

A person stands in a dark, shadowy environment, illuminated by a vertical beam of light that descends from the top of the frame. The person is positioned on the left side of the image, looking towards the right. The light creates a strong contrast between the illuminated area and the surrounding darkness.

THE GOSPEL OF  
**JOHN**

**The Light Shines  
in the Darkness**

CHAPTER 13:1-17

**“Redemptive Love”**

# STRUCTURE OF JOHN

The Light Shines in the Darkness

And the Darkness Never Put It Out





## John 13

<sup>1</sup> Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. <sup>2</sup> It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

## John 13

<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. <sup>4</sup> So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, <sup>5</sup> and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.



God's love for humanity is at the heart of the Gospel





## John 13

<sup>6</sup> When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, “You don’t understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.” <sup>8</sup> “No,” Peter protested, “you will never ever wash my feet!” Jesus replied, “Unless I wash you, you won’t belong to me.”

## John 13

<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter exclaimed, “Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!” <sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, “A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you.”



## John 13

<sup>11</sup> For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, “Not all of you are clean.”



**God's sacrificial love is our only  
source of redemption**





## John 13

<sup>12</sup> After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing? <sup>13</sup> You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am. <sup>14</sup> And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet.



## John 13

<sup>15</sup> I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, [God will] bless you for doing them.

## John 13

<sup>15</sup> I have given you an example to follow. Do AS I have done to you.



**Sacrificial love is God's intended means of advancing his Kingdom**





A person stands in a dark space, illuminated by a vertical beam of light that descends from the top of the frame. The person is positioned at the bottom of the beam, looking upwards. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large object, with the light creating a strong contrast and highlighting the person's silhouette.

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