

John #68

13:1-5

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### “He Loved”

**Intro:** It is with a heart full of joy and anticipation that we open our Bibles this morning to begin to study the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_ as He ministry to His disciples privately. This particular text composed of chapters 13-17 has been called “the most \_\_\_\_\_ portion of this Gospel” and “one of the most blessed passages in all the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

**A.** Knowing what was to come and in \_\_\_\_\_ His disciples Jesus took this time (as recorded in our present text) to give His close disciples His undivided attention by \_\_\_\_\_ to them privately, as it were, sealing them in His love and preparing them for the coming days and years. As we study today we read of the love of Christ that we might know how He has \_\_\_\_\_.

**I.** With it being the night in which Jesus was betrayed, He knew that He was about to suffer the \_\_\_\_\_ and return to His Father. Nevertheless He remained \_\_\_\_\_ in His love for His own for just as He had loved His own, so did He \_\_\_\_\_ them unto the end.

**A.** The word “\_\_\_\_\_” refers to much more than the closing of an event (as in Christ loved them to the end of His life), but it denotes the \_\_\_\_\_, the completion, the fullness and the \_\_\_\_\_ of His love for His own.

1. 1 John 3:16 says, “We know love by this, that He \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ for us; ...”

2. Beloved, the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ is an \_\_\_\_\_ love! Amen, “He who began a good work in you will \_\_\_\_\_ it until the day of Christ Jesus” (Phil. 1:6). And, we are assured of this: He will never leave us nor forsake us! (Cf. Heb. 13:5) All whom the Father gives Him, will come to Him and He will not lose one! (cf. John 6:36-40)

**II.** During the supper on the night before Christ was crucified He sat with His disciples to eat, and there among them was \_\_\_\_\_ Iscariot, the one in whom the devil had already put it into his heart to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord that evening.

III. Though Jesus knew that all things were given by the Father into His hands, and that \_\_\_\_\_ had come forth \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ the Father and was going to the Father, and that \_\_\_\_\_ and authority had been given Him, and though He sat at the table with Judas the betrayer, He lovingly humbled Himself to \_\_\_\_\_ His disciples.

A. As Jesus said of Himself, Matt 20:28, "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to \_\_\_\_\_ a ransom for many." He \_\_\_\_\_ us to the uttermost!

B. \_\_\_\_\_ should the King of Glory wash the deceiver's feet? Because \_\_\_\_\_ the God of \_\_\_\_\_ and no evil act, no matter how heinous, will keep Him from being the God of love. Why should the King of Glory wash the deceiver's feet? To show us that He is the King of Glory and the God of all love, and how \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_.

C. And, as if this is not enough, listen to what Jesus said in Luke 12:36-37 & 40, "... be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. 37 "Blessed are those slaves whom the \_\_\_\_\_ shall find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to \_\_\_\_\_, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. ... 40 " \_\_\_\_\_ too, \_\_\_\_\_; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect."

Closing: Are \_\_\_\_\_ Do you know Christ Jesus? (These questions are one of the same.) Have you come to \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus, that He is the \_\_\_\_\_, the only begotten Son of God, Savior and Lord? Are you ready to meet the One who loves like this?

If you would like to be loved with this unique and heavenly love; if you would care to be loved as one of Christ's own, then know that the Scripture says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to \_\_\_\_\_ of God, even to those who believe in His name, ..." (John 1:12). Believe in His name and you will know that He has granted you the right to become a child of God, one of His own! "Having loved His own who were in the world, He \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_."

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