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## John 13 Paraphrased



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### Introduction

† This chapter shows Jesus in the final hours before the cross, demonstrating love in action, humility, betrayal, and covenant transition

† What He does here isn't random, it's fulfillment, showing the end of the old system and the revealing of true cleansing and fellowship

† The foot washing, the betrayal, and the command to love all point directly to what was about to be fulfilled in that generation

(John 13:1; Hebrews 9:10)

### **John 13:1**

Jesus knew His hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, and having loved His own, He loved them fully to the end

† His hour was not distant, it was present, showing imminent fulfillment (John 12:23)

† His love reaches its full expression here, not just in words but in action

† This connects to the covenant transition that was about to be completed (Hebrews 8:13)

### **John 13:2**

During supper, the devil had already put it into Judas Iscariot's heart to betray Him

† The betrayal was already set in motion, this wasn't unexpected

† Judas becomes the instrument of what had been foretold (Psalm 41:9)

† This shows God's plan unfolding, not failing

### **John 13:3**

Jesus, knowing the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He came from God and was going back to God

† He acts from full authority, not weakness

† His identity is fully known, this is not confusion or doubt

† This ties to His divine origin and authority over all things (John 17:2)

### **John 13:4**

He got up from supper, laid aside His garments, and took a towel and wrapped Himself

† Laying aside garments shows voluntary humility

† This reflects His mission, lowering Himself for others

(Philippians 2:7)

† The act itself symbolizes cleansing and service

### **John 13:5**

Then He poured water into a basin and began washing the disciples' feet and drying them with the towel

† This was a servant's task, showing true greatness is humility

† It symbolizes cleansing that only He can provide (John 15:3)

† It also points to the removal of defilement under the old system

### **John 13:6**

He came to Simon Peter, and Peter said, Lord, are You going to wash my feet

† Peter resists because he doesn't understand the meaning

† This reflects confusion about the nature of the kingdom

† Many expected power, not humility

### **John 13:7**

Jesus answered, what I am doing you do not understand now, but you will understand later

† Understanding would come after fulfillment

† This ties to the coming of full revelation after the cross (John 16:13)

† Timing matters in interpretation

### **John 13:8**

Peter said, You will never wash my feet, Jesus answered, if I do not wash you, you have no part with Me

† This shows cleansing is required for fellowship

† It's not optional, it comes only through Christ

† This points to spiritual cleansing, not physical ritual

### **John 13:9**

Simon Peter said, Lord, then not only my feet, but also my hands and my head

† Peter swings to the extreme, still misunderstanding

† He thinks more external washing is better

† This shows confusion between physical and spiritual cleansing

### **John 13:10**

Jesus said, the one who has bathed only needs to wash his feet, and is completely clean, and you are clean, but not all of you

† They were already clean in a covenant sense

† Judas was the exception, showing not all were truly part of Him

† This reflects inward reality over outward appearance (John 15:3)

### **John 13:11**

For He knew the one who was betraying Him, that is why He said not all of you are clean

† Again confirms foreknowledge

† Judas represents those outwardly close but inwardly false

† This ties to covenant separation

### **John 13:12**

When He had washed their feet and put His garments back on and sat down again, He said to them, do you know what I have done to you

† He now explains the meaning, this was not just an act but a teaching moment

† The question forces them to think beyond the physical act

† Understanding comes through revelation, not assumption

### **John 13:13**

You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am

† He affirms His authority clearly

† There is no denial of His position, only redefining how authority is expressed

† True lordship includes humility

### **John 13:14**

If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet

† This sets the pattern for His followers

† Leadership in the kingdom is service, not dominance

† This directly opposes worldly systems of power (Matthew 20:26-28)

### **John 13:15**

For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you

† This is a living example, not just instruction

† It establishes how covenant people are to live

† Love is demonstrated through action

### **John 13:16**

Truly truly I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor one who is sent greater than the one who sent him

† This keeps them grounded in their role

† It reinforces submission to Christ's authority

† No one rises above the one who sends them

### **John 13:17**

If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them

† Knowledge alone is not enough

† Blessing comes through obedience

† This separates hearing from doing (James 1:22)

### **John 13:18**

I do not speak of all of you, I know the ones I have chosen, but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, he who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me

† This directly fulfills prophecy (Psalm 41:9)

† Judas' betrayal was not random, it was foretold

† This shows Scripture being fulfilled exactly as written

### **John 13:19**

From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it does happen, you may believe that I am He

† He gives prophecy to confirm identity

† Fulfillment strengthens faith

† This is evidence, not guesswork

### **John 13:20**

Truly truly I say to you, the one who receives whomever I send receives Me, and the one who receives Me receives Him who sent Me

