

John 13-14

Ch 13

Theme – The Last Supper; He loved them to the end; washing the feet of the disciples; Peter protests; if we won't let Jesus sanctify us, our relationship is restricted; Peter wants a bath; only sanctification is needed for those already justified; Lord knows Judas is about to betray Him (the Lord washed the feet of His betrayer); the Lord is our example in service; Ps 41:9 is fulfilled by Judas's betrayal; consequences of receiving it rejecting Jesus; with a burdened heart, Lord reveals that one of disciples will betray Him; Peter asks John to ask the Lord to identify the person; the Lord identifies the betrayer with the morsel (sop in KJV), but disciples still don't understand; when Judas receives the morsel, he is fully possessed by Satan (still responsible for his actions); Judas leaves ("and it was night"); the Lord declares that the Son is about to glorify His Father (Judas's betrayal will be turned to glorify the Father & the Son always wants to glorify the Father); Jesus is going where they cannot come just yet; a New Commandment (v34) to love one another as Jesus loved us (v1- to the end); Peter doesn't understand; Lord advises Peter will follow later; Peter doesn't listen & declares his steadfastness; Lord foretells that Peter, who truly loves Jesus, will deny Him

Ch 14

Theme – Lord reassures the disciples (“Let not your hearts be troubled”- v1); Lord is preparing a place for us so that we may be with Him; Thomas says what disciples are thinking; “I AM the Way, the Truth, the Life”- 6th I AM statement; no one, without exception, can get to the Father except through the Son; to know Jesus is to know the Father; Philip asks to see the Father (doesn’t understand that Jesus is the perfect picture of the Father); to see the Son is to see the Father (v9); the works/ deeds of Jesus are proof that the Father is in Jesus and working through Him in His earthly ministry; what the Father will do through the one who believes in Jesus; what Jesus will do for the one whose request are consistent with His character; IF you love Me, then KEEP My commandments (repeated in v15, 21, 23 & exemplified from the Lord in v31); the Son is physically leaving, but will ask the Father to send another Helper (Parakletos), the Holy Spirit; Holy Spirit is with us (Para) & in us (En); the Holy Spirit in us is proof that Jesus did not abandon us; BECAUSE HE LIVES, we will live too (v19); when the disciples see the Resurrected Lord, they will understand who He is; Lord explains that He will reveal Himself to the one who loves Him & keeps His commandments; the Father & Son will make their home within by the power of the Holy Spirit (who already dwells in us- v17); cannot say you love Jesus if you refuse to keep His words (this is how the Father wants it- v24); the Holy Spirit will teach us all things by reminding us of what Jesus said; Lord gives us peace, true peace (Phil 4:7- Peace that surpasses all understanding); if disciples understood how great the Father was, they would rejoice that the Son is returning to the Father; now is the time to get moving; the Son does exactly what the Father commanded (He is our perfect example of obedience- v31)
