

Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet

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John 13:1-11

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An Other Worldly Lesson

- God's economy is different than the way of the world
- Jesus had authority^{Jn7:45; Mk1:27} and power and was divine³
- Jesus needed to get disciples attention so he showed them about love

A Profound Contrast

- John shows contrast between pride of Judas^{Mk14:10; Mt27:3} & humility of Jesus²⁻⁴
- Judas sought his own benefit at expense of others like Satan^{Isa14:12-14}
- Jesus humility of servant^{Mk10:45; Phil2:6-8}, God highly exalted Jesus^{Phil2:9-11}
- Apply: how to be like Jesus? 1 Peter 3:15-16 take up the towel of Jesus!

A Misunderstood Action Parable

- Can you imagine the Lord of glory stripped down washing feet?⁵
- Peter couldn't... blurted out *Lord, do you wash my feet?*⁶
- Peter was too humble to allow Jesus to wash, but proud-hearted to rebuke!
- Jesus: *If I do not wash you, you have no share with me*⁸; share=inheritance
- J.M.Boice sees this as an 'action parable':
 1. Rose from supper = He rose from heavenly throne to redeem sinners
 2. Laid aside garments = Christ set aside His glory^{Phil2:6}
 3. Taking a towel, tied...=*taking the form of a servant*^{Phil2:7}
 4. Poured water... began to wash=*pour out His blood for many for forgiveness*^{Mt26:28}
 5. Put on outer garments, resumed His place¹²=after atoning, ascension^{Heb1:3}

Jesus Teaches about Salvation by Faith

- Peter's baby faith didn't grasp all that Jesus was teaching then
- Blurts out '*all of me*'; Jesus¹⁰⁻¹¹ graciously teaches some serious doctrine
- Culture: dinner guests bathed at home then walked dirty streets
- *you are clean*¹⁰ = they had faith in Jesus which is basis for salvation
- Because of their faith in Jesus God saw them as clean - 2 Cor 5:21
- *except for his feet*¹⁰ = believers get soiled by world - ongoing cleansing
- Jesus taught believers to seek forgiveness, avoid temptation^{Mt6:12-13}
- Jesus is teaching because of faith in Jesus we are completely clean¹⁰
- Believers constantly come to Jesus to get feet washed by His loving hands... John later wrote 1 John 1:7-9... that is our foot washing process
- Live in faith in Christ's completed work on your behalf; but continually return to Jesus to walk in the holiness He purchased for you!

The Truth About Judas

- Judas betrayed Jesus - but Jesus chose him, Jesus knew¹¹ his heart
- Judas received the benefits of Jesus' disciple: saw signs, heard teaching
- But Judas still chose his own way in face of grace, stood condemned^{Lk10:14}
- Have you heard good news of Gospel and rejected? Beware!
- Humble yourself, by faith believe in Christ's work on your behalf^{Jn3:15; Act16:31}
- Believers: live each day in faith in Christ's work; confess your sins to keep walking in fellowship with the Savior who redeemed you to make you holy