

LESSONS IN HUMBLE SERVICE

JOHN 13:12-17

I. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE FOOT WASHING, THE LORD ASKED THE DISCIPLES IF THEY REALIZED WHAT HAD JUST TAKEN PLACE (13:12)

A. The Lord Began His Explanation By Affirming Their Estimation Of Him (13:13)

1. They Saw Him Not Only As The Ultimate Teacher, But Also The Ultimate Potentate
2. The Lord Answered, "Yes, I Am Jehovah!"

B. The Lord Then Began To Make His Application (13:14)

A. If He Has Done What Is Incongruous With His Person, Then They Were Obligated To Do The Same For One Another

B. The Lord Had Been Trying To Teach This Lesson All Throughout His Public Ministry

1. The Disciples Had Argued About Their Relative Standing To One Another
2. The Lord Constantly Taught That The Way Up Was Achieved By The Way Down

II. THE LORD ARGUED VOCIFEROUSLY WITH REASONS AS TO WHY THEY SHOULD COMPLY WITH THIS OBJECT LESSON (13:15-17)

A. The Lord Modeled The *Example* They Should Emulate (13:15)

B. Our Inferior Position Demands That We Readily Comply (13:16)

C. This Type Of Knowledge, Ironically Enough, Is The Thing That Insures Happiness" (13:17)