



Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 33

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Summary:

This passage records one of the most famous and touching images in all the gospels – Jesus’ last supper with his disciples. However, unlike the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), which all record the institution of the Lord’s Supper, John’s gospel highlights an incredible, humble act of service by Jesus. In an unexpected (and for the disciples, quite bewildering) turn of events, the Lord Jesus takes on the role of the lowest servant and washes the feet of his disciples. Out of this act of humble service comes a call to true discipleship – a call to follow in the footsteps of the Lord!

Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week’s message?
2. The text says that Jesus loved his disciples “to the end” (v. 1). What does this mean? How did Jesus love them to the end?
3. Why do you think this passage highlights the Judas’ coming betrayal so much? What’s remarkable about the way Jesus treated Judas, even to the end?
Application: How do you treat those who treat you badly?
4. Why do you think Jesus chose this act of service? What was he showing the disciples?

5. How would you characterize Peter's reaction (v. 6)? How is pride at work in Peter's response? **Application:** How does your pride keep you from allowing Jesus to work in your life?

6. Read vv. 9-11. How would you explain the difference between the ideas of "bathing" and "washing" as Jesus uses them? **Application:** How do "bathing" and "washing" apply to your life as a Christ-follower?

7. How was Jesus' service to his disciples an example for them to follow? Why did they need this example?

8. How does Jesus define 'greatness' (v. 16)? How did Jesus reveal his own greatness? What did that mean for the disciples who followed him? **Application:** What does it mean for you to pursue greatness as a disciple of Jesus?

9. What trinitarian implications can you see in Jesus' words in v. 20?

10. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?