

We will begin the 11<sup>th</sup> lecture on the book of John. /Today's message is from John 12:34.

/Verse 34. Let us read. /So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

/The Pharisees taught the people that "the Christ remains forever." /They did not know that Christ would die. /When Jesus said that he must be lifted up, the Pharisees did not understand what he was saying.

/The Pharisees taught without knowing the truth. /Thus it is important that we learn correctly from the start. /Today, we must hold the Bible as the standard, learn the words of the Bible, and teach it properly.

/Also, when someone makes a claim, it must be in line with the entire Bible in every way. /Here, the "Son of Man" is Jesus. / "The Son of Man must be lifted up" means Jesus will die on the cross. /That is why he said, "The Son of Man must be lifted up.

/Verse 35. /So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.

/Jesus Christ is "the light." /Christ shines his spiritual light on us. /He is our spiritual light, the light of truth, and the light of life. / "Darkness" here refers to sin and death.

/The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. / "The one who walks in the darkness" refers to the one who is under the control of the forces of darkness, the forces of sin and the devil. /We need to repent and believe while Jesus shines his light. /Ephesians 5:14.

/We need to receive Christ's light and come out of sin and greed. /We must believe in Jesus and walk in the spiritual light. /We must walk the path of life. /We must now walk the path of truth.

/Verse 36. /While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

/Jesus said, "While you have the light, believe in that light." /In a little while, Jesus dies on the cross. /He is telling people to believe in him before he dies.

/If we believe in Jesus, who is the light, we become sons of light. /We receive the light and dwell in the light. /We need to consider Jesus our life and bear the fruits of the light. / We are children of light.

/We need to bear the fruits of light. /Ephesians 5:9. /Jesus departed and hid himself from the people. /Jesus didn't do this because he feared death. /It was because the time for his death had not yet come.

/Verse 37. /Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,

/Jesus did many signs and showed the people that he is the Christ. /However, many still did not believe. /They didn't believe because their hearts are evil.

/Verse 38. /so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

/The people did not believe because God had planned it that way. /God blinds the spiritual eyes of those who are not chosen. /He makes them stubborn so that they cannot be healed. /They are not the Lord's sheep. /Matthew 25:33. /They are weeds. /Matthew 13:25. /Romans 9:10-23.

/Verse 41. /Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

/Isaiah saw the glory of God in the temple and spoke of the Christ to come. /In the Old Testament times, all the prophets looked to and rejoiced in the coming Christ, and they prophesied about him.

/Verses 42-43. /Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

/These authorities are members of the Sanhedrin. /Some people of the Sanhedrin believed in Jesus. /Nicodemus was one of them. /However, many of them believed but they kept it to themselves.

/They did not reveal their faith. /The reason is whoever believed in Jesus was put out of the synagogue. /9:22. /That is why they believed in secret.

/We must confidently reveal the fact that we believe in Jesus. /The people in the verse loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

/Verses 44-45. /And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.

/The Father and Jesus are one. /10:30. /The Father reveals everything through Christ. /Therefore whoever sees Jesus sees the Father. /Furthermore, whoever believes in Jesus believes in the Father.

/Jesus came as the light of the world. /Whoever does not believe in Jesus dwells in darkness. /Whoever believes in Jesus must walk in the light. /Believers must walk the way of truth and the way of life.

/Verse 47. /If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

/Jesus came to this world to save. /When he first came, he came to save, not to judge. /When Jesus returns, he comes to judge. /He comes to judge those who do not believe.

/Verse 48. /The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

/People do not believe in Jesus nor do they receive his words. /Later, when Jesus returns, they will be judged. /Because God is truth, he judges in truth. /If we do not follow the truth, we will be judged on the last day.

/Verse 49. /For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.

/Jesus did not come on his own accord, but he came because God sent him. /Jesus did not speak on his own authority. /He only spoke what the Father gave him. /Therefore, Jesus's words are God's words. /Whatever Jesus does can be seen as God's actions.

/Verse 50. /And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

/God's commandment is eternal life. /Jesus received God's commandment and delivered it. /He told it the way it was. /Therefore whoever believes in Jesus's words believes in God's words. /Whoever believes in Jesus believes in God.

/We will continue with chapter 13. /The title of chapter 13 is “Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet.” /Here are the main points. /First, Jesus deeply loves his disciples. /Verses 1-5. /Second, Jesus washes the disciples' feet. /Verses 6-11. /Third, Jesus sets the example. /Verses 12-17. /Fourth, the one who will sell Jesus. /Verses 18-30. /Fifth, the glory of the Son of Man. /Verses 31-35. /Sixth, the condition of Peter's faith. /Verses 36-38.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /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.

/Jesus knew that he would soon die on the cross. /The verse says, “his own who were in the world.” /They are his disciples. /Jesus deeply loved his disciples. /He loved them with the greatest love.

/He loved them to the point of shedding his noble blood. /It was a love that laid down his own life. /The Lord's love is a love that dies for us. /In this way, Jesus pours out his love to those who believe in him today.

