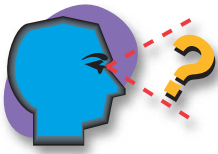


John



Responses to the Questions

NOTE: BE SURE TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS YOURSELF BEFORE READING THE ANSWERS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE MOST OF THIS STUDY.

Read John 13:1-38

1. As stated in the *Points to Ponder* section, the word 'end' here is rendered 'goal'. Jesus is not a victim but rather he chose to lay down his life, not only for his disciples, but for all mankind. Jesus was near his goal and he spent his last hours with his disciples showing his love for them by serving them. This was also an example to them as to how to love and serve others.
2. The betrayal of Judas.
3. Judas went to the chief priests and officers of the Temple Guard and plotted with them against Jesus. Judas agreed to lead them to Jesus to arrest him. He was promised 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus.
4. Judas is not clean. Jesus was not referring to Judas' physical body; he was referring to the state of Judas' soul.
5. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples to show his love and to give an example of service. He came not to be served but to serve others. It was an act of humility. Jesus wanted his disciples to see this kind of love in action so that they could follow his example in service to others. The gesture is also a figure of baptism, which washes us clean and renders us fit to do service to the Lord.
6. Yes, footwashing was a common practice during Jesus' day. Because most people wore sandals or went barefoot, their feet would get dirty from walking. When one would enter a home as a guest, a servant would usually either wash their guests' feet or the host would at least offer water so that the person could wash their own feet. It was considered an act of hospitality. This ceremony was performed during a meal, the Last Supper. He chose this time to give them a new commandment of love. In his love for them he made them participants in his passion. Through the institution of the Eucharist, he made them priests of the new covenant.
7. To show his disciples that Scripture was being fulfilled. In Psalm 41, one of King David's close friends betrayed him. Jesus drew from this Scripture so that later when the Apostles remembered what he said, they would realize that his prediction had come true and this would help fortify their faith.



Responses to the Questions (cont.)

8. Knowing that Judas held the purse (apparently he was the treasurer for the group), the Apostles assumed that Jesus was sending Judas out to buy food or to give alms (John 13:29). Night (darkness) is symbolic of evil. This also symbolized the state of Judas' soul which was in league with Satan, the prince of darkness.
9. To love one another. God had said this before (see Leviticus 19:18) but Jesus had just shown his Apostles how to love one another. Whereas God had said "love your neighbor", Jesus showed them how to put their love into action. We are all called to have a servant's heart and not just say we love one another but to show our love for one another by our willingness to sacrifice and serve one another.
10. First a maid approached Peter and said she had seen him with the Galilean and Peter denied it. Then after moving out of that area onto a porch, he was again approached by another maid who told the bystanders that she had seen Peter with Jesus. Again, Peter denied knowing Jesus; this time even swearing an oath. A little later the bystanders came to Peter and accused him, stating that his accent gave him away. This time Peter swore and cursed and denied Jesus a third time. Then the cock crowed and Peter remembered the Lord's words and he wept bitterly over his betrayal of Jesus.