

The Gospel for this Sunday four weeks after Easter Day is actually part of the conversation in the Upper Room three days before Easter. Here it is: John 13:31–35.

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

“Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Questions for Discussion

- Judas leaves the room to initiate the events leading to Jesus’ death, which according to this gospel is the time of Jesus’ glorification. Do you agree with the evangelist’s assessment, that the crucifixion is glorious?
- Jesus addresses his men as “little children.” Does that sound like a compliment? Or what?
- The bottom line is that Jesus’ followers can be identified by how they “love one another.” In your experience, is that still true today?