

## “When Jesus Washed Their Feet”

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### **Read John 13:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come, and that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup>During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him. <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, got up from supper.

<sup>4</sup>He laid aside His garments; took up a towel, and girded Himself. <sup>5</sup>Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

<sup>6</sup>When He came to Simon Peter, and he said to Jesus, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do, you do not understand now, but you will understand hereafter.”

<sup>8</sup>Peter said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash your feet, you have no part with Me.” <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.”

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed, is completely clean, but needs only to wash his feet. You are clean, but not all of you.” <sup>11</sup>For He knew the one who was betraying Him; so for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

<sup>12</sup>So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you do well, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>I have given you an example, that you also should do as I did to you.”

<sup>16</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is the one who is sent, greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.”

## Study Questions

1. How did Jesus' act of washing the feet of His friends/disciples right before the most climactic part of his mission on earth demonstrate:
  - a) His certain belief in His destiny
  - b) His confidence in His future in heaven
  - c) His great love for his own
  - d) His knowledge that in His battle with the enemy, God would win?
  
2. Who normally did this lowly job?
  
3. Our feet touch the world. As we commit ourselves to believe and obey, do we still need Jesus to wash our feet? Why?
  
4. How will allowing our feet to be "washed by Jesus" lead to our washing others' feet, through serving one another? How does this ultimately bring us joy?
  
5. This act of serving others ultimately opens doors to sharing, not ourselves, but whom?  
Read Isaiah 52:7.

How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of them that bring good news,  
who announce peace,  
who bring good news of happiness,  
who announce salvation,  
and who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

**The feet of those who bring others this Good News are indeed beautiful!**

Take a moment to listen, worship, and contemplate with this song:

[How beautiful-Paris Twila](#)