

JOHN 13-14

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Today we'll be discussing **chapters 13 and 14** of John.

13:1-11 Who can tell us what takes place in **chapter 13** in **verses 1 to 11**?

- Jesus washes the disciple's feet.

What do we learn about Jesus and how He felt about Himself in verses 1 to 5?

- Jesus knew who He was, where He had come from, where He was going, and why He had come to earth.

What do we learn about humility and serving from this passage?

- Jesus models that fact that the greatest in God's Kingdom are servants (**Matthew 23:11 & Mark 9:35**). We learn that "big" people are not afraid to do what might be considered "little" or even demeaning jobs. Insecure people have to look "big" and are afraid to serve in menial jobs. The bigger the person you actually are, the smaller the job you are willing to do and you won't feel "small" doing it.

13:10 In **verse 10** the King James Version wrongly translates two different Greek words into the same English Word. The one who has *bathed* needs only to *wash* His feet. Jesus is teaching a principle about salvation, confession, and forgiveness; what is it?

- We are "bathed" when saved and never need that kind of cleansing again. As we sin as believers, though, we dirty ourselves and need to clean those areas of our lives. We ask God's forgiveness but we don't need to be "saved" again.

13:11 What do we learn in **verse 11** from the fact that Jesus washed the feet of Judas, knowing that Judas was His enemy?

- We are to love and to bless even those who hurt us. See **Matthew 5:43-48** [43 "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. 44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! 45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. 46 If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. 47 If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. 48 But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.] & **Romans 12:17-21**. [17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. 18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. 19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord. 20 Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." 21 Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. **NLT**

Would it be more difficult for you to wash the feet of another person or to have him wash yours? Why?

- Because of some people's pride, they would not humble themselves to do such a humiliating act of service. Another form of pride is the unwillingness to allow others to serve you. This pride says "I can take care of myself; I don't need anyone else."

13:12-17 What lessons did Jesus want them and us to learn from what He did that day in **verses 12 to 17**?

- We are to serve one another.
- We are to humble ourselves.
- We are to allow others to serve us. (A pride issue)
- We are to be kind to our enemies.
- If we will be servants, we will be blessed (**vs. 17**).

What do we learn from verse 17?

We don't obtain God's blessing from knowing what to do. We get blessed when we actually do what God wants us to do. **See Hebrews 11:6.** [6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.] **NLT**

13:19 The word *He* should be in italics at the end of **verse 19**. Why is that word in italics and how does it affect the meaning of what Jesus said?

- The word is in italics because it is not in the Greek manuscripts; it has been added to make sense to the verse or to make it read more easily. In this case it should not have been added. Jesus said *believe that I AM*. He said the same thing in **John 8:58**.

13:27 Why was Satan allowed to enter into Judas in **verse 27**?

- God "used" Judas' betrayal, but He did not dictate it. Judas had already decided to betray Jesus; he had a choice. We can choose our choices but we don't get to choose our consequences. He gave the devil an opportunity (**Ephesians 4:27**) by his disobedience.

13:34-35 Notice in **verses 34 and 35** that the true mark of a Christ-follower is how we love others.

13:37-38 What do we learn from **verses 37 and 38**?

- The "saying" is easier than the "doing". We are who we are, not who we think we are. Peter later did what Jesus foresaw that he would do (**John 18:15-27**). [18 "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. 19 The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. 20 Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you. 21 They will do all this to you because of me, for they have rejected the One who sent me. 22 They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 Anyone who hates me also hates my Father. 24 If I hadn't done such miraculous signs among them that no one else could do, they would not be guilty. But as it is, they have seen everything I did, yet they still hate me and my Father. 25 This fulfills what is written in their Scriptures: 'They hated me without cause.' 26 "But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me. 27 And you must also testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry. **NLT**

14:3 Look at **chapter 14 verse 3**. If it took God only **six days** to create the visible world and universe, what do you imagine heaven will be like having been under construction for at least **2,000 years**?

- In heaven, all of the beauty, creativity, goodness, and love of God will be unleashed on us.

14:6 What does this verse tell us about Jesus and about getting to heaven?

- Jesus is not *a* way to heaven or even the best way to heaven; He is the *only* way to heaven. Only one number rings your phone. Jesus is the source of truth (THE truth) and life (THE life).

14:7-11 What does Jesus tell Thomas in **verses 7 to 11**?

To know Jesus is to know God. Jesus is God. **See John 10:30** [30 The Father and I are one.] ” [] And **Hebrews 1:3**. [3 The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.] **NLT**

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14:12 Verse 12 says that we will do the works that Jesus did. What does that mean?

- This means that we can do anything Jesus did (IF it’s God’s will) because Jesus would live in us. We do what He did: reveal the Father to others by how we live; tell others about God and His ways, love and help others for God’s sake, share with others how they can know the Lord.

14:13-14 Verses 13 and 14 tell us to ask in “Jesus’ name”. What does it mean?

- It means to realize that our only right to God’s blessing is the goodness of Christ and what He has done for us. It also means to pray for His sake (*that the Father be glorified in the Son*) and not for our selfish reasons. **See James 4:2-3**. [2 You want what you don’t have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can’t get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it. 3 And even when you ask, you don’t get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.] **NLT**

- **Even though the word “trinity” does not appear in the Bible, Scripture clearly teaches that God is three persons in one. One of God’s attributes is that He is incomprehensible; this is one of the truths revealed about God that is too big for our finite minds to fully understand. In this chapter we have clear revelation that God is three-in-one. How do the following verses teach the doctrine of the Trinity: 14:7-11,17-18,20,23,28?**

- **14:7-11** Jesus and the Father are one.
- **14:17-18** Jesus was *with* them and would be *in* them.
- **14:20** Jesus would be *in* them.
- **14:23** Jesus and the Father would come to be at home (*make Our abode*) with them.
- **14:28** Jesus is going away, but He will come to them (to indwell them).

14:15,21 What do we learn about loving God in verses 15 and 21?

- The way that we love God is by our obedience.

14:21 What does verse 21 tell us about the correlation between knowing God and obedience?

- God reveals Himself and asks us to obey. When we obey, He reveals more of Himself. Our disobedience “hides” God from us. **See Isaiah 59:2** [2 It’s your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore. & **John 7:17**. [17 Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own.] **NLT**

14:16-17,26 What do we learn about the Holy Spirit in verses 16, 17, and 26?

- **14:16** He is a “helper” (literally one called to your side to assist you). This is sometimes translated advocate, intercessor, and comforter.
- **14:17** He is the Spirit of “Truth”.
- **14:26** He will speak to us and remind us of the words of God.

14:27 See verse 27. How does God’s peace differ from the world’s peace?

- God’s peace is based upon trust in Him, not upon circumstances. **See Philippians 4:6-7**. [6 Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.] **NLT**