

New Testament Church
The Book of John #25 – John 13:1-20 – Serving in Humility
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I The Gospel of John - Why expository preaching and why the Book of John at this time?

- A. Expository preaching brings depth, continuity and helps a congregation study together
 - 1. John reveals Christ as God – (eagle) - “behold your God” (Is. 40:9)
 - 2. The gospels reveal the “four faces” of Christ – king, servant, man, eagle
- B. John, author of John, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John and Revelation was a disciple of John the Baptist
- C. One of the themes in John are the various *signs* that indicate critical aspects of Christ
 - 1. The **first SIGN** was water into wine (John 2) – there is New Life in Christ
 - 2. The **second SIGN** was healing the Nobleman’s son (John 4) – faith in Christ’s Word
 - 3. The **third SIGN** was healing the cripple (John 5) – Christ’s undeserving Grace
 - 4. The **fourth SIGN** feeding the 5,000 (John 6) – Christ is the bread of life
 - 5. The **fifth SIGN** of walking on water (John 6) – Transcendence of Bread (empowerment)
 - 6. The **sixth SIGN** of healing the man born blind (John 9) – Spiritual Sight (through Christ)
 - 7. The **seventh SIGN** of raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11) – Resurrection Life
- D. The I AM statements by Jesus – declaring who He is...
 - 1. In John 6 and 8 - I am the Bread of Life; I am the Light of the World
 - 3-4. In John 10 – I am the Door and I am the Good Shepherd
 - 5. In John 11 – I am the Resurrection and Life

II John 13:1-20 – *Serving in Humility – the sound of the Kingdom of God*

- A. v. 1-11 – Jesus washes the disciples feet (see the Mark 10:42-45 sound) – walking in humility
 - 1. v. 1 - The day before was Wednesday, but Thursday after 6 PM began the Passover
 - 2. v. 2 – Judas, inspired by Satan, enabled Jewish leaders to arrest Jesus at night to avoid crowds
 - 3. v. 3-5 – Normally, the owner of the home would wash the feet of visitors, but the owner (probably Mark’s father since Mark at that time was an older teen), was not present...
 - a. It was the upper room of honor – often able to seat many people in hospitality
 - b. So many were in Jerusalem almost every home prepared to receive people at no charge
 - c. Jesus loved His own while with them, and would “love them to the end” (completion)
 - d. Jesus was God incarnate, demonstrating the way the Kingdom comes – humble service
 - 4. v. 6-9 – Peter refuses to have Jesus wash his feet unless he is totally washed (baptized)
 - a. Peter’s pride thinking humble service is foolish exposed by the *example of service*.
 - b. Jesus said he’d understand later, and he did (1st Peter 5:2-5 – he wrote of the sound)
 - c. *Feed the flock of God... taking oversight, not by constraint (force), nor for filthy lucre*
 - d. All need to serve in humility, for our walk (feet - example) demonstrates we are clean
 - 5. v. 10 – “All are clean, but not all” – even Judas was to be served – love your “enemies”
- B. v. 12-20 – Jesus asked His disciples if they knew the meaning of what He had just done
 - 1. v. 12-15 – Jesus was Master and Lord, but *made Himself a servant to implement that Lordship*
 - a. Consider Philippians 2:1-11 – of no reputation (our appearance), bondservant, humbled Himself, obedient unto death of the cross (for us in principle)...
 - b. God highly exalts Him and all will confess that He is Lord (allow others to praise you)
 - 2. v. 16-20 – Jesus said “the servant is not greater than his master... blessed are you”
 - a. Jesus illustrates the idea of “predestination” by stating that... I know whom I have chosen... but not all (considering Judas) – a mystery to us, but God is Sovereign
 - b. Jesus tells them ahead of time regarding Judas so they would believe Him all the more
 - c. “Most assuredly I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.” (humility opens doors of reception)

The Lordship of Jesus and His Kingdom is uniquely implemented through humble service