#### "Beyond All Measure!" John 13:1

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Introduction:
        Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles:
        - To The Gospel Of John This Morning:
                 - Where - After Considering:
                          - The Final Appeal Made By Jesus:
                                   - To His People:
                                           - In John 12!
2.
        We Come To John 13:
        - Where We Will Look At:
                 - Just One Verse:
                          - That Marks The Transition From:
                                   - Jesus' Public Ministry:
                                            - To Jesus' Personal & Private Ministry:
                                                    - To His Disciples!
        - And - That Verse Is:
                 - John 13:1 - Where John Tells Us:
                          - "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!"
3.
        It Is This Verse:
        - That Opens Up To Us:
                 - The Close & Special Relationship:
                          - That Jesus Had With:
                                   - "His Own!" - That Is:
                                           - With "His Own" Disciples & Followers:
                                                    - Who Did Believe In Him & Who Did Belong To Him!
        - Now - This Too Is A Transition:
                 - Because - Earlier In John:
                          - We Are Told That:
                                   - Jesus "Came Unto His Own!" (1:11)
                                            - But - "His Own Received Him Not!"
                 - In That Case:
                          - "His Own" Were:
                                   - His Own People:
                                            - In A Natural & A National Sense!
                 - The Children Of Israel!
        - But Here - In 13:1:
                 - "His Own" Are:
                          - His Own People:
                                   - In A Spiritual Sense!
                 - Even - The True Children Of God!
        And So - It Is:
4.
        - To "His Own" - Who Were:
                 - In This World - But Where Not:
                          - Of This World:
                                   - That Jesus Now Turns:
                                            - To Express To Them:
                                                    - His Love!
                                                             - His Everlasting & His Enduring Love!
        - Again - John 13:1:
                 - "Having Loved His Own Which Were In The World, He Loved them Unto The End!"
                          - And - Even Though:
                                   - This Verse Has Particular Relevance To:
                                            - The Disciples Back Then!
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- It Also Applies To All Of "His Own!" - Even To Us Today!

5. And So - From This Verse: - We Can See The Kind Of Love: - That Jesus Has: - For "His Own!" - For His Own, True Spiritual People: - Who Are Part Of The Family Of God! - This Is The Kind Of Love: - That Jesus Has: - For You! - If You Believe In Him - And: - Belong To Him! 6. And So - The First Thing: - We Can See From This Verse: - Is That Jesus' Love Is: The Fulfilling Kind Of Love! 1. - And We Can See This In: - The Setting Of This Verse: - Which - John Tells Us Was: - "Before The Feast Of The Passover!" - That Jesus Loved His Own Unto The End! - Now - This Is Now The Third: - And Final Passover: - That We Find In The Book Of John! - And - If You Remember: - From Chapters 2 & 6: - We Learned How The Passover Was A Very Special Time: - For The Jewish People! - The Passover Was: - When "His Own" People - In A Natural Sense: - Would Come Together To Commemorate & To Celebrate: - The First Passover: - Which Is Found In Exodus 12! - Which Was: - The Time In Their History When God Rescued Them: - From Their Slavery In Egypt: - With A Strong Hand! - So - During This Special Passover Season: - The Love Of God: - Would Have Been On The Minds: - Of All The People! - And Of His Disciples As Well! - His Love To: - Distinguish His People: - From All Others! - As Well As: - His Love To: - Deliver His People: - From Their Bondage! - But - This Passover: - Mentioned In John 13 - Was To Be: - The Final Passover! - The Time At Which Jesus Would: - Finish & Fulfill: - The Work Of Love: - That God Started At The: - First Passover! - And So - It Was Just Before: - This Final Passover:

- That John Tells Us That:
  - Jesus Loved His Own Unto The End!
- Because Jesus' Love Is:
  - The Fulfilling Kind Of Love!
    - He Came To Finish God's Work Of Love:
      - To Deliver His People:
        - From Their Sins:
          - By Being God's Final Passover Lamb!
  - And This Is The Kind Of Love:
    - That Jesus Has For You!
      - But We Can Also See From:
        - This Verse That Jesus' Love Is:

