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"The Sign of Authentic Apostleship"

INTRO: *Beginning with chapter 13, John's Gospel revealed Jesus' focused attention upon those who would carry on His work after His ascension. Today we learn the sign of an authentic apostle?*

- I. **Jesus returned to the Father, leaving His _____ to complete the task of reaching citizens of His Kingdom (13:1).** *While the original Apostles held a unique office (Cf. Ephesians 2:19-22), all disciples function as apostles in the general sense of the word (Cf. Matt. 28:18-20).*

- II. **The World may question the _____ of our _____.** *What could possibly confirm the legitimacy of our commissioning as apostles by Jesus?*

- III. **To authenticate apostleship, _____ like Jesus (13:2-30).** *Jesus' actions pointed to a theological reality and served as an example to be practical by His disciples in His physical absence.*
 - A. _____.
Our humble service reveals our commission by Christ.

 - B. _____.
Judas showed his disqualification through his unrepentant selfishness.