

John 13:1-16 Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

v1 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. v2 The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. v3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; v4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. v5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. v6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" v7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." v8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." v9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" v10 Jesus answered, "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." v11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. v12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. v13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. v14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. v15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. v16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. v17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

WHY DID JESUS WASH HIS DISCIPLES FEET?

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1 One FINAL HUMAN ACT to DISPLAY HIS LOVE.

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The words translated "FULL EXTENT" is one word in the Greek. It is the word "TELES", and literally means "terminate". The washing of the feet is the "FULL STOP" at the end of the story.

The point Jesus is making is simply this:

**IF WASHING YOUR FEET DOESN'T SHOW
YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU, YOU WILL
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2 A SYMBOL that JESUS LOVES THE WORST OF SINNERS

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I don't know about you, but when I know someone doesn't like me,

I'M NOT GOING TO GO OUT MY WAY TO BE KIND TO THEM.

It's one thing, trying to be nice to someone who you think doesn't like you, .

BUT IT TAKES A DIVINE KIND OF LOVE TO BE KIND TO THOSE YOU KNOW WHO HATE YOU.

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3 A CHALLENGE that POWER DOES NOT LIE IN POSITION BUT IN SCRIFICIAL SERVICE

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DID YOU SEE WHAT THE FIRST PART OF THAT VERSE SAID

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- 1. ALL THINGS were put under his power**
Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- 2. HE HAD COME from God**
John 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.
- 3. HE WAS RETURNING to God**
John 14:2 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.

Jesus was never more certain of who he was, where he had come from, and where he was going, YET, he WASHED FEET

The point Jesus is making is simply this:

WHEN YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHO YOU BELONG TOO, YOU DON'T NEED TO PROVE ANYTHING TO ANYONE

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4 A REMINDER that WITHOUT THE CLEANSING HE PROVIDES WE HAVE NO HOPE

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Our hope is built on

NOTHING LESS THAN JESUS BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- v9 not by works, so that no one can boast. v10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hebrews 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

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PETER, WITHOUT ME, YOU ARE LOST

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5 DEMONSTRATE that HUMILITY is the GODLY ALTERNATIVE to PRIDE

v13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ... v16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. .

The LIFE OF JESUS is ultimate expression of HUMILITY.

1. He was BORN into a HUMBLE HOME

Luke 1:46-48 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord v47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, v48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

2. He LIVED a HUMBLE LIFE

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

3. He ADOPTED a HUMBLE SPIRIT

Philippians 2:5-7 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: v6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, v7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

4. **He DIED a HUMBLE DEATH**

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honour.

Proverbs 18:12 Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honour.

Proverbs 22:4 Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honour and life.

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

1 Peter 5:5 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

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YOUR LOVE!!!**

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6 **A VISUAL PORTRAYAL of the GLORY OF THE GOSPEL**

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THE GOSPEL MESSAGE IS SUMMED UP LIKE THIS IN.

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Jesus became dirty, so we could be clean!!

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CONCLUSION

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ONE FINAL CHALLENGE

v14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

Maundy Thursday = MANDATE Thursday

The word "Maundy" is originated from the Latin word called "mandatum," which means "commandment."