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John 11 selected verses

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the [brother of] Mary and her sister Martha. Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up ... Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him." So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

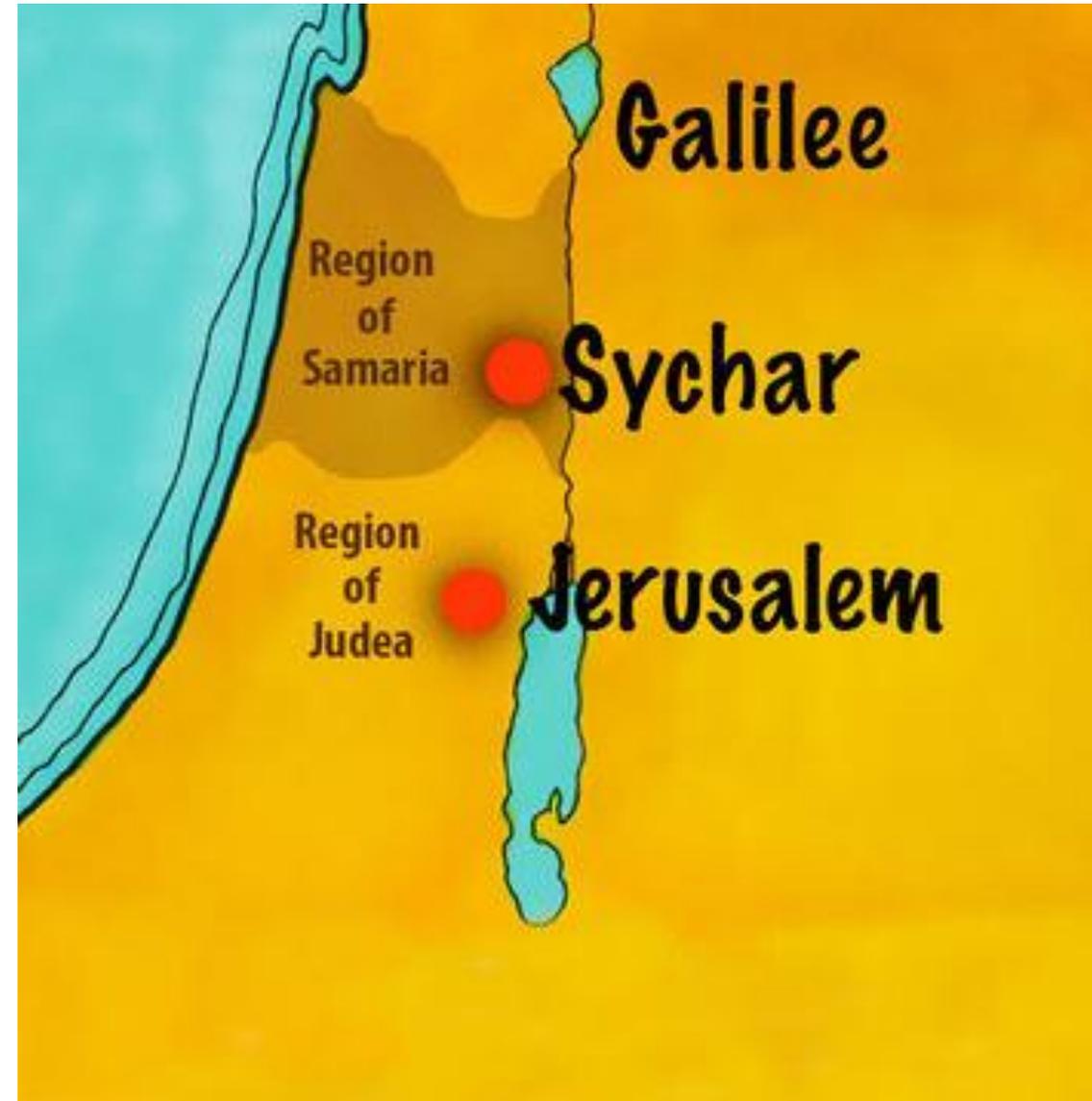
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Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

John

Four trips of the Lord Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem

Prologue	1:1 – 2:12
Trip 1	2:13 – 4
Trip 2	5 – 6
Trip 3	7 – 10
Trip 4	11 – 20
Epilogue	21



