

THE GOSPEL STORY
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN – Good News for a Change
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John 13:1-17

An unforgettable night with Jesus and His close friends, but this night would be different from all other nights.

Let's take a look at what set this night apart.

The Occasion

- This was the Passover Celebration (Pesach) known to us as the Last Supper.
 - A lamb was slain, roasted and shared, celebrating Israel's freedom from bondage.
 - This group was celebrating something different – the Lamb was there with them.
 - John uses the phrase, "the/His hour" six times in his gospel.

The Guests

- A gathering of close friends who were followers of Jesus.
 - Having loved "His own..."
 - This was a private gathering, like a coach gathers his team before a game.
 - Jesus was training and equipping them to "go."
 - We are saved, disciple and turned loose.

The Host

- Jesus served those who gathered with humility of heart and action.
 - Humility is often misunderstood. Peter missed the lesson...
 - Trying to be "Mr. Spiritual" without much success.
 - Humility is not thinking poorly of yourself, rather it's not thinking of yourself at all.
 - Jesus washes the disciples' feet. Serving others is a must when we follow Jesus.

Questions for Thought and Conversation

How do you think the Disciples felt to have Jesus wash their feet?

What are some ways we can serve each other?