

19 March 2017: Preached by Elder John Leong

Topic: The Humility of Love

Scripture text: John 13:1-17

1. John 13-16 recorded for us the last few hours of the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ in which He spent time with His disciples to encourage, comfort, warn them in order to strengthen their faith. Very soon Jesus will not be with them physically.
2. The Lord Jesus shows He is divine as He knows His hour was come Jesus is omniscience who knows all things. Jesus knew exactly what would happen to Him in that He would be betrayed, arrested and then crucified on the cross very soon. Jesus went to the cross to die for our sins in the salvation plan of God to save sinners. On the 3rd day, Jesus would be resurrected and then 40 days later to ascend to Heaven. Jesus knew everything as He is God.
3. The thoughts of Jesus Christ in these last few hours was not about Himself but for His disciples. He loved them unto the end with fullness of love that will not fail. Jesus demonstrated His love is genuine by washing the feet of the disciples. Jesus humbled himself and set aside His glory and rights to serve the disciples who were only concerned about themselves to argue who was the greatest.
4. The disciple Peter was a true believer and he was remorseful and ashamed that Jesus would wash his feet. At first, he didn't want Jesus to wash his feet. Jesus taught him a spiritual lesson of washing that we must be washed inside of all our sins by His precious blood. If not, we have no part with God. Jesus taught Peter another lesson which is to follow His example in humility of love to serve others. All true believers ought to learn this lesson.
5. The disciple Judas Iscariot was a false believer as he would soon be betraying Jesus for money. Jesus knew his wicked heart of betrayal but still showed his love for him by washing his feet. Jesus would give him chance after chance to repent of his sin but Judas would not do it. In the end, Judas would perish in his sin in the Lake of Fire. This is a warning for those who have no part in Jesus.