

JESUS LOVED TO THE END

(John 13:1-17, 31b-35)

Intro: Jesus loved them to the end.

-John 13:1.

-Beginning of:

#Foot washing.

#Book of Glory.

*John 13-21.

+Vs. Book of Signs.

=John 1-12.

I. Double Entendre.

A. To Death.

1. End of Jesus' live.
2. Cross and grave and resurrection.
 - a. It's all part of the glory.

B. Completely.

1. Mission accomplished.
2. Goal reached.
3. Same word.
 - a. "It is finished."
 - b. John 19:30.

II. Love Is Messy.

A. Not Romantic.

1. Warm fuzzies.
2. Sexual desire.
3. Pleasure.
4. Fulfillment.
5. Contentment.
 - a. Although it can be.

B. More Like Sophia's Kisses.

1. She doesn't really pucker up.
 - a. Unless she's giving the raspberries.
 - b. Even then she has her tongue between her lips.
 - Spraying anyone who is too close.

2. She kisses with her mouth open.
 - a. Slobbers.
 - b. Messy.
- C. God's Love Is Messy.
1. Not throwing in the towel when times are tough.
 2. But using that towel to wipe the feet of people like:
 - a. Judas.
 - Who betrayed him.
 - b. Peter.
 - Who denied him.
 - c. Thomas.
 - Who doubted him.
 - d. All the rest.
 - Who deserted him.
 3. Foot washing was the job of a slave.
 - a. Not the master.
 - b. When Jesus did it.
 - Act of self-humiliation.
 - Symbolic of laying down his life.
 - #John 10:17-18.
 - c. Brigadier General.
 - Maundy Thursday service.
 - Washed the feet of his troops.
 - #Roll reversal.
 - #Love is messy.
 4. Being willing to get messy.
 - a. Not just in giving a bath to:
 - Child.
 - Grandchild.
 - #When it's fun.
 - #They have toys in the tub.
 - b. But giving a bath to:
 - Spouse.
 - Parent.
 - #Who can no longer bathe themselves.
 - c. Allowing someone else to bathe us.
 - When we can no longer take care of ourselves.

5. Love is messy.
 - a. As messy as:
 - Cross.
 - Our Lord's:
 - #Body.
 - *Broken for us.
 - #Blood.
 - *Shed for us.
 - Loving one another.
 - b. Love is messy.

Concl: Jesus loved his disciples to the end.

- To the end of his life.
- To the end of accomplishing their salvation.
- To the end of accomplishing our salvation.

Jesus loved to the end.

- So that there might be no end to the loving.
 - #Of us.
 - #For us.