### 2. The Finest Kind Of Love!

- And We Can See This In:
  - The Significance Of This Verse:
    - Because It Was:
      - "When Jesus Knew That His Hour Was Come That He Should Depart Out Of This World Unto The Father!"
        - That He Loved His Own Unto The End!
  - Jesus Wanted To Show His Love:
    - To His Disciples In A Special Way:
      - Because He Knew That:
- The Time Of His Death:
  - Had Come!
    - And John Puts This In Terms Of:
      - "His Hour That Was Come!"
  - This Hour Of Jesus' Life:
    - Had Been Looming Since the Very Beginning:
      - Of His Ministry!
    - And Jesus "Knew" With:
      - A Divine Knowledge:
        - The Times & Timing Of Things:
          - In His Life!

- Back In 2:4:
  - We Were Told That:
    - Jesus Told His Own Mother:
      - At The Wedding In Cana:
        - "Mine Hour Is Not Yet Come!"
- Then In 7:30 At A Previous Feast:
  - The Jewish Leaders:
    - "Sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come!"
- But Then Back In 12:23:
  - Jesus Tells The People:
    - "The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified!"
  - And In 12:27 Even Though:
    - His Soul Was Troubled:
      - Jesus Said "What shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? But for this cause came I unto this hour!"
- And Now There Was To Be:
  - No More Delay!
    - The Hour His Hour:
      - That He Had Been Anticipating His Entire Life:
        - Had Come!
- But Even Though This Hour:
  - Would Involve His Death:
    - It Was His Finest Hour!
      - Because It Would Be When Jesus Could Show His Love:
        - In Its Finest Way!

- By Laying Down His Life:
  - For His Own! Even:
    - For His Friends!
  - Even As Jesus Would Say:
    - In 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends!"
      - This He Would Soon Do!
- But Jesus Also Wanted To Show His Love:
  - To His Disciples In A Special Way:
    - Because He Knew That:
- The Time Of His Departure:
  - Had Also Come!
    - Even The Time When:
      - 13:1 "He Should Depart Out Of This World Unto The Father!"
  - Not Only Did Jesus Know About:
  - His Death He Also Knew About:
    - What Would Happen After His Death!
      - Even His Resurrection & Ascension:
        - At Which He Would Leave This World Until His Final Return!
  - And So This Was The Hour And:
    - This Was The Time:
      - That Jesus Had With His Disciples:
        - In Order To Show Them:
          - Just How Much He Loved Them!
  - Not Just By Dying:
    - For Them But Also By:
      - Serving Them!
        - Which Is What We Find In The Rest Of:
          - John 13!
- And So Jesus Wanted To Show His Own:
  - Just How Much He Loved Them:
    - Before He Left Them!
      - IE: Like "Knowing" An Event Might Separate You From The Ones You Love! Trip / Death! You Will Do Whatever You Can To Spend As Much Time With Them & To Show How Much You Love Them As You Can!
  - This Was True For Jesus As Well!
    - Not Only Did He Love His Own!
      - He Loved To Be With Them As Well!
        - This Is Why 14:3 Is Special For Us And For Him!
          - "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also!"
  - And This Is The Kind Of Love:
    - That Jesus Has For You!
      - The Fulfilling Kind Of Love! And:
      - The Finest Kind Of Love!
        - The Finest Love Shown In His Finest Hour!
          - The Hour Which Displays His Glory In Its Greatest Way!
  - But We Can Also See From This Verse:
    - That Jesus' Love Is:

# 3. The Faithful Kind Of Love!

- And We Can See This In:
  - The Strength Of His Love:
    - Where John Tells Us How Jesus:
      - "Having Loved His Own Which Were In The World!"
        - "He Loved Them Unto The End!"
  - Another Way Of Putting This Is:
    - "As" Jesus Loved His Own:
      - He Continued To Love Them:

