

Gospel of John: Teachings of the Master- Week 1: John 13:1-17

April Memory Verse: **John 1:18 (ESV)** *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

1. The light of love and the darkness of hate.

John 13:1-3 (ESV) *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,*

2. If I do not wash your feet, you have no share with me.

John 13:4-5 (ESV) *⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

John 13:6-7 (ESV) *⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."*

John 13:8-9 (ESV) *⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"*

1 Peter 1:22-23 (ESV) *“²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.”*

John 13:10-11 (ESV) *¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”*

1 John 1:5-10 (ESV) *⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

3. Love and light overcome hate and darkness.

John 13:12-15 (ESV) *¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.*

John 13:16-17 (ESV) *¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.*

Closing Thoughts:

1. We are called to live like Jesus and this means being light and love in this world.
2. Learning to be light and love means learning from our Master.
3. Our lives are to be defined by service, humility and love.

Interpretation: Follow up questions.

- In this passage, how do we see God’s sovereignty and HIM maintaining HIS plan of salvation?
- What is the Messianic mission? How does cleansing connect us to Jesus Christ? (1 Peter. 1:22-23)
- How did Jesus light & love overcome the attack of the enemy? How can we apply this to our lives?

Application: Action Steps.

- Jesus explains what it means to be blessed in our obedience to HIS example. Think of one specific way that you can model humility and love in our current world.