

“John 13”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a six-part series leading up to the Day of Pentecost. I have chosen to study some of the words spoken by the Son of God. The specific section was John 13.

Remember foot-washing

■ John 13:1-17—This section of Scripture is familiar to us, because we just focused on those verses during the Commemoration of the Suffering and Death of our Lord.

While John 13:1-17 is an instruction about a way of life (for every day of the year), many choose to follow the actual example in an annual gathering that pictures the night in which the Son of God was betrayed (1 Corinthians 11:23).

Judas fulfilled Scripture

■ John 13:18—The Son of God mentioned how Judas was chosen to fulfill Scripture (Psalm 41:9).

■ John 13:19—The Son of God foretold events to increase people’s belief.

Receive who is sent

■ John 13:20—It is important to receive whom the Son of God sends.

As a Bible student, you are probably aware that the Greek word for *apostle* (*apostolos*) means “person sent.”

Notice a few reminders about people who are sent.

■ Luke 6:13—The Son of God gathered His disciples and chose 12 whom He named apostles.

■ Acts 1:23-26—Matthias was chosen to replace Judas by the casting of lots.

■ Romans 10:14-15—People are sent to preach the gospel of peace and to bring glad tidings of good things.

Recognize counterfeits

■ Luke 22:24—Here is a time when the apostles (messengers) disputed among themselves about which of them should be considered the greatest.

- Luke 22:25—The Son of God reminded them about the wrong type of leadership—involving lordship and authority.
- Luke 22:26-27—The Son of God instructed them to serve people.
- 2 Corinthians 11:13-14—Beware of false apostles who promote themselves.
- 2 Corinthians 11:20—Beware of alleged leaders who seek to do the following five behaviors—who seek to take you into bondage; who seek to devour you; who seek to take from you; who seek to exalt themselves over you; and who seek to hit you on the face.
- Revelation 2:2—Many people who say they are apostles are lying.

Identified the betrayer

- John 13:21-24—The Son of God told His disciples that one of them was going to betray Him.
- John 13:25-30—The Son of God identified His betrayer.

New commandment

- John 13:31-32—Both the Son of God and the Father were glorified.
- John 13:33—The Son of God told the disciples that they could not follow Him immediately on His path.
- John 13:34-35—The Son of God gave them a “new” commandment.
- Leviticus 19:18—The Old Testament talked about loving our neighbor by avoiding vengeance and grudges.
- Romans 12:17-21—The New Testament talked about being a peacemaker, avoiding vengeance, serving the needs of your antagonists and doing good.

Good intentions

- John 13:36-37—Peter had good intentions.
- John 13:38—The Son of God understood Peter’s weakness.