“That Humble Service for Those Whom Jesus Loved”

John 13:1-17 Pastor Tim Atkins

INTRODUCTION READ John 12:44-13:20

Unique to the Gospel of John . . . Teaching by Jesus for His disciples

“ . . . bear witness to the divine love in a way which drew in all that had gone before (“having loved His own who were in the world”) and reached forward to the climactic demonstration of love in His passion and self-sacrificing death (“He loved them to the end” Kit Culver “Now before [v.1] . . . So [v. 6] . . . So when [v.12] . . .

1. The Love of Jesus Demonstrated by His Obedient Sacrifice

for His Own in This World 13:1-4

1. His Obedient Sacrifice Because He Personally Loves His Own 13:1

Notice how John begins this next section of the Gospel of John

the word love in Chapters 1-12 [14x] in Chapters 13-17 [34x]

“Jesus knowing His hour had come . . .” 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27

Ephesians 3:18 I John 4:9-11 John 15:13

1. His Obedient Sacrifice Because He Loves His Enemies 13:2

contrast of Judas 13:2, 10, 18, 27

1. His Obedient Sacrifice Because He Humbly Loves Others 13:3-4

cf. 13:12, 19:23-24 READ Philippians 2:5-8

1. The Love of Jesus Detailed in His Humble Service

for Those Whom He Loved 13:5-11

1. His Humble Service Is A Message of What His Love Does 13:5-7

* The details given by John shows the significance and importance of these actions “by the admiring looking of an eyewitness”
* Humbly before them that night in His service for them in the Upper Room then humiliated before them the next day in His sacrifice for them on the cross

1. His Humble Service Has Meaning for Who He Loves 13:8-10

“If not I wash you, not you have any part with Me.” share,place, fellowship

An object lesson of cleansing within His humble service of footwashing

1. His Humble Service Was A Ministry of How He Loves 13:11
2. The Love of Jesus Displayed in Our Christian Obedience

for One Another As His Disciples 13:12-17

1. Our Christian Obedience Is An Obligation to the Lord 13:12-14

action of Jesus emphasized in the words given by John

“the imprint left of John’s mind was deep indeed” “an example of true love”

1. Our Christian Obedience Does Show The Example of the Lord 13:15-16
2. Our Christian Obedience Has Blessing If We Do These Things

According to the Words of The Lord 13:17

CONCLUSION “That Humble Service for Those Whom Jesus Loved”

* Have you seen His love in humble service for you as one so undeserving & unworthy of such love & sacrificial service?

Jesus died for our sins as the only Savior

* How are you as a disciple of Jesus present active following His example in His love with humble service for others?

Jesus Is Both Lord and Teacher who Is Our Savior

* The love of Jesus, which you and I did not deserve, should be a reality in my life and your life as disciples of Jesus
* Humble service by Jesus, which you and I are so unworthy, should be a reality in my life and your life as disciples of Jesus
* These words by Jesus, which you and I have heard, should be a reality in my life and your life as disciples of Jesus