

Communion Meditation – Final Admonitions

John 13.1-17

Humble Service

May 24th, 2015

New Series – Final Apostolic Advice

- After the Passover meal but before Betrayal in Gethsemane
- Only John captures final hours of apostolic teaching
- 5 chapters from **John 13 to 17** ~ about 20 messages

Apostles Bickered about Status

- **Lk 22.24** ~ “There arose a dispute .. which .. was to be regarded as greatest”
 - This dispute was not theoretical in nature / It was practical
 - Perhaps it was in regards to how they would sit in relation to Jesus
 - Or whether anyone would wash the feet of the others . . .
 - Or perform some menial task related to the meal or foot washing . . .
- None of us are above this type of thinking
 - **///**: Runner duty at Millington – PFC...!
 - **///**: Elder assignments at presbytery

Jesus Washes Their Feet

- They could all argue about which of them should or should not do this
 - All would have agreed that Jesus should not
 - Yet, that’s what we have / Jesus upsets status quo by washing feet
 - Humble service is the 1st lesson Jesus chose to teach that night

Judas Iscariot Still Present / His Feet are Washed

- Twice Jesus notes the difference caused by this
- **v10** ~ “you are clean, but not all of you”
- **v17-8** ~ “blessed are you if you do them. I do not speak concerning all of you.”
- Judas was not clean, nor would he be blessed through obedience
 - God’s Word was not in Judas / It is that which sanctifies us
 - Obedience is meaningless when God’s Word is not in us

We come to the Lord’s Table

Just as the Apostles were served by Christ that night we are served today

Jesus is our example of humble service

Let’s pattern ourselves after Him in the coming week