

# GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lesson #8 -Washing the Disciples Feet

Scripture Reading: John 13:12-17

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Introduction:

1. E.g. The hardest instrument to play: "Second Fiddle".
2. Pride will destroy unity; humility promotes it.

Proposition: Jesus teaches the great lesson on humble service to others.

Interrogative: How does He drive His point home?

Transition: In this lesson we will observe how Jesus teaches by example...

## **I. THE STAGE IS SET**

### **A. JESUS LOVED HIS OWN TO THE END**

1. They had trouble along the way, but Christ loved them.
2. Judas would betray Christ, He still loved him.

### **B. JESUS KNEW THE HEART OF JUDAS**

1. He had agreed to betray Christ
2. He was seeking an opportunity

### **C. JESUS CAME FROM GOD**

1. He remembered the former glory -Jn 17:5
2. He was going back to the Father

## **II. JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLE'S FEET**

### **A. THIS AS A MENIAL TASK**

1. No one wanted this job. It was the job of a servant.
2. The disciples wanted to be great in the kingdom. Washing feet would not appear to be a good strategy for accomplishing this.

### **B. JESUS DEMONSTRATES HUMILITY**

1. He did what no one else wanted to do.
2. He even washed Judas' feet.

### **C. DISCOURSE WITH PETER**

1. You'll never wash my feet!
2. If not, Peter would have no part with Christ. This changes Peter's mind immediately.
3. Baptism parallel
  - a. If Jesus does not wash us today through His blood, we can have no part with Him.

- b. Those who are baptized only need their feet washed. (ie. Once baptized, one does not have to be baptized again when they sin. -cf. Ac 8:20-24)

### **III. JESUS GIVES THE APPLICATION**

#### **A. JESUS HUMBLING HIMSELF AND SERVED OTHERS**

- 1. He is Teacher and Lord. He still humbled Himself.
- 2. He gave His life for us -Mt 20:28; Ro 5:6-8

#### **B. THE DISCIPLES SHOULD DO THIS FOR EACH OTHER**

- 1. Especially after the ascension of Christ, they will need each other.
- 2. Did they learn this lesson?
  - a. They sold land to take care of each other's needs -Ac 4:32-37
  - b. Many were gathered to pray for Peter -Ac 12:12

#### **Conclusion:**

- 1. Our culture like many others, humility is not promoted.
- 2. People want to focus on self.
- 3. Jesus focuses our minds outside ourselves to the needs of others.