord, I want it all. I love Peter for this. Yes, he is impetuous but you got to love him!

*Joh 13:10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed (louo) needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."*

- **They had Roman baths in Israel at the time** up in the area of the southern part of the sea of Galilee and over on the Golan side. They have a Roman bath at Hamat Gadar that is still being used to the present day. When they would come from the baths, they would be there, they would have bathed. But when they came from the baths, they would come into the house, having picked up dust on the way and thus, they would wash just their feet. All they needed was for their feet to be washed. So Jesus is making a reference to this. *He who is bathed (louo - complete) needs only to wash (nipto - partial, hands, feet) his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.* Not Judas Iscariot!

*Joh 13:11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."*

- **John lets us know that Jesus knew, Judas Iscariot.** Earlier in the gospel, John tells us that Jesus said, Have I not chosen twelve of you, and yet one of you is a devil? Jesus calls Judas the son of perdition. So He says, "Are you not all clean, but not all." He knew who would betray Him. Therefore He said, *You are not all clean.*

***Joh 13:12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"***

- **Did you get what I am trying to tell you?** Jesus is basically saying, "Let no task be beneath you. We are to serve one another, always to give ourselves to serve another's need. We are not to exalt ourselves, putting ourselves on a pedestal! We are never to demand people to serve you. Look, Jesus says, I have set for you an example here. The example that I have set is for you to take the place of a servant." What a great example for us!

***Joh 13:13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.***

***Joh 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.***

- **Jesus had said unto them concerning the ministry, (Mar 10:42-44) But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. [43] Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. [44] And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.**
- **So now Jesus is demonstrating to His disciples what the ministry is really all about! It is serving others. It is the call of God to serve others. So this is what He was saying to Peter, You do not understand right now but you are going to understand because Jesus is going to explain what He is doing, in washing their feet.**
- ***You call Me Teacher and Lord!* That is correct, I am that. But if I am *your Teacher and Lord* and I wash your feet, then it is an example for you! *You ought to wash one another's feet!***

***Joh 13:15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.***

- **I am just giving you an example of what the ministry is about.** Peter tells us (*1Pe 2:21*) *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:* Jesus set an example for us that we should follow in His steps.

***Joh 13:16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.***

- **I am sending you! You are My servants! You are not greater than I am!** If I, your Lord, am willing to serve you, then you must be willing to serve others! I have set the example for you.

***Joh 13:17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.***

- **There are certain fellowships in the body of Christ** who, to the present day, practice foot washing. We do not accept it as general church practice. The reason being is that we really do not find any examples of it in the book of Acts, nor is there any real definitive teaching on it in the epistles. Generally, that which we accept for church practice is something which was practiced by Jesus. We have examples of it in the book of Acts and then we have teaching on it in the epistles. Thus, water baptism. It is taught by Christ, commanded by Christ. We find it practiced in the book of Acts and we find teaching by Paul on the subject of water baptism in the epistles. Thus, we accept water baptism as one of the ordinances of the church today.
- **The partaking of the Lord's supper.** It was taught by Jesus. He said, "As often as you do these," it was practiced in the book of Acts and again we have teaching on it in the epistles. That is why we practice as one of the ordinances of the church the taking of the Lord's Supper.
- **In those days, it was a common practice because people generally wore open sandals.** The streets were very dusty or no paving at all, just dirt paths. Thus, your feet would get dirty. When you would come into a home that was all cleaned and all, the servant would be at the door to greet you and to wash your feet. Your sandals would be left then at the door and you would go in barefooted. Even to the present day in many of the Oriental cultures, you don't wear shoes into the house. You take your shoes off before you enter the house.
- **So we can see the necessity for it at that time, and how that it would be a real example** of that of a slave, because usually the lowest slave in the house was the one whose duty it was to wash the feet of the guests who would arrive.