Trip 4 to Jerusalem

- Raising of Lazarus
- Jesus anointed for burial by Mary
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(13 – 17 Parenthesis)
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- Rising from the dead – the Lord

John 11

He whom you love is sick (the Lord loved Mary, Martha, Lazarus)

Lazarus is sleeping

If you had been here, my brother would not have died

Loose him (of his graveclothes) and let him go

Miracles in John

1. Changing water into wine (John 2)
2. Healing the nobleman's son (John 4)
3. Healing the man by the pool (John 5)
4. Feeding the 5000 (John 6)
5. Jesus comes walking on water / calms storm (John 6)
6. Healing of the man born blind (John 9)
7. Raising of Lazarus (John 11)
8. The miraculous catch of fish (John 21)



Both nobleman's son and Lazarus represent one being raised from death ("the point of death")

Matching exercise:

John 4 – the raising of the nobleman's



Ephesians 2 – the giving life to us dead in trespasses and sins

John 11 – the raising of Lazarus



1 Thes 4 – the raising the bodies of the saints when the Lord comes in the air

Usually we have a story followed by dialogue or teaching. Here, the story takes up nearly all of the chapter. What is the teaching?

I am the resurrection and the life

John 11:25 – 26

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

1 Thes 4:16 – 17

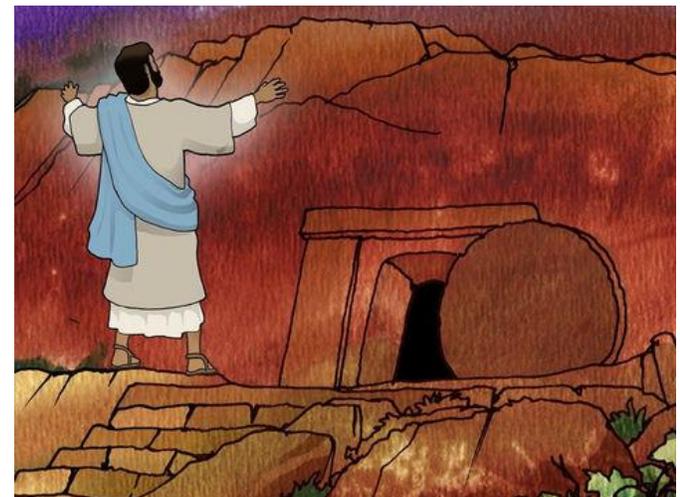
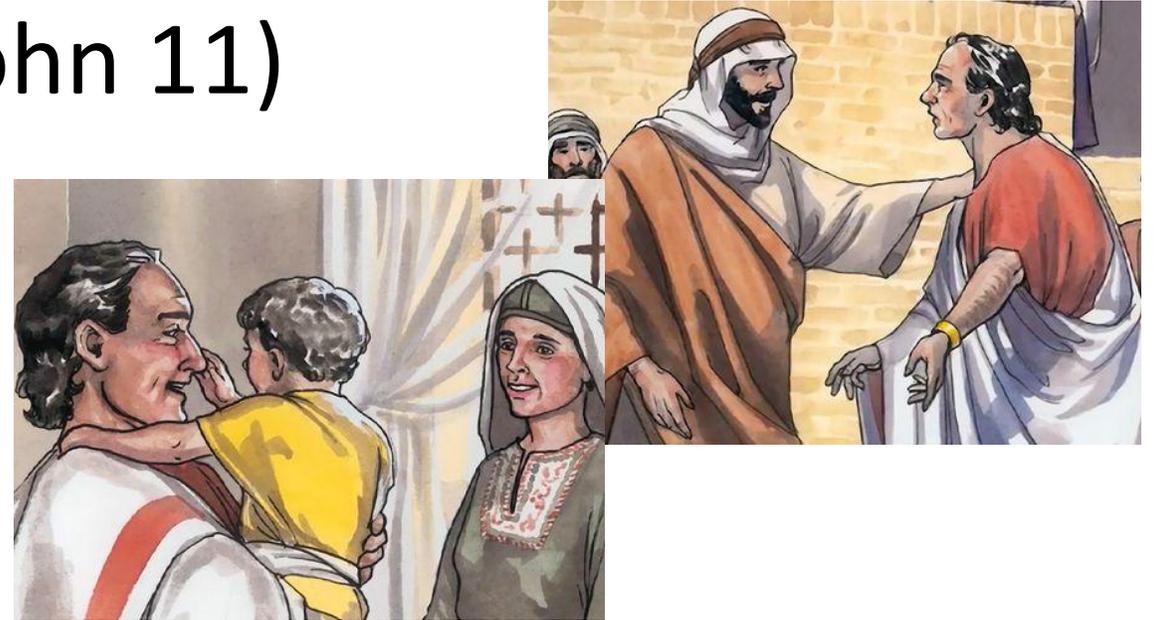
For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven ... And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

