"A Blessed Life" **Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John**

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## ****John 13:1; 12-20****

# John 13:1 (ESV)

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

# John 13:12-20 (ESV)

**12**When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? **13**You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. **14**If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15**For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. **16**Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **17**If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. **18**I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ **19**I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. **20**Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

# The Upward Call of the Christian life that is BLESSED includes:

1. **Hearts that love to the end—just like Jesus (verse 1)**

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (ESV)

**4**Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5**or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6**it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1. **Humility that looks to lower itself—just like Jesus (verses 12-14)**

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? **13**You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. **14**If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

1. **Hands that do whatever is needed—just like Jesus (verses 15-17)**

For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. **16**Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **17**If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

1 Corinthians 16:17-18 (NLT)

**17**I am very glad that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have come here. They have been providing the help you weren’t here to give me. **18**They have been a wonderful encouragement to me, as they have been to you. You must show your appreciation to all who serve so well.