<u> The Last Supper – Part One – Mar. 30, 2022</u>

These are the Last Lessons. 3 Lessons + 3 Promises.

(Luke 22) Jesus is **eager** to have this meal with them... Eager to share lessons. To encourage them. Prepare them. We need the same eagerness... to share... pass on wisdom... pour into.

The Last Lessons to the Disciples:

They are going to be living a new way of life. Everything's different.

1- Humble Service. – Jesus Washes their feet.

John 14:13-17 - ""Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

The Lesson: Be humble. Be a servant. Serve!

No longer a student. You know what to do... live it out. No longer infants. Mature. Prepared. Blessings are ahead...

Luke 22: talk of who would betray J leads to argue over greatest

22:25-27– "Jesus told them, 'In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' 26 But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. 27 Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But *not here!* For I am among you as one who serves."

Over & over – ego check. Willing to serve - or focused on you? Jesus reminds us again – "*not here*" – His kingdom is different. Sermon-Mount ... everything is upside down. Mourn. Meek. Poor.

Life w/ Jesus won't be what you expect: Lose... but gain.

2- Love. – Jesus gives a new command.

John 13:34-35 - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." NEW??

Mark 12:29-31 - 2 greatest commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." 2nd is: "Love your neighbor AS YOURSELF."
"Love one another" becomes new in 2 ways.

 Love yourself... we struggle w/that. Don't always love ourselves. We see faults; negative image; insecurity. Don't deserve Jesus sees us perfect. Clean. Righteous. Whole. Beautiful.

 2) Love as Jesus loved. More perfect. Love despite of faults. Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves: ask Peter. Jesus tells Peter he will betray him. John 13:37-38 Yet, Jesus still loves us. Always will. Knows our potential. Go on.

3- Live life as Jesus taught. Jn 14:15: "If u love me, keep my commands." John 14:23 - " Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

- If you want to feel close to God, live to please Him. Do what's right.

Three Promises. – John 14 gives us 3 promises:

- 1) Jesus will return. He's not abandoned us. We're not left as orphans. Jesus is coming back to take us to be with Him.
- 2) Jesus answers prayer. Wants us to do great things to Glorify them. John 14:12 – "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, & I will do it."

Be glad Jesus is w/ Father. "The Father is greater than I" - **14:28** 3) The **Holy Spirit will be with us**. "The Spirit of Truth." Discernment.

- a. H.S. will "speak only what he hears" ... communicate from God.
- b. H.S. will tell us "what is to come." Intuition.
- c. H.S. will teach us & remind us... We can know what to do.

Song of the week: "Loving God, Loving Each Other" – by GVB. Stay positive. Test negative. Get vaccinated. Easter – 18 days. April 17. 10:30 a.m.