

## ***Script - Upper Room Questions***

**Narrator:** It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

[some disciples begin to serve the food, to pass around plates and platters.]

**Narrator:** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God.

**Jesus:** [gets up from the meal, wrapped a towel around his waist, pours water into a basin and begins to wash his disciples' feet]

**Peter:** Lord, are you going to wash my feet?

**Jesus:** You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.

**Peter:** No, you shall never wash my feet.

**Jesus:** Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.

**Peter:** Then, Lord, not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!

**Jesus:** A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.

**Narrator:** For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

**Jesus:** [finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place] Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

[pause]

**Jesus:** I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me.

**Disciples:** [in a low voice] Lord, is it I?

**Peter:** [motioning to John] Ask him which one he means.

**John:** [leaning toward Jesus and speaking quietly] Lord, who is it?"

**Jesus:** [speaking to John] It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.

**Jesus:** [Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon...As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.] What you are about to do, do quickly.

[Judas gets up from the table and leaves]

**Jesus:** A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

**Jesus:** Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. Where I am going, you cannot come.

**Peter:** Lord, where are you going?

**Jesus:** Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.

**Peter:** Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.

**Jesus:** Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!

**Jesus:** Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God ; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.

**Thomas:** Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?

**Jesus:** I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.

**Philip:** Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.

**Jesus:** Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

[pause]

**Jesus:** Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in

you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

**Judas not Iscariot:** But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?

**Jesus:** If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**Disciples:** [to one another] What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

**Jesus:** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

[pause]

**Jesus:** [getting up from the table] Come now; let us leave. [The disciples follow offstage.]

The End