- **Pastor Chuck relates a story of foot washing, when** Calvary Chapel had just built the little chapel on the next corner. A new long-shag carpeting which was popular then, was installed. It was really lovely, very beautiful. The fellow who sold them the carpet, knowing that some of the hippies had started coming to the church, said that the worst thing in the world for a carpet is bare feet. There is an oil in your foot when it mixes with the dirt, it is practically impossible to get out of the carpet. So you really need to think about that with all these barefooted kids coming to church. So an issue arose whether or not the kids should be allowed to come into church barefooted because of this beautiful carpet. When some objected and voiced objections to them coming in barefooted and all, Pastor Chuck said, Well, if this is going to become an issue, he said, he was personally was in favor of ripping the carpet out and having concrete floors so that we can just say, "Hey, come on in" to anybody, barefoot or not. And if that is still a problem, next Sunday he would be at the front door with a basin of water, washing these kids' feet before they come into church. They were embarrassed about the pastor sitting out with a basin of water. So they relented and let them come. The Lord must have put some kind of a stain guard on that because that carpet just would not wear out, even when shag went out, it was still good. What can you say?"
- **But there was a need for washing feet in those days. Thus, it was a beautiful, humble gesture.** But we do not really find the church practicing that as we come into the Book of Acts.

**Jesus Identifies His Betrayer! – (vs. 18-30);**

***Joh 13:18 "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS BREAD WITH ME HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'*** (Psa 41:9) *Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.*

***Joh 13:19 Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.***

- **The prophecy of scripture. HE WHO EATS BREAD WITH ME HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.** That He would be betrayed by a close, intimate associate. Because eating bread, as we have mentioned before, was a very significant experience for them, symbolizing a oneness, a closeness. So, the prophecy was He would be betrayed by an associate. Jesus said, "Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He."
- **Actually, prophecy is intended to prove to us that God is eternal outside of time.** It is also used to prove that the Bible is inspired by God. For He "declares the end," He said, (Isa 46:10) *Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure.* He laid out history in advance. He told things that were going to be before they ever were so ***that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.*** That this was truly God, which spoke and that God is eternal outside of time.

***Joh 13:20 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."***

- **So you have been sent by the Lord to bear witness.** If a person receives you, they receive Jesus. If they receive Jesus, they receive the Father. In the same token, if they reject you, they are not rejecting you, they are rejecting Jesus; and if they are rejecting Jesus, they are rejecting the Father! When the disciples were rejected, they rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer persecution for Jesus' sake.

***One of You Will Betray Me***

***Joh 13:21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."***

- **When Jesus had thus said these things, He was troubled in spirit.** In the previous chapter, we find Him troubled in His soul, in the emotions. He was troubled at the tomb of Lazarus. And now He is troubled in His spirit,
- **And said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."** One who has eaten bread with Me will lift up his heel. He is troubled at what will become of the betrayer. He will be lost. And this is a disciple who sat with him for years

***Joh 13:22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.***

- **The interesting thing to me is that the disciples did not suspect Judas Iscariot.** He must have pulled off his role pretty cleverly in that, there seems to be no indication that he was suspected at all, above the others.
- **When Jesus came out directly and said, One of you is going to betray Me,** they looked at one another, wondering who it was. (*Mar 14:19*) *And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another said, "Is it I?"* Did that include Judas? If so, it was the height of hypocrisy!

*Joh 13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.*

- **John's account is the only one who tells us that he was the disciple that Jesus loved.** In none of the other gospels is John called John the beloved, nor do any of the other gospels say that Jesus especially loved John. He is the only one that tells us that. It is great when you know that Jesus loves you! It is wonderful that John had that feeling! He loves me, which is the feeling that we should all have! He loves me. So John is using this to describe himself, "*leaning on Jesus' bosom,*" the closeness of John. He was that kind of a person. He was close to Jesus, leaning there on Him. Do you feel that you are a disciple whom Jesus loves?

*Joh 13:24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.*

*Joh 13:25 Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"*

*Joh 13:26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.*

- **The "piece of bread (sop) when I have dipped it" was a gesture of friendliness.** It is sort of like lifting the cup in a toast. A gesture of friendliness and Jesus gave *piece of bread when I have dipped it*, to Judas. That gesture was a special mark. It usually was reserved for the host to give to the most prominent guest and friend. You are telling them how much you love them. And Jesus inside just pointing Judas out, offers the dipped bread (the sop). Here is my pledge; of friendship; of love; of good will.

