

Just Like Jesus

(John 13:1-17)

- Introduction:
1. Sometimes it's easy to get so caught up in a controversy surrounding a passage that we fail to see the great lessons contained therein.
 2. Such has been the case with John 13.
 3. So much discussion has centered around the meaning of "foot-washing;" whether we should or shouldn't, that we miss the clear lessons taught in the passage.
 4. Let's look at a few of those lessons this morning.

I. Jesus Loved "To The End"

- A. (John 13:1).
- B. The pain of friends, family, and even enemies making sinful choices did not dissuade Jesus from loving us.
- C. (Romans 5:6-8).
- D. Knowing that he was about to be denied and betrayed by his own disciples did not stop Jesus from loving them.
- E. Aren't you thankful this truth has been revealed?

II. Jesus Had A Goal

- A. (John 13:3).
- B. He came from God and was going to God.
- C. Doesn't the fruits of the labor make the labor worthwhile?
- D. Consider the dedication and sacrifice of athletes that the goal makes worthwhile.

III. Jesus Was Humble

- A. (John 13:4-5).
- B. Remember, he was God in the flesh.
- C. If anyone had the right to be served it was Jesus, yet he served.
- D. Jesus looked for ways to serve and we seek ways to be served.

IV. Jesus Gave A Command

- A. (John 13:15).
- B. We are to do as he did.
- C. That doesn't mean we are to literally wash one another's feet, unless the situation calls for it, but it means that we are to humble ourselves and serve others.

- Conclusion:
1. Aren't you thankful for the portrait we have of Jesus while he was here on earth?
 2. How well do you resemble him?
 3. Would people be able to look at you and know that you are his disciples?