

10. Jesus washed the disciples' feet \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. because it was the custom
  - b. as a humble servant
  - c. to set an example
11. After all the disciples asked, "Is it I?" Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. gave Judas the sop and said, "What you do, do quickly"
  - b. made Judas stay at the table with the others

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Doing, Not Just Saying



Betrayed by Judas. Condemned by the chief priests. Handed over to the Romans. Mocked. Whipped. Crucified. In just a few hours, evil men would do all those terrible things to the sinless Son of God. That is, if Jesus decided to let them.

The Master had said those things would happen to Him. But the heavenly Father had given all things into His hands. So, wicked men could not arrest Him or hurt Him in any way, unless He chose to let them do it.

Judas expected Him and the other disciples to go to the Mount of Olives that night. The betrayer planned to bring the chief priests there to take Him. But Jesus could easily spoil that plan. He didn't have to go to the Mount of Olives.

When they left the upper room, they could go to Bethany instead. When Judas got to the Mount of Olives, there would be no one there. Or, they could go in the opposite direction across the Jordan River into the wilderness. Judas and the chief priests

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would not know where to look for them. No, indeed, Jesus didn't need to go to the Mount of Olives unless He wanted to. But He could decide that later.

Right now, there in the upper room, Jesus had many things to tell His disciples before they left. One very important thing He wanted them to know was the real meaning of love.

Peter had said he would lay down his life for the Master. That sounded like real love. And Jesus agreed that laying down your life for a friend is the greatest kind of love. However, *doing* it shows your love, not just *saying* it.

The Lord wanted His followers to know that true love for Him meant more than just saying what you would do. He said true friends would obey Him. To Jesus, obedience was the proof of love. He told the disciples plainly that

if they disobeyed, that proved they didn't love Him, no matter what they said.

And Jesus said they must love each other too. Those disciples who quarreled about which of them was the greatest didn't love each other with the kind of love Jesus was talking about. He said they must love others in the same way He loved them. The disciples didn't know it, but soon they would learn how very much their Master really did love them.

After Jesus finished His teachings, He looked up to Heaven and talked with His Father a while. Then He and the disciples sang a hymn and left the upper room. Now what? Should He go to the Mount of Olives or shouldn't He?

Jesus did not suggest going to Bethany, or to the wilderness, or heading for Galilee.



Instead, He led the way straight to the Mount of Olives. When they got there, He said, “Tonight all of you will leave Me. But after I rise from the dead, I will go to Galilee ahead of you.”

The disciples seemed to hear nothing but the first part of Jesus’ words. And they didn’t believe what He said.

Peter declared, “Even though all the others forsake You, I won’t.”

Jesus answered, “Peter, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny that you know Me three times.”

“No, I won’t. I know I won’t,” Peter insisted. “Even if I had to die with You, I would never say I didn’t know You.”

“Neither would I,” said one of the other disciples.

“I wouldn’t either.”

“Master, I would never leave You.”

“Me either.”

One by one, the other disciples declared they would never forsake Jesus. Every one believed he loved the Master enough to stick with Him whatever happened.

However, none of them knew what lay ahead before the night passed. But they would have the chance to stick with the Master or forsake Him. And Peter would have three chances to claim Jesus as his friend, and three chances to deny Him. Would those disciples do what they said?

## FROM THE STORY

**Check the ways to show true love.**

1. a. \_\_\_\_ Just saying I will give my life.
- b. \_\_\_\_ Giving my life for my friend.
- c. \_\_\_\_ Just saying I won’t deny Jesus.
- d. \_\_\_\_ Doing what Jesus says to do.
- e. \_\_\_\_ Loving each other.
- f. \_\_\_\_ Wanting to be the greatest.

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Write numbers to tell the order of what Jesus did after He washed the disciples' feet.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Heard Peter declare "Though others forsake you, I won't."
- \_\_\_\_\_ Led the eleven to the Mount of Olives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sang a hymn with them and went outside.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Talked with God for a while.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Taught them the true meaning of love.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Told Peter, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

## THAT'S OUR GOD

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

3. When the Father "gave all things into His hands," Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. had the power to keep from being arrested
  - b. was touching everything with His fingers
  - c. was no longer able to decide what to do
4. Jesus knew the disciples \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. didn't love Him
  - b. would keep their promises
  - c. would all leave Him

## FOR ME TODAY

5. Write the words of Jesus from John 13:34, 35.

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## WE REMEMBER

Circle the letters of two that show how Jesus comforted the disciples.

6. a. They knew Judas would betray Him.
- b. They remembered all Jesus had told them.
- c. He said He was going to Heaven, but would come back.
- d. He promised to send the Holy Spirit.

Complete the sentence.

crucified    Romans    death    mocked    chief priests    whipped

7. Jesus told the disciples He would be betrayed to the \_\_\_\_\_,  
condemned to \_\_\_\_\_, handed over to the \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Number these events in order using 1-3 and 4-6.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ Judas agreed to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus cleared out the temple.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt.
- \*                      \*                      \*                      \*                      \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Judas left the upper room.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus washed the disciples' feet.