

**The Gospel According to John:
The Passion of the Christ**
Lesson 21: Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet
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Background

After the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, some additional events occurred which are not recorded in John's account, such as the second cleansing of the temple, various parables, woes pronounced upon the Pharisees, the destruction of the temple foretold, and other teachings. In John's account, there is a dramatic change in emphasis at this point. Previous chapters emphasized Jesus' revelation to the chosen people who rejected him. From this point on, we see more of a focus on Jesus' special relationship with His disciples.

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17)

► Explore It

1. What did Jesus know it was time to do? (13:1)
2. What had the devil prompted Judas to do? (13:2)
3. What did Jesus know that the Father had done? (13:3)
4. What did Jesus do when He got up from His meal with the disciples? (13:4-5)
5. Why did Peter express shock? (13:6)
6. How did Jesus respond to Peter's amazement? (13:7)
- * 7. What did Peter declare he would never allow? (13:8)
8. Why was it important for Jesus to wash the disciples' feet? (13:8)
9. What did Peter want Jesus to do? (13:9)
10. Why did Peter need only his feet washed? (13:10)
11. Why did Jesus qualify His statements? (13:11)
- * 12. What did Jesus tell His disciples they should do? (13:12-15)
- * 13. What is the difference between servants and masters? (13:16)
14. How did Jesus say that His disciples would be blessed? (13:17)

► Get It

15. When and why do you find it difficult to allow others to serve you?
- * 16. When and why is it difficult for you to serve others?
17. In what way are we to wash the feet of others?
18. What example did Jesus set for us to follow?
- * 19. What makes being humble so difficult?

► Apply It

20. Who is someone you can serve today? How?
21. Whose service do you need to accept the next time he or she offers?

Related Questions

- * Was this the Passover meal? The Passover was normally eaten after sundown of the day of preparation (when Jesus was crucified -19:31). The participants also stood. Why?
- * Did Judas have a choice? * Should we wash each others' feet today? Why or why not?

Note: Study guides for this series of lessons are available on the Internet at www.howellfamily.us/john.htm