

JESUS' EXAMPLE

John 13:1-17

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Key Verse: 13:15

* JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET (1-5)

1. Read verse 1. What was the time? What did Jesus know? (1) What was involved in his going to the Father? Who were his own who were in the world? How had he shown them his love?
2. What does it mean that he showed them the full extent of his love? (The RSV says, "He loved them to the end.")
3. Read verse 2. How had Satan already attacked Jesus and his disciples? How had Judas made himself vulnerable to Satan's prompting? (Jn 6:67-71; 12:4-6) Why did Jesus include him when he washed his disciples' feet?
4. Read verses 3-5. What did Jesus know about himself? What did he do? Notice the contrast here. What does this show about Jesus' view of the use of power and authority? (See Mark 10:42-45)
5. Why did Jesus suddenly get up in the middle of supper to wash his disciples' feet? What did his imminent departure have to do with this? What other concerns might be on his mind?

* PETER'S SURRENDER (6-11)

6. Read verses 6-9. What did Peter say when Jesus came to him? Why? How did Jesus counsel him? What does Peter's "No" show about his spiritual condition? What did Jesus tell Peter about the consequences of refusing Jesus?
7. Why did Peter surrender? Why must one accept Jesus' grace, his forgiveness, in order to have a love relationship with him? Read verses 10-11. What does verse 10 mean? (Jn15:3)

* YOU SHOULD ALSO WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET (12-17)

8. Read verses 12-17. How did Jesus explain the meaning of what he had done? Why must disciples have a love relationship with one another? How can we? What was Jesus' command after Judas' departure? (34-35)