**Living on the promises of Jesus – John 13:1**

*Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

Jesus prepared His disciples for His return to the Father – so that He might go and prepare a place for them with Him in heaven

Jesus the promised One has given permanent promises to those who believe in Him

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ prepares the disciples for His return to God the Father**

**Observations**

1. **Jesus knew He was departing out of the world 13:1**
2. Jesus had been telling His disciples that He would be crucified & raised from the dead

*Behold we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up – Matt. 20:18 -19*

1. The disciples could not understand that Jesus would be crucified

*But the disciples understood none of these things, and the meaning of this statement was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend that things that were said. Lk.18:34*

1. The disciples were unprepared for the Lord’s words as they met for Passover

*Jesus became troubled in spirit and testified, truly, truly, I say to you that one of you will betray Me…so when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, after the morsel, Satan entered into him, Jesus said, what you do, do quickly. No one reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him John 13:*

1. **Jesus loved His disciples - Preparing them for His departure out of the world 13:1**
2. Jesus loved His disciples He revealed God the Father to them

*I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your world John 17:6*

1. Jesus loved His disciples – He protected them from the evil One

*While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me, and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled John 17:12*

1. Jesus loved His disciples asking God the Father to protect them when He departs the world

*I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one John 17:15*

1. Jesus loved His disciples giving His life for them on the cross

*For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth John 17:19*

1. **Jesus knew He was the eternal Son of God while in the world 13:3**
2. Jesus knew that God the Father had given all things into His hands

*The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand John 3:35*

1. Jesus knew that He had come forth from God
2. Jesus knew that he was going back to God

*Jesus said, for I proceeded forth and have come from God John 8:42*

*Jesus said, Father glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which had with you before the world was John 17:5*

1. **Jesus washed His disciples’ feet – Preparing them for His departure 13:3 - 4**
2. Jesus the eternal Son of God washes the disciples’ feet

*He got up from supper, and laid aside His garments, and taking a towel, He girded Himself, poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded John 13:4 -5*

1. Jesus washes the disciples’ feet revealed the deep relationship of love He had for them

*If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me John 13:8*

1. Jesus washes the disciples’ feet revealed the model for serving each other as disciples’ when He was departed

*Do you know what I have done to you? If I then, the Lord and Teacher, washed your, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to You John 13:12 – 15*

1. **Jesus gives them a promise of blessing for serving one another**

***if you know these things, you are blessed if you do them John 13:17***

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Jesus Christ made permanent promises while with His disciples**

*These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you – 14:25*

1. **Jesus Christ promises the fullness of His joy to His disciples**

*These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be made full 15:11*

1. **Jesus Christ promises keep His disciples from sin**

*These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling 16:1*

1. **Jesus Christ promises His peace to His disciples**

*These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace, in the world you have tribulation, but take courage, I have overcome the world 16:33*

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**