A NEW COMMAND

John 13:18–38

Key Verse: 13:34

1. What did Jesus tell his disciples? (18) Why is it important that it fulfilled Scripture? Why was he telling them beforehand? (19) What else did he say, and why? (20) Finally, what did he tell them plainly, how did it affect him, and why? (21)
2. How did the disciples respond, and what does this show about them? (22) How did Simon Peter find out who it was? (23–26) What does this scene show about their fellowship? Why did Jesus use a piece of bread as the signal? (26; compare with 18)
3. How could this shared piece of bread have helped Judas? Instead, what happened, and why? (27a) What did Jesus tell Judas? (27b) How did the others misunderstand? (28,29) How is the tragedy of Judas described? (30)
4. After Judas left, what did Jesus say, and what did it mean? (31,32) What did he tell his disciples? (33; cf. 7:33,34) In this context, what command did he give? (34) In what sense is this command “new”? What does “as I have loved you” suggest? What more did Jesus say about it, and why? (35) How can we keep this command?
5. What was Peter’s response, what did Jesus tell him, and what did he mean? (36) What does Peter’s reply show about him? (37) What did Jesus tell him, and why did he need to hear this? (38)