

JESUS' HUMBLENESS AND LOVE

John 13:1-17

Key Verse: 13:8

"'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.'
Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no part
with me.'"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verse 1. Why was this Passover a very serious occasion for Jesus? What did Jesus know? What did Jesus do at this time of suffering? (1)
2. What does "the full extent of his love" mean? (The RSV says, "He loved them to the end.") Why is this important? (See Heb 13:8; Rev 1:8; Ps 136:1-4; 1Co 13. What do each of these verses teach us about Jesus?)
3. Read verse 2. How did Satan attack while they were eating? What happened to the one who did not give his heart to Jesus? What can we learn here?
4. Read verses 3-5. How did Jesus demonstrate the love of God? What did he have the power to do? (3) What was Jesus teaching his disciples by washing their feet? How is humbleness related to love?
5. Read verses 6-11. Why did Jesus insist that he wash Peter's feet? (8) Why must we accept the humble grace of Jesus in order to have a love relationship with him? What does verse 10 mean?
6. Read verses 12-17. How did Jesus explain the meaning of what he had done? How did he want them to express their love for him and for one another? How can we love others?