2. Healing the nobleman's son (John 4)

7. Raising of Lazarus (John 11)

- John 2 “Sir, come down before my child dies!” – Christ instead heals from a distance
- John 11 Christ will NOT heal at a distance – He will go and raise Lazarus

Why?



Four days

1 Corinthians 15:23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

All believers (and I think everyone!) will—in retrospect—agree with all of the decisions of the Lord



- Mary, Martha, and Lazarus(?) could not grasp the Lord's decision to allow Lazarus to die
 - John 12 – “There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.”
- Lord glorified, faith strengthened, many saved for all eternity
- Just like they did not have all the answers, we do not. But we (along with everyone) will agree with His decisions
 - Psalm 51:4b, Romans 3:4b

Anointing at Bethany

John 12:1 – 8

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "**Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?**" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "**Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.**"

(Matt 26:13 adds) "**Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.**"

John is written as four trips by the Lord from Galilee to Jerusalem and back

Chapter:

Prologue	1 – 2a	2:12 “Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.”
Trip 1	2b – 4	5:1 “After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.”
Trip 2	5 – 6	7:2, 10 “Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. ... He also went up to the feast”
Trip 3	7 – 10	
Trip 4	11 – 20	
Epilogue	21	11 (Jesus travels to Bethany) 11:18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away.

Trip 4 to Jerusalem

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John 11 filled with questions
John 12a filled with contentment



A picture of three crucial elements in the Christian life

- Lazarus – fellowship
- Martha – service
- Mary – worship



Contrast the worth of items given to Lord
Both show what we should do with our lives