/His love is an infinite love. /It is an unchanging love. /It is an eternal love. /It is an unconditional love. /Jesus loved us to the very end.

/Verse 2. /During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

/The devil entered the heart of Judas Iscariot. /Judas Iscariot planned to betray Jesus. /Jesus knew that Judas Iscariot would sell him. /Still, Jesus did not hate him. /The Lord had pity on him.

/Verse 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,

/Jesus was eating dinner with his disciples. /They were eating the Passover feast. /At the dinner, Jesus pointed out that Judas Iscariot would betray him. /Jesus said these things. /Verses 21-30.

/Jesus is the Christ who came from God. /Once he completes his work, /he will return to God.

/Verse 4. /rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.

/Jesus rose from where he was eating. /He brought a towel and tied it around his waist. /This is Jesus's attitude of a servant, the attitude of serving. /He poured water into a basin.

/Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. /He washed their feet as a servant. /Jesus is displaying love and humility. /He is showing them how to serve one another.

/This also shows that he will shed his precious blood to wash away the sins of believers. /Jesus shows us that he will forgive all of our sins.

/Verse 6. /He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

/Jesus came to Simon Peter to wash his feet. /Peter was honored by this. /He said, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" /He seemed to decline Jesus who was going to wash his feet. /Peter could not dare have Jesus wash his feet.

/Verse 7. /Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

/Peter did not understand the profound meaning of Jesus washing his feet. /Later on, however, a time will come when Peter understands. /Because Peter's faith is young now, he didn't understand the truth. /Even still, when Peter's faith grows, he will understand the truth.

/Verse 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."

/Peter did not understand the meaning of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. /That is why he declined Jesus. /Jesus then said, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

/Jesus washing his disciples' feet symbolizes the washing of sins. /Therefore whoever is not forgiven of his sins through Jesus will have no share with him. /We need to be forgiven of our sins through Jesus.

/Verse 9. /Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

/Peter requested that Jesus wash not only his feet, but also his hands and head.

/Verse 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."

/ "The one who has bathed" refers to those who have already been forgiven of their sins when they put their faith in Jesus. /Our spirits become completely clean when we believe in Jesus. /We are born again the moment we first believe in Jesus.

/All of our sins of the past, present, and future are forgiven when we put our faith in Jesus. /At that moment, our entire bodies become clean. /This is known as repentance at once. /There are two kinds of repentance. /Repentance at once and repeated repentance.

/Repentance at once is repenting once when we first believe in Jesus. /The verse says, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet." /This refers to repeated repentance. /Believers sin every day.

/That is why we have to frequently repent of our sins. /Whenever we sin, we must repent accordingly. /Like we wash our feet daily, we must also repeatedly repent of our sins daily.

/Our hearts have greed and a sinful nature. /Because of this sinful nature, we commit sin. /Consequently, we must repent of our sins every time we sin.

/Jesus said, "You are clean, but not every one of you." /The disciples who believed in Jesus were clean, but the unbelieving Judas Iscariot was not clean. /From the beginning, he was an unbeliever, a non-chosen one. /6:64,70.

/Verse 11. / For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

/From the start, Judas Iscariot did not believe. /He belonged to the devil. /Jesus knew from the beginning that Judas Iscariot would betray him. /Because someone who does not believe in Jesus is not forgiven of his sins, he is unclean.

/Verse 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?”

/Jesus put on his outer garments after washing the disciples’ feet. /He asked them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?” /Jesus wanted his disciples to understand the meaning of him washing their feet. /He wanted to teach them the profound meaning of it.

/Verses 13-15. /You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

/Normally, disciples wash the feet of their teacher. /However, Jesus, who is Teacher and Lord, washed his disciples’ feet. /This is, first, a lesson on humility. /Jesus is the Son of God.

/He left the glory of heaven and came to this earth. /Jesus then became a servant to his disciples. /This is Jesus’s humility. /The second lesson is on love. /Jesus loved his disciples to the very end.

/He sacrificed his life to serve them. /Jesus also poured out his love for us. /The third lesson is on washing the feet of others. /This means forgiving one another.

/Jesus first forgave our sins. /We too need to forgive each other’s sins. /Jesus also washed his disciples’ feet. /This symbolizes Jesus washing their sins.

/Jesus also washed our sins away. /Jesus has forgiven the sins of you believers. /Now we must preach the gospel to others.

/We need to bring them to Jesus. /Additionally, we need to daily repent of our sins. /We must abandon sin daily.

/Verses 16-17. /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. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

/In heaven, someone who serves is greater than someone who is served. /The one who is served is not great, but the one who serves is great. /Philippians 2:6,7; Matthew 20:28.

/Verse 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.'

/Only those whom Jesus chooses can believe in him. /By believing, believers have become clean. /However, Judas Iscariot is not a chosen one. /From the beginning, he did not believe, and therefore could not become clean.

