The Love Of Jesus Illustrated

**Reading: John 13:1-17**

***Matthew 7:12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.***

**Background**

***Mark 14:3-14 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.  4But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted? … 6But Jesus said, “Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me… 8She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial.  …. 12Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?” 13And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him.***

**THE Controversy**

***Luke 22:21-27 But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table… 24Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. 25And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’  26But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.  27For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.***

**Do We Understand?**

***James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;***

***Galatians 6:1-3 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.  2Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.  3For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.***

***2 Corinthians 8:1-5 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,  2for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.  3For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will,  4begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— 5and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.***

***James 5:19-20 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back,  20let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.***

***1 Peter 4:7-10 7The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.  8Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.  9Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.  10As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace:***

***Colossians 3:12-17 12Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;  13bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.  14But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.  15And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.  16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.  17And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.***