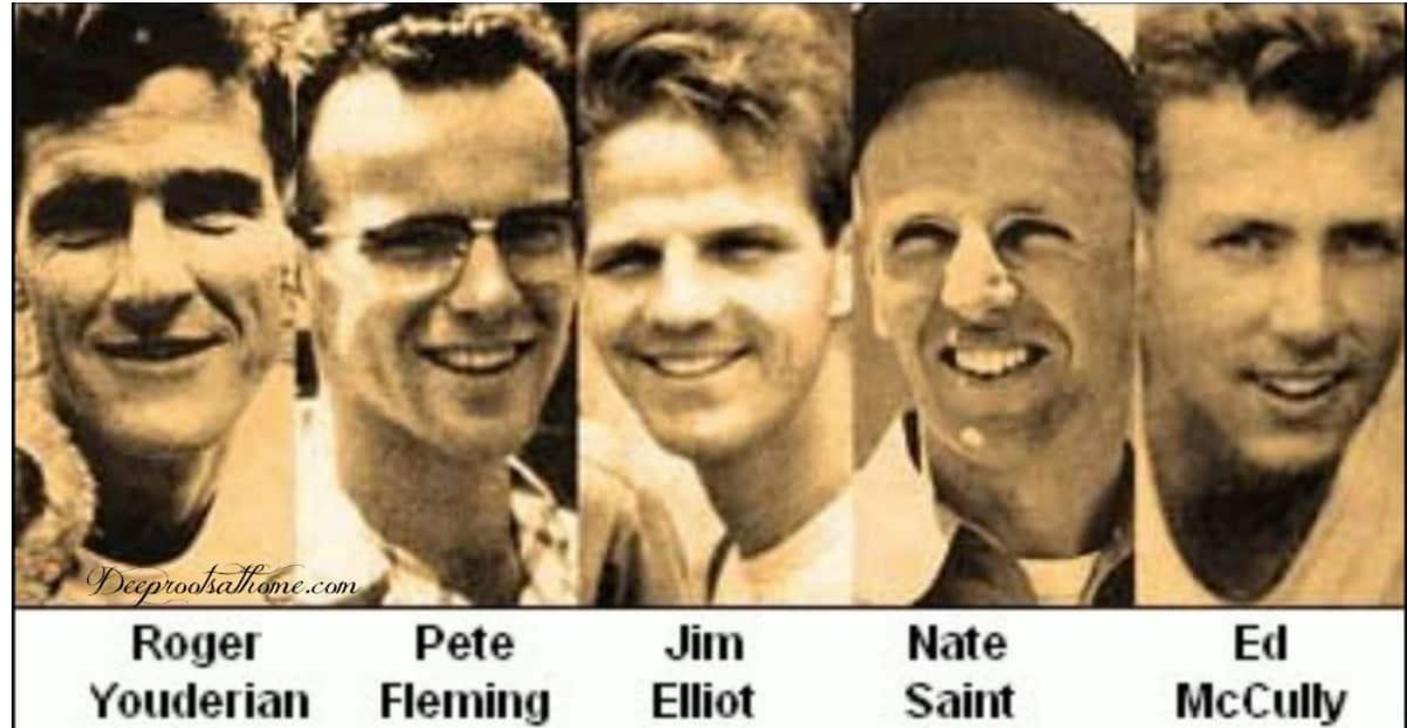


Completely counterintuitive – instead of asking for heroic sacrifice to achieve salvation, Christ gives salvation first

True Christianity evidently must involve a living, life-changing relationship. Otherwise it would never work! Why not take the salvation and run!

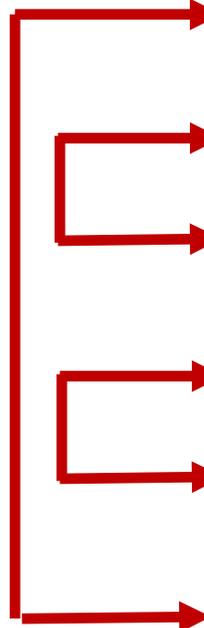
Romans 12:1 (NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Sacrifice in order to gain paradise or after one has already been promised paradise?



Assurance of heaven did not lead to selfish complacency.
A true relationship led to an utter devotion.

Women in the book of John

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1. Mary, the mother of Jesus - John 2
 2. The woman at the well - John 4
 3. The woman taken in adultery - John 8
 4. Martha (sister of Lazarus in Bethany) - John 11
 5. Mary (other sister of Lazarus) - John 12
 6. Mary Magdalene (at the Lord's empty tomb) - John 20

