

JESUS LOVED THEM TO THE END

Passage / John 13:1-38

Key Verse / John 13:1

1. What was the temporal and emotional context of this event (1-2)? What did Jesus know at this crucial moment (1, 3, 11)? What does the phrase “he loved them to the end” mean? (1b) How did Jesus show his love in action (4-5)? Why is it surprising that Jesus took on the attitude of a servant?
2. How did Peter react, and what did Jesus teach him about the need to be washed (6-9)? What does it mean to be clean according to Jesus (10-11; Titus 3:5)? What principles do we learn from Jesus’ action (12-15)? How can we apply this in our lives and communities (16-17; Jas 5:16; Eph 4:2, 32)?
3. How was Jesus’ love for Judas revealed (18-22)? What did Judas do, and what does it mean that “Satan entered into him” (23-30; 1 Pet 5:8-9)? How did Jesus understand these events in relation to God’s glory (31-33)? How does this passage help us trust in God during difficult times?
4. What commandment was given to the disciples, and in what sense is it “new” (34; 15:17; 1 Pet 4:8)? How does love for one another demonstrate that we are Jesus’ disciples (35; 1 John 4:7-12)? What did the conversation with Peter reveal about human weakness and Jesus’ grace (36-38)?

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM

Passage / Luke 23:1-49

Key Verse / 23:34a

1. What different accusations were brought against Jesus before Pilate (1-2)? What did Pilate ask, and what does Jesus' answer mean (3; John 18:36-37)? What do the trials before Herod and Pilate show about Jesus' innocence (4-17)?
2. Why did Pilate finally hand Jesus over to the will of the crowd (18-25)? Who helped Jesus carry his cross, and why (26)? What did Jesus say to the women who were weeping (27-31)? What does his statement mean? For whom should we weep?
3. How was Jesus executed (32-33)? Why did Jesus suffer in this way (Isa 53:4-5, 12; 1 Pet 2:24b)? Read verse 34. What did Jesus pray, and for whom? Why did he pray this way (34b; Rom 5:8; 2 Cor 5:18-19; Heb 7:25)?
4. Who mocked Jesus, and how (35-39)? Why did Jesus not save himself? How was one man able to see Jesus differently, and what request did he make (40-42)? How did Jesus bless his faith (43)?
5. How did Luke describe Jesus' death (44-45)? What is the significance of the torn curtain (Heb 10:19-20)? What is the meaning of Jesus' final words (46)? Who witnessed all these events (47-49)? What do the centurion's words reveal about Jesus (47)?