



That you may believe... **Study Lesson Week 11**

This week's title: Passion Week I Am The Way - **John 13:1-14:14**

Highlighted verses: *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another."* **John 13:34**

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6

Day 1: Read John 13:1-14:14

1. **Read John 13:1–14:14** at least once, jotting down initial observations.

Day 2: Read John 13

In the last two study hints **reading** and **understanding** were discussed. At the **read** stage a question we ask is, "What does this say?" The **understanding** stage listed several resources that may help you have a better **understanding** for answering the first question. The next stage is **comprehension** and a question we ask here is, "*What does this mean?*" To answer this question, we *look for biblical principles* that transcend time and are transferable to our day. If we neglect this stage we run the risk of misinterpreting, and therefore misapplying, the passage. Moving from **reading/understanding** to **comprehension** is a big step and sometimes seems unmanageable. So we need to take smaller steps. We do this by identifying the following where applicable: **people, place, theme, main idea**, and finally one or more **principles**. Identifying **people** and **places** is rather simple. **A good question for the theme is**, "*What's happening?*" This is where a study Bible or commentary may help. For **identifying the main idea**, ask these questions: "*What was the intended message for the original audience?*" "*What did the people in the passage learn?*" "*What did God want them to do?*" and "*What was God's solution to the situation?*" After discovering the **main idea**, the next step is identifying one or more **principles**. Questions to help do this are: "*What is the message for all people?*" "*What are the timeless truths?*" and "*What is the moral of the story?*" Once you have discovered one or more **principles**, what do you do with that knowledge? That will be our next helpful hint, **application**.

1. Why do you think Jesus washed His disciple's feet instead of simply giving them a sermon? What do you think Jesus is teaching them?

2. Why do you suppose it was difficult for Peter to let Jesus wash his feet? What did Jesus mean when He said, "*Unless I wash you, you have no part of Me?*"? **(13:8)**

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Day 3: Read John 14:1-14

1. **Read John 14:6.** What did Jesus mean when He declared:

a) *"I am the way?"*

b) *"I am the truth?"*

c) *"I am the life?"*

2. **Read John 14:6-7.** How do these verses answer the question, *"Are there many ways to God"?*

Day 4: Read John 20:31

Consider how **John 13:1–14:14** relates to John's purpose in writing this Gospel. *"...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31).*

1. One of the prevalent themes in Jesus' teaching is eternal life. What do you observe about eternal life from **John 14:1-4**?

2. **Read John 14:8-14.** Jesus says to Phillip, *"Don't you know Me?" (14:9)* What did Jesus want Phillip to believe?

Day 5: Read John 13:1–14:14

1. Consider what Jesus was teaching his disciples by washing their feet. How do you apply this teaching?

2. These passages teach us to love. They also teach us the truth of who Jesus Christ is, *"I am the truth...no one comes to the Father except through Me."* How does love always affirm truth? How does truth always affirm love?