

Any Last Words?

John 13 – 14

“How can we live with the end in mind?”

_____ ***with the end in mind.***

13:1-30

- On the day Passover lambs were killed, the Son of God celebrates Passover.
- The Passover meal had 13 guests: the Son of God (the Passover Lamb) and His Twelve.
- Knowing His hour had come to return to the Father, Jesus serves.
- By washing the 24 feet of His Twelve, Jesus leads from a place of extreme humility.
- Judas, Jesus' betrayer, was one of the honored guests at the Passover dinner, and Jesus still shows great kindness to him.
- For followers of Jesus, “the end” is either the rapture or physical death, which immediately brings us to the presence of Jesus in Heaven.

Motivated by His abundant love, we can serve with purpose.
Because He served, we serve.

_____ ***with the end in mind.***

13:31-38

- Jesus gives the disciples a new commandment: to love as He had shown love.
- *Agape* is Christ's selfless love that can be emulated by His followers.
- Peter declares he will follow Jesus to the death. In response, He predicts Peter's denial.
- *Agape* is shown in the choice to die daily to self while following Him.

We can live no better life than one spent in *agape*.
Because He loved, we love.

_____ ***the Way with the end in mind.***

14:1-31

- Jesus comforts the disciples with a promise of reunion!
- Jesus tells them they can follow Him because He is *the way, the truth, and the life*.
- Because of His love for the Father, Jesus obeys the Father.
- When we pray according to Jesus' will, Jesus carries out *His* will.
- Jesus promises peace and the lasting presence of His Holy Spirit.

Because He opened the way, we follow.

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JESUS the WORD – John 13-14
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DEUTERONOMY 6:5 (NET) You must love the LORD your God with your whole mind, your whole being, and all your strength.

LEVITICUS 19:18b [Y]ou shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

ROMANS 12:1b [P]resent your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

LUKE 9:23 (NLT) Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”

LUKE 9:25 “For what does it profit man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”

PSALM 100:3 (NET) Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us and we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

ROMANS 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

ROMANS 10:9 [I]f you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the death, you will be saved.

PSALM 90:12 (NET) So teach us to consider our mortality, so that we might live wisely.