- Even Unto The End!
- This Shows Us That:
  - Jesus Was Faithful & Consistent:
    - In His Love For:
      - His Own! His Disciples! Even Us Who Believe In & Belong To Him!
- So Though It Is True That:
  - Jesus Had A General Love:
    - For The World & Even For His Own Nation:
      - Jesus Has A Special Love For His Own! And:
- Jesus' Love Is A Compassionate Love!
  - He Loved "His Own Which Were In The World!"
    - And He Knew That:
      - Though He Was About To Depart From This World His Own Would:
        - Remain In This World!
    - And So He Wanted To:
      - Reassure Us Of:
        - His Love! Also:
- Jesus' Love Is A Comforting Love!
  - All Throughout John:
    - Jesus Reassures His Disciples Of His Love!
      - 11:5 "Jesus Loved Martha, And Her Sister, And Lazarus!" (Personally!)
      - 13:23 John "The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved!"
      - 15:9 "As The Father Hath Loved Me, So I Have Loved You!"
  - And There Is No Greater Love:
    - Than God's Love!
      - And That Love Is Poured Out On You!
        - Also:
- Jesus' Love Is A Constant Love!
  - Even An Everlasting Love!
    - A Love That Nothing Can Separate:
      - "His Own" From!
  - Remember Romans 8:35-39?
    - "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? / As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. / Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. / For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, / Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!"
  - This Too Is The Kind Of Love:
    - That Jesus Has For You!
      - The Fulfilling Kind Of Love! And:
      - The Finest Kind Of Love! And:
      - The Faithful Kind Of Love!
        - But Then John Adds:
          - That Jesus' Love Is:
- 4. The Fullest Kind Of Love!
  - And We Can See This In:
    - The Great Span Of His Love:
      - Which Everything Else In This Verse:
        - Leads Up To!
          - "He Loved Them Unto The End!"
    - This Can Also Be Translated:
      - "He Loved Them Unto The Uttermost!"
        - Which Means That:
          - Jesus Loved & Loves His Own:
            - To The End Of Everything!
      - Even To The Extreme!

- From Beginning To End!
- From Top To Bottom!
- From Everlasting To Everlasting!
- And To The Fullest Extent Possible!
  - Which For God:
    - Is Infinite!
- Later In 1 John 4:18 The Apostle John Will Write:
  - "Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear!"
    - "Perfect" There Also Means Complete!
      - A Love To The End / To The Uttermost!
        - And Certainly He Has The Love Of Jesus In Mind!
  - So Whatever Love Is And:
    - However Love Is Displayed:
      - Jesus "Loved His Own" In The Fullest Way Possible!
        - And His Love Is Fixed In This Way! It Never Changes!
- So When John Says That:
  - Jesus "Loved Them" And:
    - Jesus "Loved You" "Unto The End!"
      - He Is Not Referring To:
        - The End Of Life Or Time Or Ability!
          - But To His Endlessness!
    - Because The End Of Christ:
      - Is Endless!
  - And This Is The Kind Of Live:
    - That Jesus Has For You!
      - The Fulfilling Kind Of Love! And:
      - The Finest Kind Of Love! And:
      - The Faithful Kind Of Love! And:
      - The Fullest Kind Of Love!
  - And Even Though:
    - "Jesus Had Loved His Own All Along!"
      - "He Now (Will Show) Them The Full Extent Of His Love!" (Carson)

## **Conclusion:**

- 1. This Is Just How Much:
  - Jesus Loved His Disciples Them And:
    - This Is Just How Much:
      - Jesus Loves His Disciples Now!
        - Do You Believe This?
        - Are You Resting In This?
        - Are You Responding To This?
- 2. Remember:
  - We Can Love Jesus Because:
    - He "First Loved Us!"
      - With This Kind Of Love!
        - With A Love:
          - Beyond All Measure!

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