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BELIEVE

"Proving Commitment to Christ"

INTRO: *With Judas' departure from the group, Jesus could now begin His farewell address to those disciples who would lay the foundation for the church's work after His ascension.*

- I. Jesus expects _____ from His _____**
(13:31-33). *Judas' departure from the group signaled the arrival of the **hour** Jesus had been promising (Cf. 12:23). True disciples do not walk away from Christ.*
- II. No _____ (however bold) is enough to prove _____ to Christ (13:36-38).** *The chiastic structure of this passage compares Judas (who **betrayed** Jesus) with Peter (who would **deny** Jesus). Peter's bold claim would yield to temptation (Cf. John 18:15-18, 25-27) and prove insufficient.*
- III. To prove _____ to Christ, _____ His _____ (13:34-35).** *How powerful would be the Church's witness if this were consistently practiced!*
- A. Our love is _____.**
This is what makes Jesus' command "new" (Cf. Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 5:43). His love is the standard of the New Covenant!
- B. Our love is a _____.**
Our love should characterize us more than the strength of our teaching, our programs, our music, or anything else!