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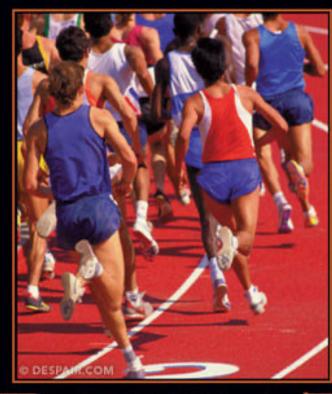


January 29, 2023 John 13:1-20 "The Servant"

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Our Vertical World



DEFEAT

FOR EVERY WINNER, THERE ARE DOZENS OF LOSERS.

ODDS ARE YOU'RE ONE OF THEM.



ELITISM

It's Lonely at the Top. But it's Comforting to Look Down Upon Everyone at the Bottom.



Our Vertical World



- Top 1%
- Valedictorian
- Prom Queen
- Top Salesman
- #1 Soul Winner











Our Vertical World





John 13:1-20

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."



⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."



12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' 19 I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

The Last Supper

- The Nature of the Servant
 - The Gift of the Servant
- The Calling of the Servant



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Laying the groundwork for the foot washing

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From God To God

Divine / Human

What Jesus is about to do stems from his Divine Identity and points to the greatest act of Love



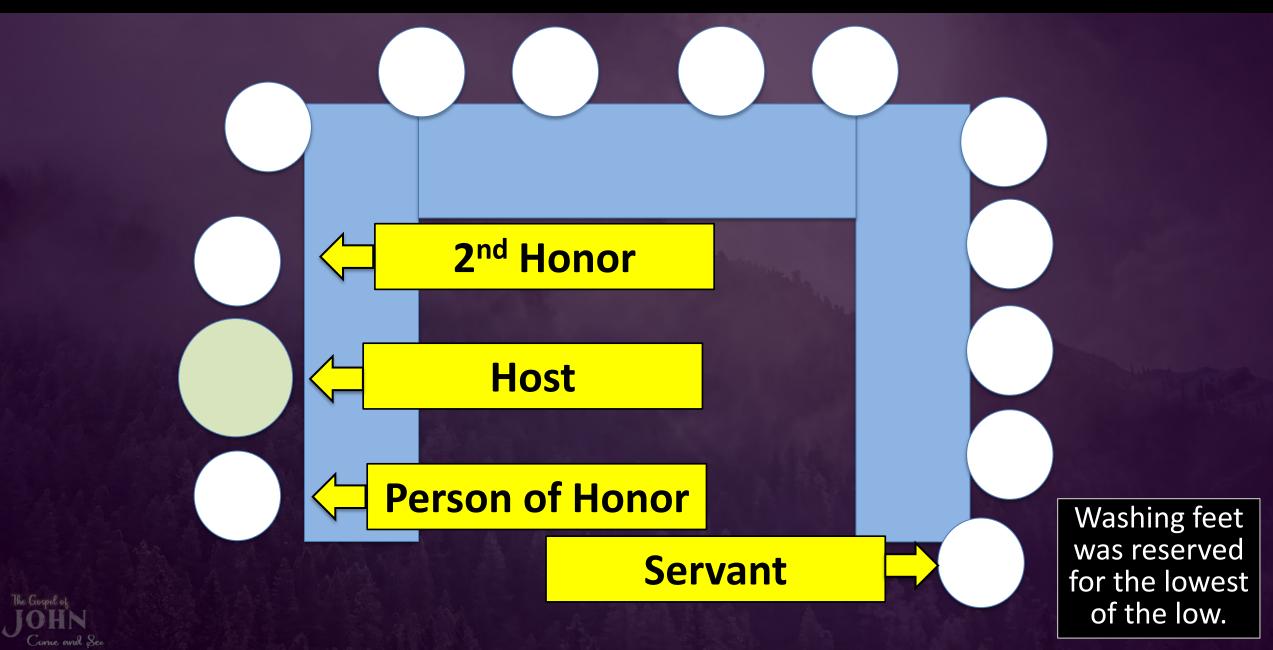
The Gift of the Servant - 13:4-3

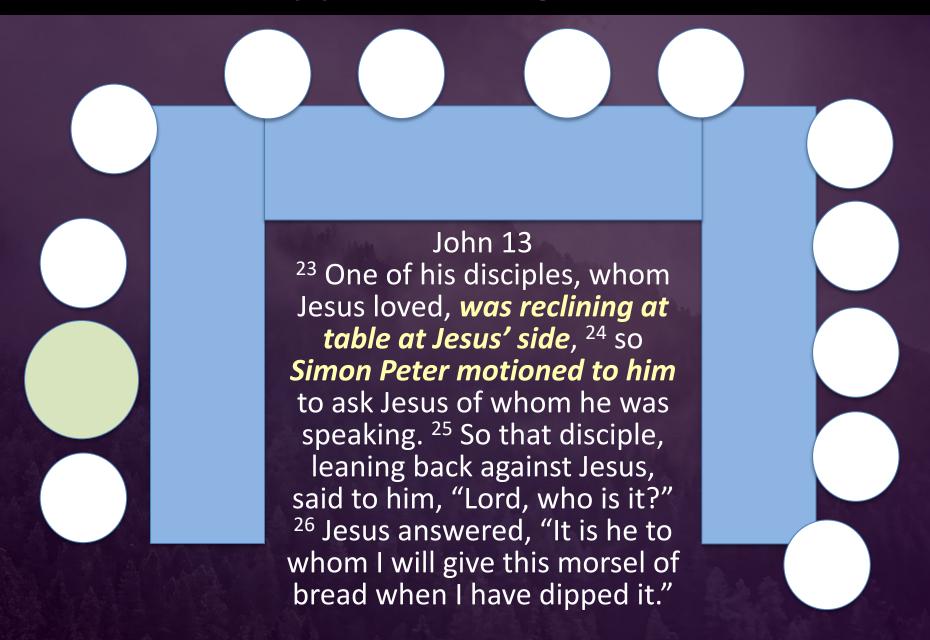
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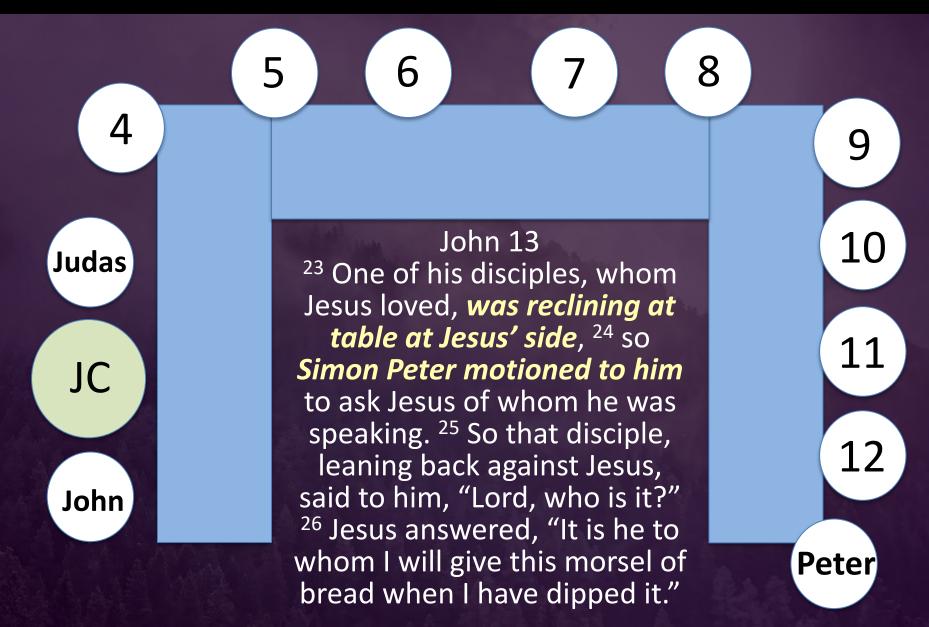
We have to understand the Supper Context

