John Lesson 35

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INTRODUCTION

- We're in the Gospel of John, and we've come to John chapter 13, which, according to this text, is descriptive of the last week of the life of Jesus Christ.
- It was at Passover that Jesus was crucified.

1 Jesus Knew the Hour of His Death

Isaiah 53; Psalm 22; John 12:23–28

- The fact that our Lord was crucified was no surprise to God. It certainly was no surprise to Jesus Christ.
- He had come to this point on purpose and voluntarily had given himself to die for the sins of all men.
- He was not crucified because the world was just too wicked to receive him as king. He was not crucified as an afterthought of God's plan.
- What we look for in the future is a second coming of Christ, but it's going to be followed by judgment and heaven or hell.

2 The Passover: A Memorial Feast of Deliverance

Luke 22:7–13; Exodus 12

- This Passover was a memorial feast of a time of deliverance.
- Feast of Passover, for the Lord had passed over every house that had the blood sprinkled, and their sons and daughters were saved.
- Jesus Christ was crucified at Passover. He is our deliverer.

3 Satan Put It Into the Heart of Judas

Romans 6:16; James 1:13–15; James 4:7

- It simply says that Satan tempted Judas, and Judas himself obeyed the temptation.
- God will not force you to obey him, nor can Satan force you to obey him.
- You're the servant that you yield yourself to. You do not have to obey Satan.
- James chapter 4, verse 7 says, resist the devil and he will flee from you.

4 Jesus Washed the Disciples' Feet

John 13:3–11; 1 Samuel 25:41

- Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
- What he was doing was an act of a servant.
- Peter was very eager to serve the Lord. He just didn't want his Lord doing the act of a servant for him.

5 Not a Religious Ceremony but a Lesson of Humility

Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23–30; 1 Timothy 5:10

- Jesus was not establishing a ceremony or a religious rite that was to be associated with the Lord's Supper, or even that was to be practiced as a ceremonial basis for Christians today.
- But rather Jesus was teaching a lesson of humility.
- Every time we read about the Lord's Supper, we do not read about foot washing being associated with it.
- There's only one mention of foot washing this side of the cross of Christ in the New Testament, and that's in 1 Timothy 5 and verse 10.
- If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you.

6 Why They Needed a Lesson of Humility

Matthew 20:20–28; Luke 22:24–30; James 3:14–18

- Just shortly before this time the disciples had some jealousies among them.
- Jesus taught them that if you're going to be great in his kingdom, you need to be a servant.
- There was strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.
- He's teaching them that the greatest would be the servant. The first will be last, the last will be first.

THE CHALLENGE

If Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was able to stoop down and wash the feet of others, could we not stoop ourselves to do for others and provide as they have need?

MY NOTES