



## **In the Flesh – John 13**

February 25 | Weekly Devotionals

### **Section 1: Introduction**

Today, we are entering into John 13 and the final days of Jesus' life.

In John 13, Jesus shares a poignant moment with his disciples during the Last Supper. Knowing his impending betrayal and crucifixion, Jesus demonstrates humility by washing the disciples' feet, challenging them to follow his example of selfless service. He predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial, foreshadowing the imminent events. Jesus introduces the new commandment of love, emphasizing mutual love among his followers. This chapter highlights themes of humility, love, and the transformative power of Jesus' teachings.

**Read all of John 13.** As you read, note anything you learn from this text about the person of Jesus Christ, his character, and what it means to follow him in the space below. Also note any words or phrases that resonate with you as you prayerfully engage this text.

## Section 2: Spend time in your passage

*Engage with John 13 prayerfully.*

- According to John 13:1, what time are the events in John 13 occurring? What is the significance of that timing?
- What three things did Jesus know according to John 13:3 that served as foundational beliefs for what he was going to be doing in the coming weeks regarding his crucifixion?
- How does Jesus serve his disciples in this chapter? How does that example set the standard for all who would call Jesus their "Lord" and "Teacher?"

## Section 3: Reflection questions

- Reflect on moments in your life when you've experienced or demonstrated humility and service. How does Jesus' act of washing the disciples' feet inspire you to embrace humility in your relationships?
- Contemplate Jesus' commandment to love one another. In what ways do you actively live out this commandment in your relationships, and how might you deepen your commitment to love as Jesus loves?

- Reconsider those foundational beliefs of Jesus that you noted from John 13:3. Do any of those serve as foundational beliefs for your own life? How so? What would it look like if they did?
  
- Do you consider Jesus your “Lord” and “Teacher”? How does that reality manifest itself in your life?

#### **Section 4: Pray the Scriptures**

Using John 13 and your reflections, write out a prayer in response to your time in God’s Word today.

#### **Section 5: Memorize Scripture**

Throughout this series, we want to be memorizing Scripture. Use the prompts below to help you get John 13 into your heart and mind.

1. Write out John 13:13-14 in your journal or on a notecard.
2. Memorize John 13:13-14 using various techniques such as repeating it out loud, creating visual associations, or setting it to a melody or rhythm, take time to commit these verses to memory.
3. Regularly review and practice the passage throughout the week. Recite it from memory and reflect on its meaning and significance.