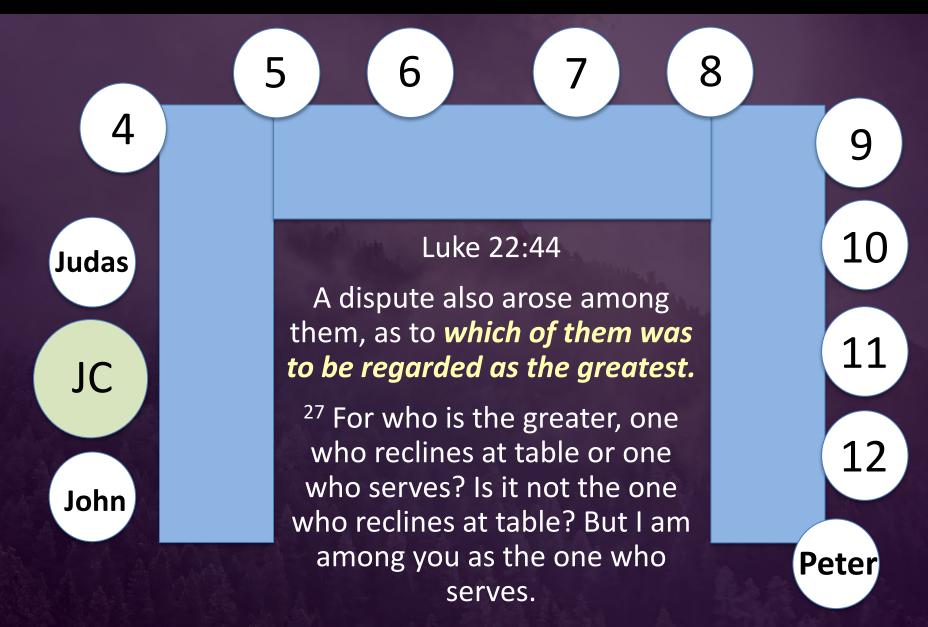
Their culture was very aggressively hierarchical











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Stripping down to your under-garments an act of a slave



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Philippians 2

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Absolutely Human and Infinitely Divine

Relational and Missional



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Relational

The Comfort of Christ

Jesus came Relationally as one of us with the purpose of reconciliation

Missional

The Nourishment of Christ

Jesus came Missionally from God to us with the purpose of salvation



Harry Harlow: Testing the need and impact of social relationships



Isolation

"In social isolation, the monkeys showed disturbed behavior, staring blankly, circling their cages, and engaging in self-mutilation. When the isolated infants were re-introduced to the group, they were unsure of how to interact — many stayed separate from the group, and some even died after refusing to eat."

Comfort and Compassion

Infant Rhesus monkeys isolated from their mothers were given a choice between a wire/wood "mother" that had milk or a soft/cloth "mother" without. They overwhelmingly chose comfort over nutrition.

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"If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

FootWashing is the symbolism of the full work of Christ to cleanse us from our sins. Once our feet "have been washed" we are and will remain fully clean.



The Calling of the Servant

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Be Washed

Wash

Offering forgiveness even to those who have caused you the most harm.

Wash Out There
Wash Around Here
Wash In There



Having loved his own who were in the world,
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BENEDICTION SLIDE

Benediction

A 4000 years old tradition of giving a corporate blessing over God's people.

Jude 1b-2

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: ² May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.



Congregational Meeting Slides

Financial Update

Mark Emory

Elder Ordination

9 months of Training

Full recommendation by the current elders



Grant Pierrone

Vote yes to receive Grant



Scott Strickler

Holding off until next year

"Soundproof" Rooms

Current Treehouse