*Joh 13:27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."*

- **Judas had already been to the high priest.** He had already struck his deal. He had already covenanted with the high priest that he would lead them to Jesus in an isolated place away from the public crowds, where they could arrest Jesus without stirring the public, because the people were looking at Jesus as a prophet. So Judas had already made his covenant with the high priest. John tells us when He gave him the dipped bread, Satan entered him. Jesus said, (*Joh 6:70*) *Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"* There are some Bible scholars who believe that Judas Iscariot was not really a man, but was Satan incarnate. That is hard and difficult to prove, it is just a theory by some theologians but it is something to consider. So Jesus commanded him, "*What you do, do quickly.*" Jesus is still in control. Do we have any other verses that say, "Satan entered him?" Possibly the anti-christ.

*Joh 13:28 But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.*

*Joh 13:29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.*

- **As is often the case at Christmas or Thanksgiving when we think of the poor** and as a part of our celebration, we like to give something to the poor. So the disciples may have thought that Jesus has sent him out to buy something for the preparation for the feast, or maybe He sent him out to give something for the poor. But you see, they did not suspect Judas, which is interesting to me.

*Joh 13:30 he then went out immediately. And it was night.*

- **Judas set off to Jerusalem from Bethany,** which was about two miles distant; and, under the conduct of the prince of darkness, and in the time of darkness, he did this work of darkness. Those whose deeds are evil love darkness rather than light.
- **And it was night!** It is still night for him; eternal darkness. Jesus was troubled over it. Jesus had offered him the dipped bread! Judas took it, in pride and hypocrisy, rejecting Jesus' final gesture of restoration in receiving the dipped bread. It did not touch his heart, and Satan entered him. It would be night in this experience. He would commit suicide that night. It would be night in his death. It would be night in his eternity. He would have been better if he had never been born.

**The New Commandment! – (vs. 31-34)**

**Joh 13:31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.**

- **The time, the hour, has come. Now the Son of Man is glorified.** Having been glorified, now it fully appears that He is the One appointed to redeem a lost world by His blood. He has already been glorified by this appointment, and is about to be further glorified by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

**Joh 13:32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.**

- **In the previous chapter, Jesus said, (Joh 12:27) "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. [28] Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."** So now the time has come.
- **There is an application to our own lives! Jesus is saying.** Yes, I have been betrayed. Yes, evil seems to be taking control of the situation. Yes, what happened was wrong. But the treachery of Judas, Jesus wants all to understand, has not thwarted the work of God, but in fact is accomplishing work of God! In that work being accomplished, Jesus is moving in a divine timetable. And now His hour had finally come!
- **This is now going to accomplish the glory of God.** This is that point, after Judas leaves, He establishes His glory! The context of that glory is that of the Last Supper, when He says (1Co 11:23-26) *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; [24] and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."* [25] *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* [26] *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.* The Last Supper! The night He was betrayed, He gave thanks and He broke bread. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!

**Joh 13:33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.**

- **Little children** (*teknon* - 1x John; 7X in John's epistles -in terms of endearment) It is an expression which implies great tenderness and affection, and such as a fond mother uses to her most beloved babes. Now that Judas was gone out, he could use this epithet without any restriction of meaning.

**13:34 A new (fresher) commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

- **A new commandment ... as I have loved you.** The commandment to love was not new. (Deu 6:5) *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.* Which commanded love for God. (Lev 19:18b) *you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.* However, Jesus' command regarding love presented a distinctly new standard for two reasons. First, it was sacrificial love. "As I have loved you," modeled after His love. Secondly, it is produced through the New Covenant by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit!
- **What is the commandment? That we love one another as He has loved us.** One commandment but wow, does that cover everything! It is our loving one another as He loved us! He said, (Joh 15:13) *Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.*
- **This is a new commandment, unlike anything in the world.** This is unforced. He asked us to do it. It is a sacrificial love. It is not based on the worthiness or lack of faults of the other person. Our God that is being worshipped, makes all those differences pale! There is a cost to the love, the one who is loving. There is a sacrifice, There's something given, something bestowed. Do we love people that way?
- **It is a covenant love, much more than any emotional love. We make a promise.** We have covenants today in marriage. Love is a covenant. It is not going to be broken. He has made a covenant. We have to make up our minds sometimes to love one another and the same kind of change.
- **It is a representative love!** We are to be representatives of His Christlikeness! Jesus said. If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father. He was representing the love of God. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, a love that was immeasurable, that the world had never known. **The love that**

**we are to love is a representative love! And here, *Love one another; as I have loved you.*** That is, with that love that is so deep that we will lay down our lives for each other!

