

Matthew 26; Luke 22; John 13 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. From Luke 22:21-30 what did Jesus reveal (v21-22)? How did the disciples react (v23) and what other topic arose (v24)? What was Jesus' correction (v25-27) and promise (v28-30)?</p>	
<p>5. Read John 13:1-5. What did Jesus do (v4-5) and why (v1)? What awareness enabled Jesus to humble Himself like this (v1, 2-3)? Explain the connection.</p>	
<p>6. Looking at John 13:6-17 what was Peter's objection (v6-8) and Jesus' answer (v7, 8, 10)? What did He mean (v8, 10, 11)? What was He teaching them (v12-17)? Apply.</p>	
<p>7. Using John 13:18-30 what did Jesus share (v18, 21) and why (v19-20)? How did this affect Him (v21)? What did the disciples wonder (v22, 23), who found out (v23-26), and how (v27-30)?</p>	
<p>8. From John 13:31-35 what did Judas' departure signify (v31-32)? What new commandment did Jesus give (v34) and why (v33)? What would obedience to this command lead to (v35)?</p>	
<p>9. In Luke 22:31-34 what did Jesus reveal to Simon (v31, 32) and how did he react (v33)? What was Jesus' answer (v34)? What can we learn from this?</p>	
<p>10. Using Luke 22:35-38 what new instruction did Jesus give His disciples (v35-36) and why (v37)? What was their answer and Jesus' reply (v38) and what do both reveal?</p>	
<p>11. Review this week's study. How would the Jewish leaders and Jesus' disciples treat Him as He neared His death? How did He respond to that and how can we follow His example?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

“Let Him who is the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as the servant.”

Luke 22:26 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (Acts 3)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Talk about your reactions when you see a homeless guy by the road (with or without the sign). What do you think is going through his head?
2. Read Acts 3:1-5. How are the characteristics of this man—crippled, carried, crying out, and censored—much like us in our spiritual condition?
3. Talk about the 2 miracles that occurred with this man—that someone noticed him, and that he was healed. Why were both important?
4. Discuss how the man's shame was obvious, and what some of the evidences of shame are today. How did Peter's "Look at us" deal with the man's shame, and how can we apply this?
5. Even though we are not apostles, what can we offer to people in need around us that Peter offered (v6)? Discuss how we can do that.
6. How were Peter and John a good example for us in the way they handled the attention they got? How did Peter's message present truth (v13-16), grace (v17-18), and hope (v19-26)? Why is each of these elements important in helping people?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

When “the plot thickens” with wonder at what will happen next in a movie the tension mounts and the viewer is drawn in. This is what occurs in this week’s study. Jesus had been telling His disciples that He was about to be crucified, but now He reveals the plan of His death. He declares that it will occur in two days while simultaneously the Jewish leaders are trying to figure out how and when it can be done. Judas, one of the twelve, and under the influence of Satan, provides the answer by agreeing to betray Jesus for a sum of money. As an insider he would be able to set up a secluded place for Jesus to be arrested without a riot. This provides the backdrop for Jesus to teach about the point of His humiliation. He came to redeem His people first, and this would be ac-

complished through the cross and resurrection. So, He used the Passover meal as a means to memorialize His death. He desired greatly to eat this meal with them, being His last, but also wanted them to remember His great sacrifice as they ate the bread and drank the wine. He also taught them the meaning of sacrifice through another symbolic gesture, that of washing their feet. They had been discussing who was the greatest even though He had just informed them that His betrayer was in their midst. He explained that the greatest would be the servant of all and then washed their feet as a lowly servant even though He was their leader. Furthermore, He told them that this was an example for them; if He, their Lord, washed their feet, so they should wash one

another’s feet. Thus, the servant model of leadership was instituted. He then gave further proof of His followers after He sent Judas away on His mission. He told them that His true followers would be known by their love for each other, rather than by magnificent acts of leadership. He told Peter that Satan would sift him like wheat, but that he would return to strengthen his brothers. He then told them that His time had come and that there was no more “business as usual”, although they didn’t really understand. Thus, the “plot had thickened”.

Study Questions for Matthew 26; Luke 22; John 13

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

1. Read Matt 26:1-5. What did Jesus tell His disciples (v1-2)? What was also occurring (v3) and what dilemma did the leaders face (v4-5)? How would you compare Jesus’ attitude with that of the leaders?	
2. Using Luke 22:3-16 how was the leaders’ problem solved (v3-6)? What other preparation was made before Jesus’ death (v7-8) and why (v14-16)? How was it done (v9-13) and what did this show?	
3. Based on Luke 22:17-20 what were the elements and meaning of the Lord’s supper (v19, 20)? What did Jesus tell them regarding the cup of thanksgiving (v17-18) and why do you think He did?	

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