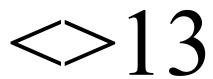
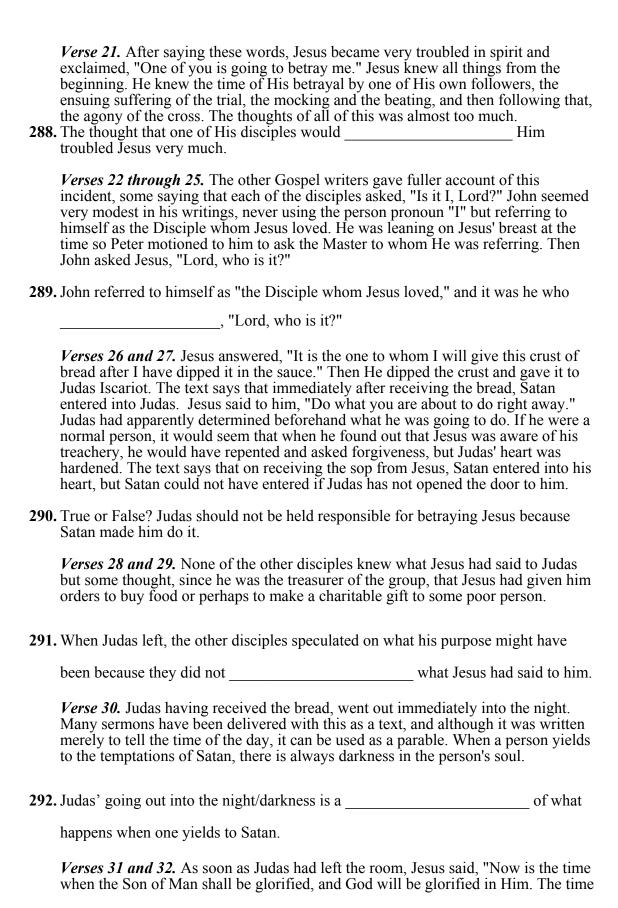
## CHAPTER



**Read the entire chapter.** It gives John's account of what has been entitled "The Last Supper." Much fuller accounts are given in the other Gospels. See Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-38. However, John relates the washing of the disciples feet, which is not found in any of the other accounts.

- *Verse 1.* Jesus knew that the hour of persecution was nearing. You or I in such a position, would either be feeling sorry for ourselves or trying to build up our courage to meet the situation. Our thoughts would be centered upon ourselves, but Jesus' thoughts were for His disciples, "Having loved His own, He loved them unto the end."
- **280.** True or False? Jesus, knowing that persecution and death on the cross awaited Him, thought only of the suffering He was about to endure and cared little about what would happen to His disciples.
  - *Verse* 2. In this verse, the author told us that Satan put it into the heart of Judas to betray Jesus. He would not have been able to do this if Judas had not been willing. Judas had some self-serving motive that we do not understand.
- **281.** Judas was tempted by \_\_\_\_\_\_ to betray Jesus.
  - *Verses 3 through 5.* Jesus, knowing who He was, that He had come from and would return to God, and that He was doing God's will, had the confidence to take upon Himself the garb and to perform the duties of a lowly servant, without lowering His stature in the eyes of His disciples. It was a lesson in humility needed by His disciples and still needed by Christians.
- **282.** The washing of the disciples feet by Jesus was a lesson in
  - *Verses 6 through 8.* Peter, the outspoken one, was the only one who objected to Jesus' action. When Jesus came to him, Peter said in effect, "What do you mean washing my feet?" Jesus replied, "I do not expect you to understand now but later on you will." Peter said, "I will never let you wash my feet." Jesus answered, "If I do not wash your feet, you and I will part company."
- **283.** True or False? Peter was the only one of the disciples who objected to Jesus washing his feet, but Jesus informed him that they would part company if he did not submit to having his feet washed.
  - *Verses 9 through 11.* After this exchange, Peter submitted and asked Jesus to wash not only his feet but also his hands and head. Jesus replied that one who had bathed needed only to wash his feet to be entirely clean. All of you (disciples) are clean with one exception. Primarily, the washing of the disciples' feet taught humility, but Jesus used it also to teach the need for inner cleanness. Judas was the one who was not clean.

