

A New Commandment

John 13:31-38

Leaving of Jesus will bring glory. (31-33)

- ❖ How should we understand *glory*? (5x in 31,32) 12:23-28, 17:1-5.
- ❖ How will the disciples view Christ's death? Gruesome or glorious?
- ❖ Jesus' describes His death as *going / leaving* (14:2,3,8,28, 16:5,7, 28). Antagonistic Jews were told they *will seek* Messiah in vain (7:33ff.,8:21,22) since they've rejected Jesus, but the disciples will later be with Him, 36b,14:3,19.

Love of the disciples will bring recognition. (34,35)

- ❖ How is this love commandment new (recall Lv. 19:18, Mk. 12:31)?
 1. *one another* = believers (I Jn. 2:10, 3:14, I Thess. 4:9, I Pt. 1:22)
 2. *even as I have loved you* = I Jn. 3:16, not "as yourself"
 3. *By this all men will know...* = most visible / obvious proof
- ❖ Consider some ways Jesus loved the disciples . . . and why Peter doesn't think about that but instead changes the subject.

Loyalty of Peter will bring embarrassment. (36-38)

- ❖ Pete first argued Jesus shouldn't wash his feet and now he argues Jesus shouldn't take off without him. So much for Jesus' plans!
- ❖ Why does Jesus come down so hard on Peter (Mk. 14:29-31)? He obviously is less concerned with this new commandment and more interested in proving how courageous / loyal he is.



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COMMANDMENT**
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