- **It is a forgiving love!** He is giving you a commandment to love as He loved. To do that, you have to do it with a forgiving love. With the love that I have loved you. God can forgive. But He cannot forget! He's God, so He chooses not to remember your sins and your iniquities. I will remember them no more. We have to do that.

***Joh 13:35 By this (singularly, by this alone) all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.***"

- **That is, without love, which is so deep.** That we would lay down our lives for each other. *And by this all will know that you are my disciples. If you have love for one another.*
- **As we look at the church history, unfortunately there has been much hatred manifested** between different denominations, or different sects. There have been what were termed "holy wars," if there be such a thing, not that any war is holy. If you read *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*, you read of the atrocities during the period of The Reformation, with neither side being totally innocent. We read John Calvin's book, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, but you read some of the things that Calvin said and Calvin did, and nobody is innocent.
- **Other believers are not the enemy! How we could come so far from the commandment of Jesus is difficult to understand!** Thus, the witness of the church has been greatly weakened by the fact that there is so much infighting and bitterness between the churches.
- **If God would do one thing for us, I pray that He would do this above everything else, and that is give us this kind of love!** I am not referring just to those in our body here, but for the whole body of Christ! That we develop a love for all, even those that do not agree with us on every issue! That we have this kind of love that will bear witness to the world that we are His disciples!

***Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial!* – (vs. 36-38)**

***Joh 13:36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."***

- **Simon Peter is not as interested in this commandment as he is in the things that Jesus has been saying about,** I am going away and you cannot come. So he said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.
- **Peter realized that Jesus was talking about death.** When Jesus said this to the Jews, they thought that maybe He was talking about committing suicide. Is He going to kill Himself? In another place where He told the Jews the same thing, they said, Where is He going? To the Greeks to teach them? What does He mean? But Peter caught the meaning.

***Joh 13:37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."***

- **Lord, if You are going to lay down Your life, I will lay down mine. I will follow You into death.** It is interesting that Jesus said, "Where I go, you cannot follow Me now but you will follow Me afterwards." Interesting that all of them did follow Him in death, with the exception of John, the writer of this book, although his life was to be taken by boiling him in oil, but he did not die. Every one of the disciples suffered violent death at the hands of men for their witness and testimony of Jesus Christ. When they came to crucify Peter, he said, "Look, crucify me upside down; I am not worthy to die as my Lord!

***Joh 13:38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.***

- **Peter had made quite a great claim.** Jesus is challenging it. "Will you lay down your life for My sake?"
- **Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.** Luke tells us that when Jesus told this to Peter, giving us a little more addition here, saying, *(Luk 22:31-32) And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. [32] But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.* Then He predicted how that the sifting by wheat was going to be Peter's failure in that he denied his Lord.

He said you are going to deny that you even know Me. Peter objected, saying, Lord, if they would kill me, I would never deny You. And yet we know that Peter did deny Him!

