

# SERMON NOTES

*Reason to Believe: Loving Like Jesus  
John 13:1-30*

The last phrase in John 13:1 is pregnant with meaning, “He loved them to the end.” The phrase means that Jesus “loved to the fullest extent.” In John 15:13, He would tell His disciples “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.” Washing the disciples’ feet was a parable in action, a foreshadowing of His sacrificial death. It was a visible demonstration of His love. Everything in Jesus’ life and ministry were leading to the greatest expression of His love, the cross.

**“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”**  
*Romans 5:8*

**Key thought:** Motivated by Christ-like love, faithful Christians must follow His example.

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. *1 John 3:16*

**In these verses we see clearly...**

## **WHAT CHRIST-LIKE LOVE LOOKS LIKE! (vs. 1-5), (Philippians 2:5-8; Luke 22:24-27)**

- Steadfast
- Selfless
- Sacrificial
- Serving
- Humble

## **HOW TO RESPOND TO CHRIST’S LOVE. (vs. 6-20)**

- Receive His love submissively and with humility
- Follow His example
- Fulfill His expectations

## **A PERSON CAN REJECT CHRIST’S LOVE. (vs. 21-30)**

You cannot betray a stranger. You may wrong them, you may abuse them, and you may harm them. But betrayal is reserved for someone close. Betrayal by a friend is more wounding than any insult by an enemy. **Judas is the picture of hypocrisy, one who is playing a part.**

“Judas pretended to be a Christian; he played with sin; he put off salvation; and any person who does these things may end up wishing he or she had never been born. There are some mysteries surrounding Judas, but one thing is clear: Judas made a deliberate choice when he betrayed Christ.” *Warren Wiersbe*