

John: Jesus is the Christ # 45
(Preparing for Parting # 1)

John 13^{1,3}

Jesus knew!

The power & comfort of knowing



Children's talk: The Passover

Context

Time & place

Jesus knew where He had come from (13³)

Jesus knew where He was going to (13^{3,1})

Jesus knew what He had in His hands (13³)

Jesus knew that His hour had come (13¹)

Jesus knew how to love His people (13¹)

Application

Do we know that Jesus will love us to the end? (13¹)

Could He withdraw His love? (Phil 1⁶)

Could He hide His love? (Isa 54⁸)

Could we forfeit His love? (Isa 59^{2,1})

Could we rest in His love? (John 15⁹⁻¹¹)



Questions answered

- What was the original Passover?
- What is significant about Jesus choosing the time of the Passover feast for this preparing his disciples for His departure?
- Matthew, Mark & Luke all record the preparation of the place for the Passover, but John's focus is different. What is that?
- Jesus knew He had come from God. What does this mean?
- Jesus knew He was going back to God. What does this mean?
- Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into His hands. What things would this especially include? Is there anything that was not in Jesus' hands?
- Jesus knew that His hour had come. What does this mean?
- Jesus knew that having loved His own, He loves them to the end? What does this mean? Who were "His own"? What love (or loves) are manifest here?
- Will Jesus ever withdraw or forsake His love for His people?
- Might Jesus hide His love for us for a time? Why or why not?
- Can we forfeit God's love? Will God ever forfeit His hold upon His people?
- Could we or should we rest in Jesus's love?



Somethings to pray about (and follow through with)

- When we feel bewildered, lost, or abandoned, what should we do?
- What is the power & comfort in knowing that Jesus just knows?