

A pair of hands, one light-skinned and one dark-skinned, are shown holding a small, light-colored animal, possibly a puppy, in a cupped position. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text 'JOHN 13' is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# JOHN 13

FOLLOW THE LEADER

watchword: serve

<sup>49</sup>”For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup>I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

13 <sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him, <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, he girded Himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter.” <sup>8</sup>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.”

<sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.” <sup>10</sup>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.” <sup>11</sup>For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 12:49-13:17; 34-35

# Background to John 13:

- John 13-17 (Farewell Discourse)
- Jesus has less than 24 hours to live
- Not concerned with His well-being; rather, He offers final instructions and encouragement to His disciples.

# Motivation to Serve Others:

Jesus was motivated by a genuine love for the Father, and He intentionally served the Father's will (12:49-13:5)

# Motivation to Serve Others:

Jesus was motivated by a genuine love for His people, and He sacrificially served them

(v.6-11)

# Motivation to Serve Others:

As God's people, we are motivated by a genuine love for Jesus, resulting in a genuine love for others and demonstrated by serving **sacrificially** (v.12-17;34-35)