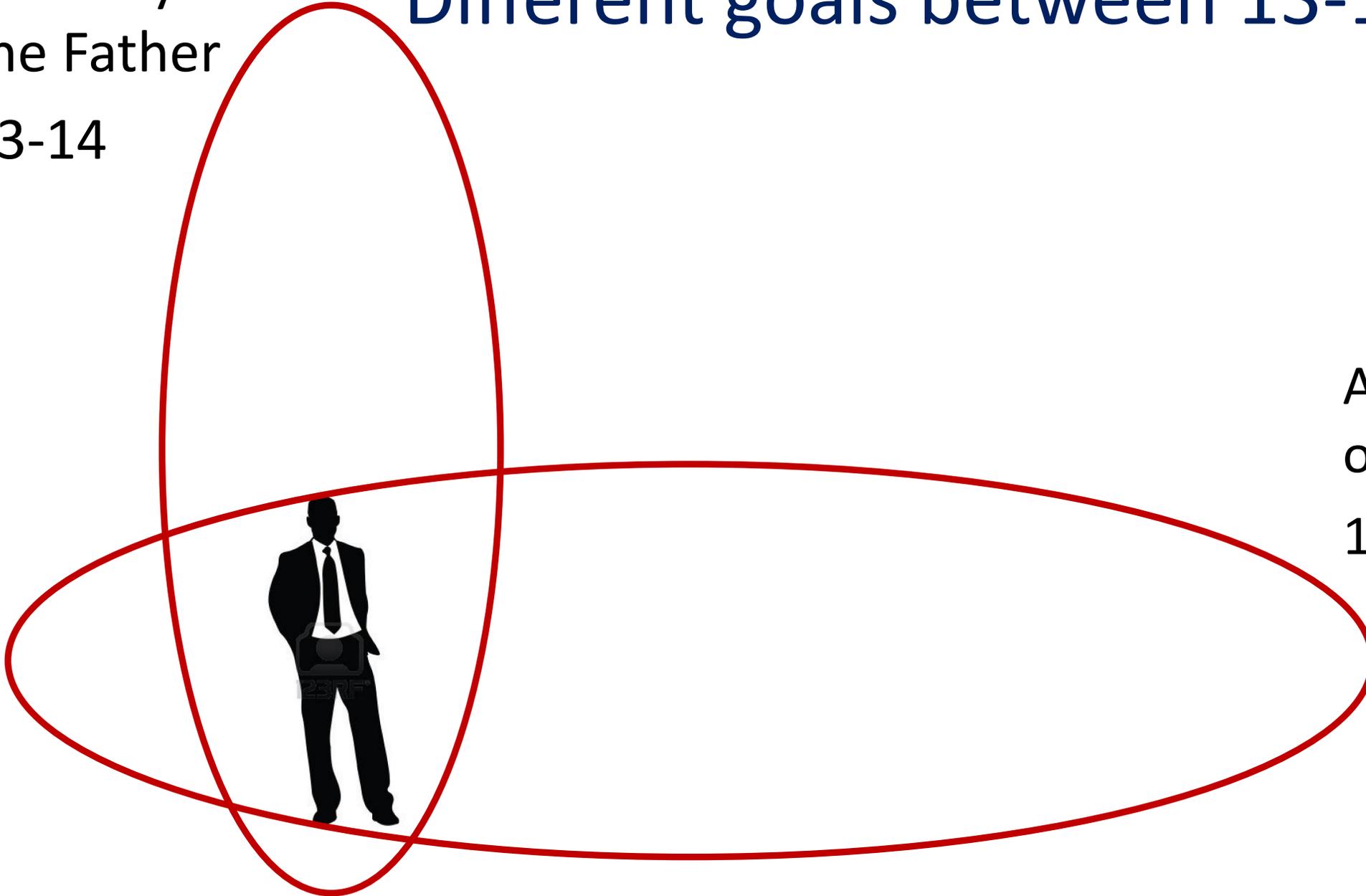
Different goals between 13-14 & 15-16

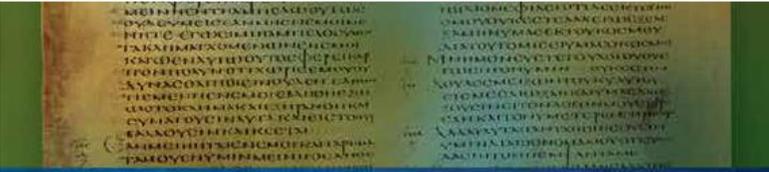
Intimacy with
the Father

13-14

Advantage
over the world

15-16





In the School of Christ

Lessons on Holiness in John 13-17



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INSIDE THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHS 13-14	OUTSIDE IN THE WORLD CHS 15-16
<p>I. The Enacted Parable of Foot-washing: God's basic provision for making us holy (13:1-20)</p> <p>II. Christ's Exposure of Judas's Treachery: Showing us what the basic principle of holiness (and of unholiness) is (13:21-32)</p> <p>III. Christ's Going Away: Its purpose and implications for the perfecting of our holiness (13:33-14:31)</p>	<p>I. The Parable of the Vine and the Branches: God's basic provision for developing our witness in the world (15:1-17)</p> <p>II. Christ's Exposure of the World's Hatred: Helping us to understand the world's hostility to our witness (15:18-27)</p> <p>III. Christ's Going Away: Its necessity and implications for our victory over the world (16:1-33)</p>

CHAPTERS 13-14

III. Christ's Going

- A. *Its Necessity and Purpose* 13:33-14:17
1. Yet a little while I am with you . . . Whither I go you cannot come. Peter says . . . Lord, why cannot I follow you even now? I will lay down my life for you. Jesus answers . . . the rooster shall not crow, till you have denied me three times (13:33, 36-38).
 2. *Simon Peter says to him, Lord, where are you going?* Jesus answered, Where I go, you cannot follow me now, but you shall follow afterwards . . . Let not your hearts be troubled. In my Father's house are many abiding places . . . I go to prepare a place for you and if I go . . . I will come again and receive you to myself that where I am there you may be also (13:36; 14:1-3).
 3. I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, for it beholds him not, neither knows him; you know him for he abides with you and shall be in you (14:16-17).

