

**We join Jesus and His disciples in the upper room on the evening before Jesus is crucified. John sets the scene and most significantly tells us that Jesus knows that the 'hour had come' when he would lay down His life to ransom sinners.**

- 1) Verse 4 tells us that Jesus rose from supper and washed His disciples' feet. *What are the key triggers in the opening three verses that lead Jesus to do this?*
  
- 2) What was so remarkable about the actions of Jesus in verses 4-5?
  
- 3) How would you assess Peter's response in verses 6-9?
  
- 4) What does Jesus mean in verse 8 when He says "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me"?
  
- 5) How do you explain Jesus' words in verses 10-11?

**Try and imagine how you would have reacted had you been one of the disciples sitting around that table:**

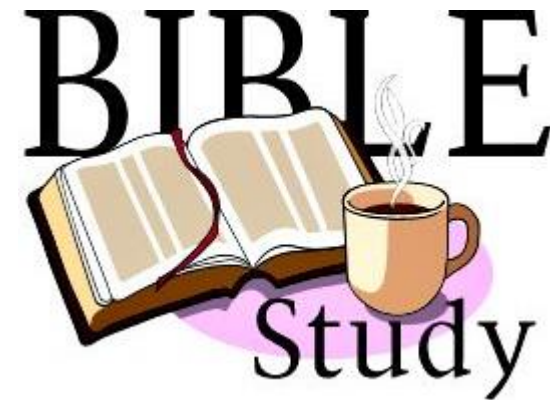
- 6) How does this passage make you feel about your own relationship with Jesus?

# **"On the night when He was betrayed..."**

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INTRODUCTION & STUDY 1

Reading: John 13:1-11



*"Jesus knew that His hour had come."*

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 8th/Wednesday 9th September 2015

## **Studying John 13-17**

When we read the title of this series our immediate thoughts are taken to the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples in the Upper Room.

Matthew, Mark and Luke all give us details of this momentous occasion as Jesus prepares to go to the cross. John however; despite giving us more information than any of the others about what happened that night, chooses not to describe the meal.

John's gospel was written some years after the other three. The Last Supper had been described already in detail. Paul had taught about it in his first letter to the Corinthians. What John proceeds to do is give an insight into the other remarkable events of that night.

Of course; he was there; sitting next to Jesus at the table (John 13:23). He was there; among that small group of disciples whom Jesus took aside when He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:33).

The Lord of glory was about to be betrayed and murdered. The disciples would be scattered, and the boldest of them would deny even knowing Him.

Into this Jesus speaks some of the most precious promises in all of Scripture. Here we find some of the most significant teaching that He gave. Then we are privileged to listen in to those intimate prayers of the Saviour, as He prepares to bring redemption to lost mankind through death and resurrection.

In this series we study these five remarkable chapters. Let us join those disciples at the Master's feet.

## **Suggested further study:**

### **Books:**

'The Last Word' by Wallace Benn (Christian Focus Publications)

'Jesus And His Friends' by D. A. Carson (Authentic Media)

'Opening up John's Gospel' by Andrew Paterson (Day One Publications)

### **Online:**

Matthew Henry

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