



John 13:1-12 II The Heart of Christ II Walt Alexander

MAIN POINT: Have no fear — Jesus was determined to love his own to the end, cleansing us of all sin & setting us apart for himself.

1. The Setting. (v.1)

*If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. **John 15:19***

“If Jesus loves the world, it is in order to draw men and women out of it. Those so drawn out constitute a new entity, set over against the world: the world loves its ‘own’, Jesus loves his ‘own’ (15.19). The object of the love of God in Christ, in these chapters, is therefore not the lost world, but the newly forming people of God.” **D.A. Carson**

“Our hearts being cold, they cannot be warm in love to him, but his love must warm them first.” **Richard Sibbes**

2. The Act. (v. 2-5)

John 13:3-5,12	Philippians 2:6-9
Jesus...knowing...he had come from God	Though he was in the form of God
rose from supper	[he] did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped
laid aside his outer garments	but emptied himself
and taking a towel	taking the form of a servant
poured water into a basin	he humbled himself
and began to wash his disciples’ feet	becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross
he...put on his outer garments and resumed his place	God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name

“Jesus’ affirmation that ‘the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve’ was startlingly original. For the Son of Man in Daniel’s vision was given power so that all nations would serve him (7:13-14). Jesus claimed the title, but changed the role. He had not come to be served, but rather to be the ‘servant of the Lord’ of the Servants Songs [of Isaiah]. He was both the glorious Son of Man and the suffering servant; he would enter glory only by suffering.” **John Stott**

3. The Meaning. (v. 6-12)

