SMITH FOR CHRIST · TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN · LEADER'S SHEET · THURSDAY FEB 11

John **13** · week 13 of 21

Loved to the End · Answers and notes for Thursday

READ MONDAY – WEDNESDAY · MEET THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 11

Answers to every worksheet question, with the exact NASB key-word counts. Personal questions are marked "Personal."

THE WEEK

Monday	Read John 13 straight through, then again with a pen and mark it · Mon, Feb 8
Tuesday	Read the study notes; answer the Observe questions and count the key words · Tue, Feb 9
Wednesday	Interpret, Weigh the Teachers, the Word study and Apply · Wed, Feb 10
Thursday evening	Together: watch the John 13 part of the film, go through the worksheet, pray · Thu, Feb 11

KEY VERSE

> **JOHN 13:34–35 · NASB**
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> *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

The last evening before the cross. The Lord of all takes a towel, a friend walks out into the night, and Jesus gives a new commandment. Watch what Jesus knows in this chapter and what He does with it.

John 13 *Loved to the End*

KEY VERSE 13:34–35

Theme of the chapter. Knowing His hour had come and that all things were in His hands, Jesus loved His own to the end and showed it by washing their feet. He cleanses those who belong to Him and commands them to love one another as He has loved them. Judas and Peter both fail, but they go different ways with their failure.

KEY WORD COUNTS (NASB)

love / loved	**7**	vv. 1 (×2), 23, 34 (×3), 35
feet	**8**	vv. 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14 (×2)
wash / washed	**9**	vv. 5, 6, 8 (×2), 9, 10, 12, 14 (×2)
betray	**2**	vv. 2, 21
know / knew	**7**	vv. 11, 12, 17, 18, 22, 28, 35
glorified	**3**	vv. 31 (×2), 32

JOHN 13:1–11 The Towel

1 OBSERVE *What did Jesus know as the supper began (13:1, 3)? What did He do next (13:4–5)?*

> His hour had come to depart to the Father (13:1). The Father had given all things into His hands, and He had come forth from God and was going back to God (13:3). He got up, laid aside His garments, took a towel, poured water, and began to wash the disciples' feet (13:4–5).

2 OBSERVE *What did Peter say first, how did Jesus answer, and what did Peter say then (13:8–9)?*

> "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus: "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." Peter: "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head" (13:9).

3 INTERPRET *Jesus says, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean" (13:10). What is the difference between the bath and the foot washing for a believer? Read 1 John 1:9.*

> The bath is the once-for-all cleansing by Christ; justification is not repeated. The feet are daily cleansing after walking through the world. Confession and cleansing go on. Sproul: "One touch of the cleansing power of Christ cleanses us from all sin."

4 APPLY *Peter's pride said "Never" and then "everything." Where does your pride refuse to be served by Jesus?*

> Personal. The study's confession: Peter's kind of pride.

JOHN 13:12–20 The Example

5 OBSERVE *What question does Jesus ask, and what does He say they ought to do (13:12–15)? What promise follows (13:17)?*

> "Do you know what I have done to you?" (13:12). If their Lord and Teacher washed their feet, "you also ought to wash one another's feet" (13:14). "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them" (13:17).

6 WEIGH THE TEACHERS *Sproul: "Only a gentile slave could be required to do such a menial task." Henry: "no miracle, unless we call it a miracle of humility." Is foot washing an ordinance for churches today? What do all four teachers agree is commanded?*

> Some churches practice it, and that deserves respect. Sproul and Calvin do not see a sacrament. All four agree humble, costly service of one another is commanded.

7 APPLY *Whose "feet" do you need to wash this week, a task beneath you for someone who does not deserve it?*

> Personal. The study's example: the towel.

JOHN 13:21–30 The Night

8 OBSERVE *What did Jesus announce, and how did He identify the betrayer (13:21, 26)?*

> "One of you will betray Me" (13:21). "That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him." He gave it to Judas (13:26).

9 OBSERVE *What happened after Judas took the morsel, and what does John say as he leaves (13:27, 30)?*

> "Satan then entered into him" (13:27). Judas went out immediately, "and it was night" (13:30).

10 INTERPRET *The devil put the betrayal in Judas' heart (13:2), Satan entered him (13:27), and Scripture foretold it (13:18). Who is responsible?*

> Both Satan and Judas, and God was not surprised. Bruce (in Guzik): Satan entered only because Judas let him. God's plan never excuses a man's sin. Guzik: "Judas had the best example and the greatest Teacher, and was still lost."

JOHN 13:31–38 The Commandment

11 OBSERVE *What is the new commandment, what is the standard, and what will it show (13:34–35)?*

> "Love one another, even as I have loved you." "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (13:34–35).

12 WEIGH THE TEACHERS *What is new in the new commandment? Sproul: "There is nothing new about that commandment"; the newness is "the context of the betrayal." Spurgeon: new in extent, motive and nature. What does "as I have loved you" add to "as yourself"?*

> The command to love is old (Lev 19:18). The standard is new: the cross. He has just washed the feet of men who would betray, deny and desert Him.

13 OBSERVE *What does Peter promise, and what does Jesus answer (13:37–38)?*

> "I will lay down my life for You." Jesus: "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" (13:38).

14 INTERPRET *Peter and Judas were both warned and both failed. Guzik: "Peter's denial was terrible, but it wasn't the same as what Judas did." What is the real difference between them?*

> Not the size of the sin but where each man went with it. Judas went out into the night; Peter came back to Jesus (21:15–19).

15 APPLY *Love one another "even as I have loved you." Name one brother you find hard to love, and one specific way you will love him like that this week.*

> Personal.

WORD STUDY

16 WORD *telos (G5056), the end, the goal. "He loved them to the end" (13:1). Compare "It is finished" (19:30), from the same root. What does "to the end" mean for how Jesus loves you?*

> To the uttermost and to the finish: His love does not quit before the cross is complete.

17 WORD *hypodeigma (G5262), an example, a pattern to copy. Jesus says, "I gave you an example" (13:15). What makes His example different from a good role model?*

> He first cleanses us (13:8), then shows us how to serve. Following the pattern flows from belonging to Him.

ACTS 17:11

The Chosen check

> ACTS 17:11 · NASB
> *"...examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so."*

WATCH THIS WEEK

Season 5, Episode 7, "The Upper Room Part I" (13:1–21) and Season 5, Episode 5, "Because of Me" (13:21)

Answers and notes for the Chosen check. Let the group find the differences in the text before you give them.

C1 OBSERVE

Season 5 shows the Last Supper in pieces and out of order. Read 13:1–30 straight through. What is John's order of events?

> Foot washing (13:1–17), the betrayer announced (13:18–21), the morsel given to Judas, Judas goes out — "and it was night" (13:26–30).

C2 OBSERVE

In the show a teen boy named Mark leads Peter and John to the room. What does John say about how the room was found?

> John does not record it. Mark 14:13–16 mentions a man carrying a pitcher of water; calling him Mark is tradition and the show's choice.

C3 INTERPRET

What did the episode add that John 13 does not say? Does the addition help you see the text, or does it change what the text means?

> Additions are not automatically wrong; they are not Scripture. The test is whether an addition changes what the text says about Jesus.

C4 APPLY

The Bereans received the word eagerly and examined the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). Where are you most tempted to let a picture, a sermon or a feeling stand in for the text?

> Personal. Press for one concrete habit: reading the chapter before watching, and checking every scene against it.

The Chosen is a drama, not Scripture. God's Word is the truth; where the film differs, the Word wins.