Overview

**John’s Purpose**

**John 20:30–31** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (ESV)

Goal—Apologetic/Evangelistic/Pastoral—Believe

Recorded signs

Theological—Who Jesus is

1. Messiah
2. Son of God
   Deity and relationship with the Father
3. Result—Life

**Subject/Purpose Statement**

John uses key signs, saying, and witnesses from the life of Jesus, to challenge his readers to put aside unbelief and believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God (deity), sent into the world to give life.

**John’s Structure**

**Basic Structure**

Prologue 1:1:18

Book of Signs 1:19–12:50

The Upper Room Discourse—Ministry of the Son to His disciples 13:1–17:26

Farewell Instructions

Suffering and Glory of the Son of God 18:1–20:31

Passion and Resurrection

Epilogue 21:1-25

**Farewell Discourse**

**Outline**

**Book of Signs** John 1–12 Jesus’ Public Ministry

Signs followed by explanations

Focus: The signs of Jesus

**Book of Glory** John 13-21 Jesus’ Private Ministry

Discourse followed by one key sign—the cross event (death, resurrection)

Focus: The hour of Jesus

Prologue John 13:1-30

Main discourse John 13:31–16:33

Epilogue—Prayer John 17

**Goal**

- To study Jesus final instructions to His disciples
- To understand the role of the Holy Spirit
- To appreciate Jesus love and desire for His disciples as stated in His prayer for them and us

**Preparation of the new community for a Spirit-guided mission to the unbelieving world**
Introduction 13:1-3

Introduction to the whole discourse 13:1

The “hour”

The purpose—

Introduction to the first quiet talk 13:2-3

The betrayal set 13:2

Jesus self-understanding 13:3

Jesus knew—His Position
- Father had put all under His power—
- He had come from God—
- He was returning to God—

Jesus acts out of an assurance of His relationship with the Father.

An example of humility: washing the disciples feet 13:4-12a

Jesus assumes the role of a servant 13:4-5

So—His Practice
- Removed his garment
- Washed their feet

Jesus Dialogue with Peter 13:6-10
- Peter’s protest 13:6
- Jesus’ gentile instruction 13:7
- Peter’s objection 13:8a
- Jesus’ challenge 13:8b
- Peter’s overstatement 13:9

Jesus reminder 13:10-11

An explanation of humility: instruction the disciples 13:12b-17

Question: “Do you understand” 13:12

Instruction 13:13-17

Statement 13:13
Explanations 13:14-17
- Jesus position—teacher and Lord
- Jesus actions—serving
- Jesus reason—to give an example to be followed
- Jesus statement—the follower is not greater than the sender

Blessing for service

Principle is normative not the action

The question is: In our cultural setting, how can we demonstrate Jesus principle?

Application

So what does/should humility looked like in our context, lives and church?