284.	Through this incident, Jesus taught not only humility, but also the necessity to
	to His authority, and the need for inner
	Verses 12 through 15. Jesus had previously told Peter he could not understand. Note: He asks all the disciples if they have understood what He has done. None reply, and Jesus probably did not expect a reply, for He immediately tells them that He has given them an example that they should follow.
285.	Jesus washed the disciples feet to give them an of right
	attitude and conduct.
	Verses 16 and 17. One needs to know the customs of the time to understand what Jesus was teaching here. All the people wore sandals and it was customary for the host to have a servant near the entrance with a basin of water and a towel to wash the dust from the feet of the guests as they entered and slipped off their sandals. But this was a "no host" meal and none of the disciples had been willing to take the place of a lowly servant. They were self-centered and full of pride. Therefore, Jesus, by His example, taught them the need for humility. "If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet." Does this mean that "foot washing" should be practiced in assemblies of Christians today? Most commentators are agreed that this is not something that is commanded and probably would be embarrassing in today's society. Personally, I believe that there is a place for "foot washing," not as an ordinance performed in public, but as an example. Many congregations have been split by power struggles between two strong minded individuals. If a pastor, seeing such a struggle developing, would call these individuals to his home, read the above scripture, and then wash the feet of each, I believe these individuals would get the message.
286.	True or False? The disciples were too proud to do the work of a servant and Jesus, by His example, wished to change their attitude to that of a humble servant. He did not impose "foot washing" upon His followers as an ordinance.
	Verses 18 through 20. Jesus was still trying to prepare His disciples for His departure. He knew that it will be a terrible shock to them but that it was all a part of God's plan. Prophecies of His betrayal and death could be found in their scriptures. That He knew beforehand the one who would betray Him was another proof of His divinity. After those terrible things had happened, the disciples would look back and remember that Jesus had foretold them and their faith could be strengthened. Also, Jesus said that believing Him is the same as believing and receiving God, the God who had sent Him.
287.	Two truths were taught in this passage: (1) Jesus knewthe one who
	would betray Him. (2) Jesus had previously taught that He and the Father were one,
	so it follows that he that receiveth the Son, the Father.
	Also, it is true that receiving the messengers Jesus sends out is the same as
	receiving Jesus.



is come when the Son will be glorified in the Father and the Father glorified through the Son."

**293.** True or False? When the Son is glorified, the Father is also glorified.

*Verse 33.* Jesus said, "My dear children, I am now about to leave you and you will not be able to follow me." Jesus had first addressed His disciples as servants, later as friends, and now as children, the closest and dearest of relationships. What a blessing to be part of "the family of God."

<b>294.</b> As the time for His departure in	neared, Jesus used the en	ndearing title	
"	"" in addressing His discipl		
Verses 34 and 35. Jesus continuous one another." You should thing which shall set you apart love that you show one anothe keep but these cover everythin mind. (2) Love your neighbor love. Is that the distinguishing fellowship?	I love, as I have loved yet from the world and be er. The Christian has onling needed. (1) Love God as yourself. (3) Love fe	ou. And this is the special your distinguishing mark, the y three commandments to I with all your heart, soul, and llow Christians with a special	
295. Jesus said the badge of discipl	eship should be the	we	
have, one for another.			
Verses 36 through 38. Peter asked Jesus where He was going. Jesus did not answ directly but told Peter that he could not go with Him, but would at some future tin follow. Peter was persistent. "Why can I not go with you now?" he said. "I am willing to die for you." Jesus replied, "Will you really lay down your life for me?' tell you, you will deny me three times before the rooster crows tomorrow morning."			
<b>296.</b> The disciples knew that Jesus'	life was threatened and	Peter boastfully said, "Why	
can I not go with you now? I a	ım willing to	for you." Jesus	
replied, "Not now but later; yo	ou are not prepared, for	know that before the rooster	
crows, you will	me three tim	es."	
ANSWERS:			
280. False 281. Satan 282. Humility 283. True 284. Submit, cleanliness 285. Example 286. True	289. Said or as 290. False 291. Know or u 292. Parable 293. True 294. Dear (little 295. Love	understand	

287. Beforehand, receives 288. Betray

296. Die, deny