

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Online Only Via Facebook Live Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



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Bible Study Schedule Oct – Nov 2021

Date	Study Title	Scriptures
10/13/2021	Built To Last	Eph. 2:11 – 22
10/20 /2021	Everyone's Involved	I Cor. 12
10/27/2021	Everyone's Invited	Philemon
11/3/2021	Community Commissioned	Luke 10:1 – 20
11/10/2021	And They'll Know We Are Christians	John 13:1 – 17; 34 – 35
11/17/2021	We Gather	Psalm 100
11/24/2021	Thanksgiving Break	No Study



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This Week's Lesson – November 10, 2021

Christian Community: Being, Knowing, Doing

Lesson 5:

And They'll Know We Are Christians

John 13:1 – 17; 34 – 35



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Introduction To The Book Of John

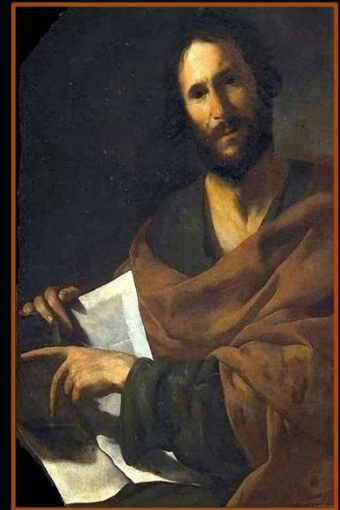
Author: John 21:20–24 describes the author of the gospel of John the Apostle “the disciple whom Jesus loved”

Date of Writing: AD 85–90.

Purpose of Writing: “... that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:3) John emphasized Jesus as “the Son of God,” fully God and fully man.

Practical Application:

- John’s teachings concerning the deity of Christ (John 1:1–3, 14; 5:22–23; 8:58; 14:8–9; 20:28)
- The gospel of John continues to fulfill its purpose of evangelizing the lost (John 3:16).
- Jesus comforting words to His disciples before His death (John 14:1–6, 16; 16:33) are still of great comfort in sorrowful times.



John – The Apostle



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Overview of John 12 – 13



Jesus Anointed At The Home of Mary, Martha And Lazarus In Bethany



Jesus Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem



Jesus Celebrates His Final Passover With His Disciples.

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What's Love Got To Do With It?

Biblical Definitions Of Love:

- **Agapē**: (Noun) *affection, good will, love, benevolence, brotherly love.*
- **Agapaō**: (Verb) *of persons; to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly.*

“Christian love, is not an impulse from the feelings, but seeks to do good to 'all men, and especially toward the household of the faith' ” Gal 6:10.



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Read John 13:1 – 17; 34 – 35

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1. What filled Jesus' thoughts as this scene began (vv. 1-3)?

- **His Destiny:** Jesus was fully aware of the arrival of the hour of His coming suffering on the Cross.
- **His Disciples:** Jesus has His Mind on the never-ending, self-sacrificial love for His own people.
- **His Discernment of the Devil:** The activity of the devil against him through Judas was about to reach its climax.
- **His Destination:** The divine origin and destiny of His work. Even His suffering in his Father's Hands.



"looking unto Jesus, ...[who] endured the cross, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb. 12:2 (NKJV)

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2. Picture yourself as one of the disciples. Describe Jesus' actions in verses 4-6 from your perspective.

- **Surprise:** Jesus, the Lord, performing the lowliest act of service for those who should be serving Him.
- **Solidarity:** Jesus went around of this circle to wash each person's feet – indicating His love for each of them.
- **Shame:** Seeing Jesus in a servant's role put them to shame since none of them volunteered to be the "foot-washer".

Note: Washing someone's feet was considered servile, most commonly the work of servants.



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4. What had Peter realized to make him respond as he did in verse 9?

- **Individual Washing:** Peter realized that he needed Jesus' washing on a personal level.
- **Spiritual Washing:** Peter realized the physical washing represented the Spiritual washing he really needed.
- **Continual Washing:** As Christ cleansed his sin, he also needed accept Jesus' daily cleansing.

Note: Once a person has been saved/washed by the Spirit, we need have a daily washing as our "feet" get dirty walking through this sinful world.



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3. Why did Peter object so strongly (vv. 6-8)?

- **Self-Importance:** Peter was more eager to serve Jesus than to allow himself to be served by Him.
- **Self-Centeredness:** There is a kind of hidden pride in being unwilling to receive love and service from others.
- **Self-Embarrassment:** Peter may have been convicted, for not stepping up to wash his fellow disciple's feet.

And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NKJV)



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5. How did Jesus intend for the disciples to take his example and put it into action (vv. 12-17)?

- **Submission To Christ's Authority:** Jesus is the Lord and we have been created to serve and worship Him.
- **Service To One Another:** Following Jesus' example we should willingly provide sacrificial service to one another.
- **Self – Awareness:** Jesus became a servant role, we cannot presume to take a higher place or a superior role.

"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus..." Phil. 2:4 – 5 (NKJV)



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6. What should be a Christian's standard for loving (v. 34)?

- **In Appreciation:** To love our brothers and sisters in Christ, we must appreciate the love of Christ for us.
- **With Demonstration:** We are to love each other as Christ loves us and has sacrificed His all for us.

"And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also." 1 John 4:20 – 21 (NKJV)

Note: Christ's love in giving His life a ransom for others serves as a new Model and Standard for our love to one another.



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7. How will love affect the disciples' standing in the world (v. 35)?

- Love for one another is the true evidence that we belong to Jesus Christ.
- Love for one another gives credibility and validity to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Love for one another promotes God's favor with the surrounding community.

"So, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, ... praising God and having favor with all the people." Acts 2:47 (NKJV)



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8. How can you do some “foot washing” for someone in your fellowship this week?

- **Forgive One Another:** One of the greatest things we can do we will do is to forgive one another (Eph 4:32).
- **Encourage One Another:** Encouraging someone builds up the person and the church (1 Thess. 5:11).
- **Bear One Another’s Burdens:** Being sympathetic, by listening, by caring, and carrying part of that load (Gal. 6:2).
- **Confessing Sin and Praying for One Another:** It makes others feel that they are not alone in their own struggles (James 5:16).



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Points To Ponder

- We cannot possibly love one another the way we ought to without the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit but it can be done.
- Pray to God to be more Christ-like, stay in His Word, and you can be more loving to one another.
- This kind of love is contagious and it might be just what our lost friends are looking for.



“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7 (NKJV)

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Keys For Living

- Believers that make the most impact for the kingdom are those who are committed to serving others in the Church and community.
- The Church will stand out from the rest of the world, when we show sacrificial love and service toward one another.
- Jesus set the ultimate example of love and service to others by leaving heaven and giving His life on the Cross for sinners who only deserve judgment.



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**All people will know that
you are my disciples, if you
have love for one another.**

John 13:35

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