

John: Jesus is the Christ # 48  
(Preparing for Parting # 4)

## John 13<sup>31-35</sup>

# Jesus's new commandment

Love one another, as I have loved you



Children's talk: Little children, seat-belts & roller-coasters (v<sup>33</sup>)

### Context

Jesus is going, Judas has gone

### Where's the glory? (v<sup>31-32</sup>)

Not where we might expect

### What's new? (v<sup>34</sup>)

A new commandment to replace the old commandments?

A new commandment that is the same but simpler?

A renewed commandment that takes us deeper & further?

### How's it work? (v<sup>35</sup>)

Is this an evangelistic strategy?

Is this a characteristic description?

Is this universalistic enough? What about loving our enemies?

### Conclusion

Jesus is coming, love has come



### Questions answered

- What is the significance of Judas's departure for what happens next?
- What are Jesus's first words in His farewell discourse? Why do you think this is so?
- Where is Jesus's (& God's) glory to be found?
- Why do you think Jesus calls His disciples, "little children"?
- Why could Jesus's disciples not follow Him now?
- What is new about Jesus's new commandment?
- What are the implications for the 10 commandments?
- Is summarising the law in term of love a new concept? Where else do we find it?
- What are the two meanings of the word "new"? Which is used here?
- How would you describe the way in which Jesus loved His people? What are the implications of this for us?
- Is Jesus here giving His disciples an evangelistic strategy?
- Is Jesus here giving His disciples a character description of true disciples?
- How can Jesus (& John) say that this is so essential for salvation?
- Who does Jesus call us to love in this new commandment? Why do you think this is so? Where does love for our enemies fit into this, or alongside this?



### Something to pray about (and follow through with)

- In what way do you see that your love for your fellow-believers falls short of Jesus's love? What do you think Jesus is calling you to do about this? What powerful encouragement does Jesus give you, that you can do this?