CHAPTERS 15-16

III. Christ's Going

- A. *Its Necessity and Purpose* 16:1-15
1. These things I have spoken unto you that you should not be made to stumble . . . the hour comes that whoever kills you shall think that he offers service to God. But these things have I spoken to you, that when their hour has come you remember them, how that I told you . . .
 2. These things I said not to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I go unto him who sent me; *and none of you asks me, Where are you going?* But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart (16:4-6).
 3. If I go not away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world in respect of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment . . . He shall glorify me (16:7-15).

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- B. *The Problem of the 'little while'* 14:18-24
1. Yet a little while and the world beholds me no more; but you behold me; because I live, you shall live also . . . he who loves me shall be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him (14:19-21).
 2. Judas (not Iscariot) says to him, Lord, what has happened that you will manifest yourself to us and not to the world? (14:22).
 3. Jesus . . . answered . . . If a man loves me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling-place with him (14:23).
- C. *Final Summary and Explanations* 14:25-31
1. These things have I spoken to you while yet abiding with you. But the Comforter . . . shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you (14:25-26).
 2. You have heard how I said . . . I go away, and I come to you. If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go unto the Father: for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe (14:28-29).
 3. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nether let it be fearful (14:27).

CHAPTERS 15-16

- B. *The Problem of the 'little while'* 16:16-24
1. A little while and you behold me no more; and again a little while and you shall see me (16:16).
 2. Some of his disciples said . . . What is this . . . A little while and you behold me not; and again a little while, and you shall see me? . . . We know not what he says (16:17-18).
 3. Jesus said . . . You shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice . . . You therefore now have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice and your joy no one takes from you (16:19-22).
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1. These things have I spoken to you in proverbs: the hour comes when I shall not more speak to you in proverbs, but shall tell you plainly of the Father (16:25).
 2. I came out from the Father and have come into the world: again, I leave the world and go unto the Father. His disciples say, Now you speak plainly . . . Jesus answered, Do you now believe? (16:28-31).
 3. These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good courage; I have overcome the world (16:33).

John 13 selected verses

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. And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, Jesus, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 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. Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." ...

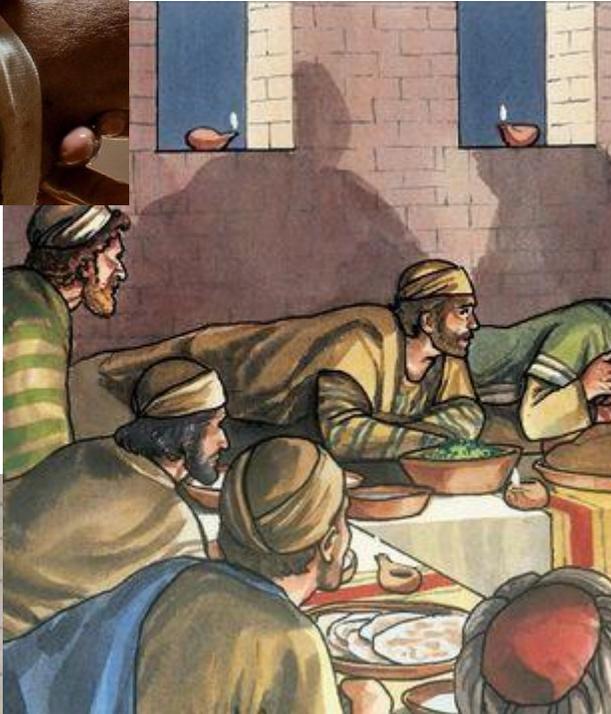
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"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" 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. ... Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night. ... 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." Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake." 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."

Both an example and a spiritual lesson

As an example, it showed that a Christian should be ready to serve, even if it means doing a lowly task, taking the place of humility.

