

# John 13:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

## Analysis

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This verse opens Jesus' Upper Room discourse with a profound statement: knowing 'his hour was come', He loved His own 'unto the end' (Greek 'eis telos', meaning both 'to the uttermost' and 'to the end of time'). This introduces the full extent of Christ's love demonstrated at the cross. The Passover timing is deliberate—Christ, our Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7), will be sacrificed. 'His own' emphasizes the elect, those given to Him by the Father.

## Historical Context

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John chapters 13-17 occur during the Last Supper on Passover eve (Nisan 14). First-century Jews celebrated Passover remembering Egypt's deliverance; Jesus transforms it into a memorial of greater redemption through His blood.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does knowing Christ loved you 'to the uttermost' impact your security in salvation?
2. What does it mean that Jesus loved His disciples fully while knowing one would betray Him?

## Interlinear Text

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Πρὸ	δὲ	τῷ	ἐορτῇς	τῷ	πάσχα	εἰδὼς	τῷ	
before	Now	which	the feast	which	of the passover	knew	which	
G4253	G1161	G3588	G1859	G3588	G3957	G1492	G3588	
Ἰησοῦς	ὅτι	ἐλήλυθεν	αὐτούς	τῷ	ὥρα	ἵνα	μεταβῇ	
when Jesus	that	was come	his	which	hour	that	he should depart	
G2424	G3754	G2064	G846	G3588	G5610	G2443	G3327	
ἐκ	τῷ	κόσμῳ	τούτου	πρὸς	τῷ	πατέρα	ἠγάπησεν	
out of	which	the world	this	unto	which	the Father	having loved	
G1537	G3588	G2889	G5127	G4314	G3588	G3962	G25	
τῷ	ιδίους	τῷ	ἐν	τῷ	κόσμῳ	εἰς	τέλος	ἠγάπησεν
which	his own	which	were in	which	the world	unto	the end	having loved
G3588	G2398	G3588	G1722	G3588	G2889	G1519	G5056	G25
αὐτούς								
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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 12:23** (References Jesus): And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

**1 John 4:19** (Love): We love him, because he first loved us.

**John 16:28** (Parallel theme): I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

**John 13:3** (References Jesus): Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

**John 13:34** (Love): A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

**1 Corinthians 1:8** (References Jesus): Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**John 17:16** (Parallel theme): They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

**John 18:4** (References Jesus): Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

**Revelation 1:5** (Love): And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**Hebrews 3:14** (Parallel theme): For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;