/Jesus said, "He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me." /This is an application of Psalm 41:9. /Why did Jesus choose Judas Iscariot as his disciple? /First, Jesus wanted to fulfill the words of the Bible. /Psalm 41:9.

/Second, he wanted us to know that in future generations, there will be pastors who are not chosen. /Third, he shows us that God uses those who are not chosen to carry out his salvation movement. /Fourth, he shows us a criminal's pitiful end.

/In verse 19, Jesus foretells his death on the cross. /He is letting the disciples know beforehand. /He wants them to believe when the work is fulfilled.

/Verse 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."

/God sent Jesus Christ. /Jesus sent preachers to preach the gospel. /Therefore those who receive the one Jesus sends receives Jesus. /Whoever receives Jesus receives God.

/Verse 21. /After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

/Jesus was troubled in his spirit. /He pitied Judas Iscariot because Judas was going to perish. /He said, "One of you will betray me." /Jesus was trying to bring Judas Iscariot to repentance.

/When Jesus said this, the disciples looked to each other, uncertain of whom he spoke. /The disciples did not even think that Judas would sell Jesus.

/Verse 23. /One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side,

/Here, the one "whom Jesus loved" is the Apostle John. /The Apostle John was loved by Jesus. /He reclined at Jesus's side. /Simon Peter motioned to John to ask who was going to betray Jesus. /The Apostle John leaned back to Jesus and asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

/Verse 26. / Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it."

/Jesus replied, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." / Then, the Lord gave the bread to Judas Iscariot. /After receiving the bread, Judas went out.

/Satan had entered into him. /Judas Iscariot had originally belonged to the devil. /6:70.  
/Jesus sent him out. /After Judas Iscariot had gone away, Jesus held communion.

/Jesus said that Judas Iscariot was going to betray him. /By saying, “One of you will betray me,” Jesus put guilt in Judas’s conscience. /He made Judas Iscariot feel guilty.

/However, even after receiving the bread, Judas Iscariot did not repent. /Verse 29 says that Judas had the moneybag. /He was the one who handled the moneybag. /So when Judas left to betray Jesus, the other disciples thought he went out to buy what was needed for the feast.

/Verse 31. /When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

/Judas went out to betray Jesus. /Jesus knew that the time to carry the cross was near. /He said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified.” /He meant he was going to carry the cross.

/By carrying the cross, the work of redemption was to be made complete. /Through him, many will be saved. /Jesus will receive glory. /At the same time, God will be glorified.

/Verse 32. / If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.

/God is glorified because of Jesus’s completion of redemption on the cross. /Through the glory God receives, he will resurrect Jesus and will glorify him. /Philippians 2:6-11.

/Jesus was obedient to God even to his death. /God raised Jesus from the dead. /He lifted Jesus up and put him above all names. /God sat Jesus on his right side.

/Verse 33. / Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’

/Jesus prophesies his death on the cross, his resurrection, and his ascension. /Jesus had said this before to the Jews. /7:33, 8:21.

/Verse 34. /A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

/Jesus said he has a new commandment to give to them. /The commandment is, “Love one another.” /In the Old Testament’s Leviticus, God said, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” /The Ten Commandments are about loving God and loving our neighbor.

/The Old Testament and New Testament are both about love. /Jesus displayed his love for believers by dying on the cross. /Through this death, Jesus displayed the nature of his love. /That is why he calls it a new commandment.



/The people of the Old Testament times did not know in detail about Jesus's death. /Jesus soon dies on the cross and resurrects from the dead. /We come to understand his love. /Therefore the new commandment is a commandment of love.

/If we love one another, we become Jesus's disciples. /If we truly believe in Jesus, love is produced within us. /Those who truly believe in Jesus love God. /They also love their neighbors.

/Brothers come to love each other. /Love naturally comes forth from those who are born again.

/Verse 36. /Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward."

/In verse 37, Peter resolves to lay down his life for the Lord. /However, Peter currently lacks the spiritual ability. /Courage of the flesh and resolution are not enough to follow Jesus. /We need to have a truthful faith and the abilities to follow Jesus. /Also, God's great grace must be with us.

/Verse 38. /Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

/Jesus knows the condition of Peter's faith. /He said, "The rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times." /Mark 14:30. /Jesus said this so that Peter would repent when it is fulfilled.

/Afterwards, Peter denies Jesus three times. /Peter's resolve and courage crumble. /He comes to understand his weakness and powerlessness. /Furthermore, Peter repents.

/Therefore the believer must not believe in himself /or the courage of the flesh or his resolution, /but he must build the skills of his faith. /We need to build our spiritual skills. /We must do this so that whatever difficulty or trial we bump into, we do not deny Jesus.

/Whatever hardship we face, we must acknowledge Jesus until the end and follow him. /That is why we always need to nurture our skills of faith. /We must also work to pray and obey, to trust in God.

/This concludes the 11<sup>th</sup> lecture on the book of John. /Thank you.