But verse 10-11 tells us that more than that is being taught. Cleanliness is linked to being spiritually clean.

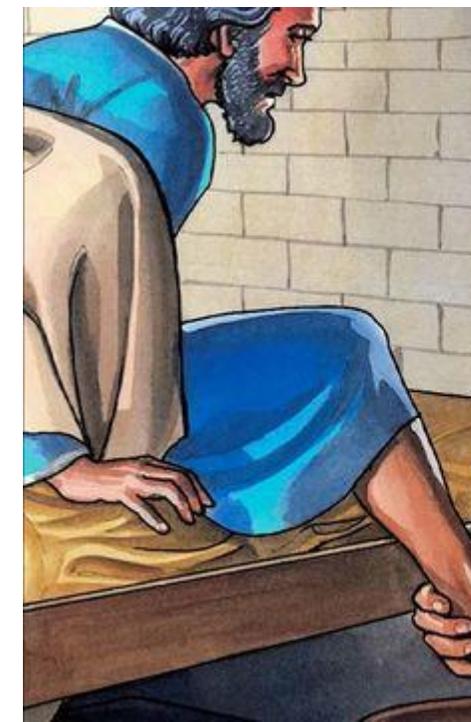


What is the spiritual lesson

V 10: "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

There are two cleanings here:

- A once-for-all cleaning (all over – bath).
- Ongoing cleaning – washing feet – specifically not another bath



Two works of Christ in our life

Once and for all salvation – we never need again. Being born again.

Ongoing interactions with the Lord as he matures us in our new life.

A baby is born once, but has ongoing interactions with parents to maturity.



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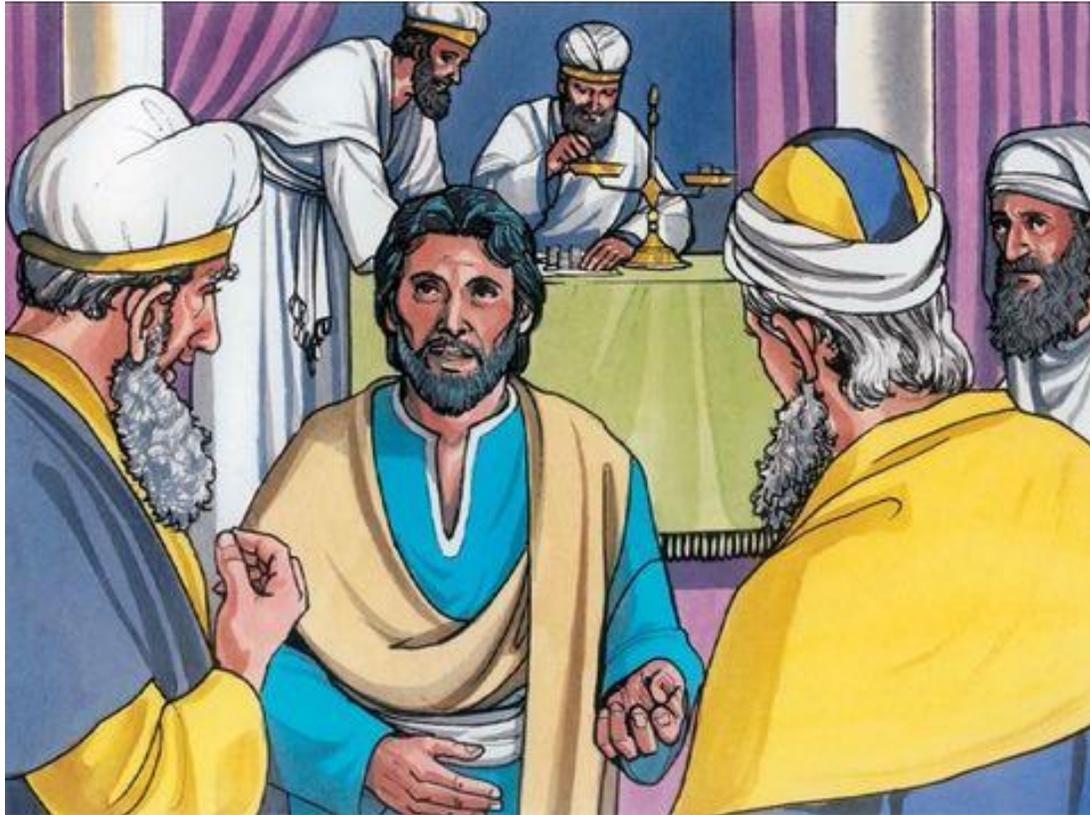
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Many people have these backwards. They see a long road of interactions with the Lord and improvements that end with new life. In reality, the more accurate picture is a road that begins with new life and follows with interactions with the Lord that bring maturity.