† This establishes authority through representation

† Receiving the apostles is receiving Christ

† This ties to covenant transmission of truth

### **John 13:21**

When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified, truly truly I say to you, that one of you will betray Me

† His humanity is shown here, this was painful

† Betrayal from within is always the hardest

† Yet it was still within God's plan

### **John 13:22**

The disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know which one He was speaking of

† They were unaware, showing Judas blended in

† External appearance can hide internal reality

† This warns against assuming outward faithfulness equals true loyalty

### **John 13:23**

There was reclining on Jesus' chest one of His disciples, whom

Jesus loved

† This shows close relationship and trust

† Likely referring to John himself

† It highlights personal connection, not hierarchy

### **John 13:24**

So Simon Peter gestured to him, and said to him, tell us who it is of whom He is speaking

† Peter seeks clarity through another

† This shows uncertainty among them

† They still didn't understand fully

### **John 13:25**

He, leaning back thus on Jesus' chest, said to Him, Lord, who is it

† Direct question is asked

† This shows intimacy allowed access

† Close relationship leads to clearer understanding

### **John 13:26**

Jesus then answered, that is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him, so when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas

† Jesus identifies the betrayer directly

† This act of giving shows even in betrayal, grace was extended

† Judas was not excluded, he rejected

### **John 13:27**

After the morsel, Satan then entered into him, therefore Jesus said to him, what you do, do quickly

† Judas fully gives himself over at this point

† This shows a decisive moment of surrender to evil

† Jesus remains in control, not reacting but directing

### **John 13:28**

Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what

purpose He had said this to him

† The others still did not understand

† This shows how hidden the betrayal was

† Fulfillment often happens while people remain unaware

### **John 13:29**

For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, buy the things we have need of for the feast

† Judas held responsibility, yet misused it

† This shows trust can be abused

† Outward roles do not guarantee inward faithfulness

### **John 13:30**

So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately, and it was night

† Night symbolizes spiritual darkness

† Judas leaves the light and enters darkness

† This marks the beginning of final events

### **John 13:31**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him

† Judas leaving triggers the final phase, this is the moment of fulfillment beginning

† Glorification is tied to the cross, not future delay (John 12:23)

† This shows the plan moving forward exactly on time

### **John 13:32**

If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately

† The glorification is immediate, not thousands of years later

† This connects to resurrection and exaltation

† Timing again proves fulfillment within that generation

### **John 13:33**

Little children, I am with you a little while longer, you will seek Me, and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, where I am going, you cannot come

† His departure is near, not distant

† This shows urgency and immediacy

† It parallels earlier warnings to Israel (John 7:34)

### **John 13:34**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another

† The new command is rooted in His example

† This is covenant identity, love defines His people

† This replaces external law with internal transformation (Jeremiah 31:33)

### **John 13:35**

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another

† Love becomes the visible sign of belonging

† Not rituals, not status, but love

† This marks the new covenant community

### **John 13:36**

Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, where are You going, Jesus answered, where I go, you cannot follow Me now, but you will follow later

† Peter still doesn't understand the timing

† Following later refers to what comes after fulfillment

† This shows progression, not delay into distant future

### **John 13:37**

Peter said to Him, Lord, why can I not follow You right now, I will lay down my life for You

† Peter is confident but unaware of his weakness

† This shows human zeal without understanding

† Good intentions are not the same as faithfulness

### **John 13:38**

Jesus answered, will you lay down your life for Me, truly truly I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times

† Jesus reveals what is about to happen

† This shows foreknowledge and control

† Even failure is known and accounted for in the plan

### **Historical References**

† Josephus records the corruption and betrayal within Israel before its destruction, Antiquities of the Jews, Book 20

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† Irenaeus speaks of betrayal and apostasy within early circles, Against Heresies, Book 4

† Clement of Alexandria emphasizes the moral teachings of Christ in humility and service, Stromata

### **How It Applies To Us Today**

† True greatness is still measured by humility and service, not position

† Not everyone close to truth belongs to it, we must examine ourselves

† Christ's cleansing is the only true cleansing, not outward forms

† We are called to live out what He demonstrated, not just believe it

† Fulfillment reminds us that His word is trustworthy and complete

### **Q & A Appendix:**

**Q:** Why did Jesus wash their feet if He was Lord

**A:** To demonstrate that true authority serves, not dominates (John 13:14-15)

**Q:** Was Judas' betrayal planned or random

**A:** It was foretold and fulfilled according to Scripture (John 13:18)

**Q:** What does the washing represent

**A:** Spiritual cleansing that comes only through Christ (John 13:8)

**Q:** Why didn't the disciples recognize Judas

**A:** Because outward appearance can hide inward reality (John 13:22)

**Q:** What does the night symbolize when Judas left

**A:** Spiritual darkness and separation from Christ (John 13:30)

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