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# [**John 13:1-30**](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2013.1-30)**– Jesus, Example of Love and Service**

[**1**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-1.htm)Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus **knowing** that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His **own** who were in the world, He loved them to the end. [**2**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-2.htm)During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him, [**3**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-3.htm)Jesus, **knowing** that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, [**4**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-4.htm)got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

      [**5**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-5.htm)Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. [**6**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-6.htm)So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” [**7**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-7.htm)Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not **realize [know]** now, but you will understand hereafter.” [**8**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-8.htm)Peter said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” [**9**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-9.htm)Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.” [**10**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-10.htm)Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.” [**11**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-11.htm)For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean."

      [**12**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-12.htm)So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? [**13**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-13.htm)“You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. [**14**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-14.htm)“If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. [**15**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-15.htm)“For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. [**16**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-16.htm)“Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. [**17**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-17.htm)“If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. [**18**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-18.htm)“I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.’ [**19**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-19.htm)“From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may **believe** that I am He. [**20**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-20.htm)“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who **receives** whomever I send **receives** Me; and he who **receives** Me **receives** Him who sent Me.”

      [**21**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-21.htm)When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.” [**22**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-22.htm)The disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking. [**23**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-23.htm)There was reclining on Jesus’ bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. [**24**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-24.htm)So Simon Peter gestured to him, and said to him, “Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking.” [**25**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-25.htm)He, leaning back thus on Jesus’ bosom, said to Him, “Lord, who is it?” [**26**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-26.htm)Jesus then answered, “That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him.” So when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. [**27**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-27.htm)After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, “What you do, do quickly.” [**28**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-28.htm)Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him. [**29**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-29.htm)For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, “Buy the things we have need of for the feast”; or else, that he should give something to the poor. [**30**](http://biblehub.com/john/13-30.htm)So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night.

**Interesting Words**

##### ****knowing****

(οἶδα – Greek) – eidó [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/1492.htm) be aware, behold, consider, perceive, properly, to see with physical eyes, as it naturally bridges to the metaphorical sense, a gateway to grasp spiritual truth (reality) from a physical plane – [John 9:29-30](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.29-30); [1Cor 2:11](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20Cor%202.11), [12](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1Cor%202.12);

##### ****own****

(ἴδιος – Greek) – idios [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/2398.htm) one’s own, belonging to one, private, personal; one’s own people, one’s own family, home, property, by implication, private or separate – [Matt 9:1](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%209.1); [Mark 4:34](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Mark%204.34); [John 1:11](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%201.11); [1Cor 3:8-9](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/1%20Cor%203.8-9);

##### ****believe****

(πιστεύω – Greek) – pisteuó [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/4100.htm) believe, have faith in, trust in, believing that leads to/proceeds from God’s inbirthing of faith – [John 1:7](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%201.7), [2:11](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%202.11), [23](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%202.23); [3:18](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%203.18); [4:42](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%204.42); [5:24](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%205.24); [6:29](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%206.29); [7:38](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%207.38); [8:24](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%208.24), [30](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%208.30); [9:35-36](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.35-36), [37-38](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.37-38); [10:37-38](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2010.37-38); [11:25-26](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2011.25-26); [12:44-46](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2012.44-46);

##### ****receive****

(λαμβάνω – Greek) – lambanó [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/2983.htm) receive, get, take, lay hold of by aggressively (actively) accepting what is available (offered), “accept with initiative” emphasizes the volition (assertiveness) of the receiver – [John 1:11-12](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%201.11-12); [3:32-33](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%203.32-33); [4:45](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%204.45); [5:43](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%205.43); [12:48](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2012.48);

**Cross References**

▪︎ [John 1:11-12](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%201.11-12) – Receiving and believing are equivalent and have the same result.  
▪︎ [John 12:48](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2012.48) – If you reject Jesus Christ you will judged by the word at th end.  
▪︎ [Rom 5:11](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Rom%205.11) – Receiving Christ is equivalent to being reconciled to God.  
▪︎ [John 14:2-3](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2014.2-3) – recieve – paralambánō (from pará, “from close-alongside” and lambánō, “aggressively take”). It is a mutual receiving of each other

**Discussion Questions**

Download questions to Word document (click here). Enter your answers, then meet with some friends to discuss. You can also compare your answers to mine for a virtual discussion… to return… back.

###### 1. ****What progression do you see here in Judas (****[John 13:2](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2013.2)****,****[27](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2013.27)****)? What do you make of this?****

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###### 2. ****What was Jesus frame of mind (****[John 13:1](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2013.1)****,****[2-3](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2013.2-3)****) and how did this effect His actions after dinner?****

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###### 3. ****What are some lessons we should take away from this study?****

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###### 4. ****How would you characterize the interaction of the twelve related to the betrayal (v. 18-30)?****

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###### 5. ****Believing is a common theme throughout the Gospel of John. A sample of its use is listed above from each chapter. List some observations from these verses.****

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###### 6.****Receiving is also used with almost the same frequency. Receive is an pivot point, highlighting the need to change directions, make a decision or seize the moment. Again a list of uses is shown above. What do you make of this?****

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###### 7.****Is there a decision that God is seeking you to make?****

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