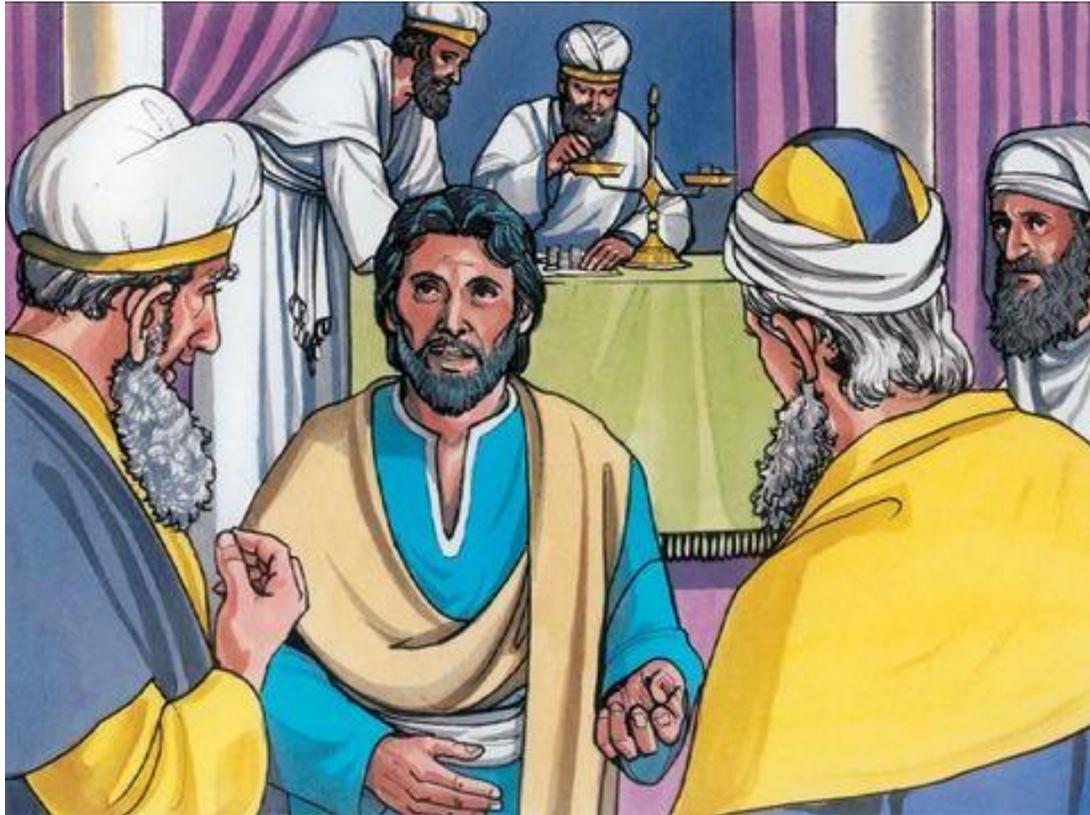


Jesus kindly puts roadblocks in the way of Judas



Luke 22: So Judas went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude. ... And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready."

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- 1) He gave Judas time
- 2) He washed the feet of Judas
- 3) He let Judas know that He knew of the betrayal
- 4) He genuinely offers His friendship in the gesture of the dipped bread

“And it was night”

Though roadblocks were put in the way of Judas, Judas still stepped over them.

John 14 selected verses

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ... "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ... "If you love Me, keep My commandments. "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. ...

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Two Homes (verses 2, 23)

A home in heaven



A home in us



How this elevates our lives!

We are not merely living one day to the next waiting to die!

Verse 6 – The Way, The Truth, The Life

The way to the Father



The truth about the Father



The life by which we come to the Father



