

# THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

JUNE 4TH, 2023 // GOSPEL OF JOHN

## HUMBLE (JOHN 13:1-5)

### JESUS KNEW...

Jesus knew that His hour had come. He knew that He would love His followers to the fullest. He knew what He had at His disposal. He knew where He came from and where He was going.

- **Jesus had the absolute power to create the world and stop everything that was about to happen. He chose humility.**

### LOVE

Jesus was about to do what needed to be done. He teaches us that no one is above serving and that no one is below being served.

- **Real, true love humbly does what is best for someone else, no matter the inconvenience.**

## CLEAN (JOHN 13:6-11)

### IMPULSIVE PETER

Peter becomes anxious about the whole situation and almost rebukes Jesus. Jesus responds, and Peter overreacts...again.

- **Sometimes, we feel unprepared for what God calls us to do, so we tell Him what we will do instead. Jesus has planned and prepared us for everything He calls us to do. Be honest with Him.**

## SERVE (JOHN 13:12-20)

### "DO YOU KNOW?"

After Jesus had washed their feet, He questioned their understanding and immediately explained what it meant.

- **It was the perfect demonstration of how believers should live in service to others. The world thinks the best life is when others serve us, but real joy comes when we serve others in Christ's name.**

### "YOU ALSO SHOULD DO"

This isn't about washing feet. This is about humble service. Jesus knew betrayal was coming, so He would serve and share some of the most important parts of Himself.

- **When we serve, it doesn't just give us joy, it prepares us for what is to come. We may have to "bow," but branches with the most fruit always do.**

## DARKNESS (JOHN 13:21-30)

### WHO WILL BETRAY JESUS?

It's interesting that the disciples looked at one another when Jesus predicted betrayal. Curious Peter even asks John to find out from Jesus. Even after Judas was revealed, the disciples didn't suspect him.

- **The betrayal conversation would soon turn to "Who's the favorite?" They were still focused on themselves.**

### "AND IT WAS NIGHT."

Jesus has spent the last three years calling Himself the light of the world and sharing that "now is the time to walk in the light." Judas chose darkness as He walked away.

- **The other disciples weren't perfect, but they walked in the light, followed Jesus, and had a relationship with Him that only authentic followers can have.**

## CHANGE (JOHN 13:31-38)

### FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Judas had just walked into the darkness, and Jesus shares that now is the time for glory. In the next few hours, Jesus would teach His disciples until they couldn't stay awake.

- **He starts with a new command: "Love one another. Just as I have loved you." Soon, He would demonstrate complete, sacrificial love.**

### FROM PASSION TO PURPOSE

Peter was ready to follow Jesus, even to his own death (when he thought it would be a fight.) Peter did not yet understand true surrender or true love.

- **The battle is real, but sometimes it seems that we fight over and for the wrong things. Peter would soon find his purpose. We should know ours now.**

### LOVE

- Love has become a loose term in our culture.
- **Jesus demonstrated that authentic love has humility at its core.**
- **Authentic humility was demonstrated when Jesus washed their feet. Authentic love is seen in His sacrifice on the cross. What does our love look like?**

### SERVICE

- Christ followers should live lives of service.
- **Humble service can help us get perspective and find purpose in times of distress.**
- **Only those who truly serve have discovered that when you feel like throwing in the towel... it's a good time to grab the towel and go "wash some feet."**

### SACRIFICE

- Jesus left His place in Heaven, took the form of a man, washed feet, was betrayed by a "friend," and was wrongly accused, arrested, and crucified.
- **He calls us to love one another like He loves us.**
- **How are we doing? Have we really sacrificed anything out of love?**