- **There are issues involved in the denial of Peter that should be noted for our benefit:**
  - ✓ **First of all; Self-boasting! Peter's boasting in himself.** Lord, I will lay down my life for You. That is boasting in himself.
  - ✓ **Arguing with the Lord!** The second was his arguing with the Lord. Know this, if you ever find yourself in an argument with the Lord, you are wrong! He thought he knew himself better than the Lord knew him. He was indignant when Jesus said, You are going to deny me three times before the rooster crows. Peter said, Lord, I would never deny You. I will lay down my life for You. So that boasting in himself and arguing with the Lord. **Those are a couple of issues** that can get us into trouble.
  - ✓ **Sleeping when told to pray! Next we find Peter sleeping in the garden when the Lord told him to pray.** (Mat 26:40-41) *Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? [41] Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."* Sleeping when you should be praying!
  - ✓ **Following Christ afar off!** The **fourth thing** that we see is when Jesus was arrested and led to the house of Caiaphas, the high priest, we read, (Mat 26:58a) *But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. Attempting to follow Jesus afar off is another thing that can lead to denial. If you are going to follow Jesus, stick just as closely as you can. The closer the better. Do not try and follow afar off.*
  - ✓ **Warming his hands at the enemy's fire!** Then finally, where was he when he denied the Lord? He was warming himself at the enemy's fire! Be careful about trying to find warmth at the enemy's fire. Sometimes Christians seek to go back into the worldly things to find a little warmth, a little excitement. They are in the wrong place, and being in the wrong place can often lead to denial.
  - ✓ **So with Peter, you can sort of follow the course that began with self-confidence, boasting of himself.** So when Peter said, "Lord, why can't I follow You? I will lay down my life for You. Jesus said, Will you lay down your life for Me? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.
- **We will stop here at the end of the chapter, although I believe that Jesus went right on,** saying, (Joh 14:1) *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. You are going to be shaken over this. And he was! When the soldiers said, Surely you are one of His disciples, your speech gives you away."* You have a Galilean accent, he began to swear, to curse, saying, I do not know the man. The rooster began to crow and Peter remembered the words of Jesus, Before the rooster crows, you will have denied me three times. When he thought on these things, he went out, weeping bitterly. His heart was troubled! I had failed the Lord!.
- **We read in one of the gospels that when the rooster began to crow, Jesus who was standing there, looked over to Peter, catching his eye.** I am sure that the look that Jesus gave to Peter was not one of, I told you so. Nor was it one of, you rotten crumb! You did it, didn't you? But I believe it was a look of tender compassion that broke Peter's heart. I think it was a look that said, Peter, I knew it all the time, but I still love you! I still love you!
- **It is interesting that Peter carried that look. He carried that guilt.** When Jesus was crucified and placed in the tomb, I am sure it haunted Peter that the very last thing, the very last contact with Jesus was when he had failed. That look of Jesus. I failed Him! I denied Him! I love Him! I am sure it just haunted Peter. So when Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to the women, He said, Go tell the disciples and Peter that I have risen! Peter was one of the first ones to whom Jesus appeared. On the day of His resurrection, He appeared to Peter. When the disciples came back from Emmaus and met the other disciples, they said, The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to the women and to Peter! The Lord had that personal little talk with Peter afterwards. Then of course, John gives us great insight into the talk at the sea of Galilee with Peter when Jesus sort of recommissioned him and put him back in the business up there at the sea of Galilee. Take careful note of Jesus' continuing love and restoration!
- **So we will get that as we move through John and get to the last chapter, twenty-first chapter,** we will get the ministry of Jesus to Peter. But even here as He is predicting, He is saying, Look, "let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in Me." Peter, your problem is that you believed in yourself. Believe in Me! Do not believe in yourself.
- **Believe in Him. Do not believe in your ability, believe in His ability. Trust in Him!**

## SUMMARY:

- **Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet!** If you want to be great in God's kingdom, learn to be a servant of all!
- **Jesus Identifies His Betrayer!** (*Joh 13:18*) *"I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS BREAD WITH ME HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'* (*Psa 41:9*) *Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.*
- **The New Commandment!** That is an amazing commandment! That we love one another **as He has loved us**. That is, with that love that is so deep that we will lay down our lives for each other! Loving one another as He loved us! (*Joh 13:34-35*) *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. [35] By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* (*Joh 15:13*) *Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.*
- **Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial!** Peter, your problem is that you believed in yourself. Believe in Me! Do not believe in yourself! Believe in Him! Do not believe in your ability, believe in His ability! Trust in Him!
- **A new commandment! Love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**
- **Oh, what love! The Love of God!**

## CLOSING SONG:

**THE LOVE OF GOD!** *Frederick Lehman – Phelps, Penrod & Gardner (4:19/4:22)*

*The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.*

*Refrain: Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky. (Refrain)*

## CLOSING PRAYER:

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