

John 13

- 1 The time had come for Him to go to the Father via the cross and the resurrection. He loved His disciples perfectly, fully, completely. He wanted to show them how much.
- 2 The cross was approaching. The devil had Judas ready to play his part.
- 3 Knowing fully who He was, where He was from and where He was going, He proceeded in selfless service.
- 4 The preparation. The basin and towel were there, no one of the disciples had stooped to use them, so their Lord did so.
- 5 He proceeded with the customary foot washing accorded guests who had come along dusty roads.
- 6 Peter's reaction. The idea was offensive, My Lord, my feet?
- 7 Later you will understand.
- 8 Peter's downright refusal. No way! Only those washed belong to the Lord. 'Washed' speaks of cleansing from and forgiveness of sin.
- 9 Peter's about face. Now he wants a bath.
- 10 The Lord Jesus teaches an important gospel truth. At the beginning of the Christian life there is a bath, that is a major cleansing, complete and non repeatable. There is a foot washing cleansing, that is a minor cleansing which is necessary every time I slip and fall, and is available upon 'humble' confession to the Lord. Eleven of the disciples were clean, they had experienced the bath.
- 11 One, Judas, the betrayer was not clean.
- 12-15 The Lord's explanation. He had stooped to wash their feet to set them an example. Wash one another's feet = humbly serve one another.
- 16,17 The true servant will follow the Master's example.
- 18 Judas is excluded. He was not one of the chosen. Why was he a disciple? That scripture might be fulfilled.
- 19 Jesus was not surprised to confirm the disciple's faith in Him.
- 20 Another comment on master and servants – messengers. They possess their Master's authority.
- 21 Judas' betrayal caused the Saviour distress. It gave Him no pleasure that He was right.
- 22 The disciple's reaction to the announcement was one of bewilderment. Who could it be?
- 23-26 Judas is identified.
- 27-29 Satan had put the suggestion into the mind of Judas. Now with Judas' consent Satan takes control of him. Judas is now completely hardened and determined, but Jesus is still in charge and tells him to go.
- 30 It was night also in Judas' soul.

31,32 In the events soon to unfold both the Father and Son will be glorified through the Son's complete obedience to The Father even unto death on the cross.

33 The Saviour's compassion for His own. He has only a short time with them. They will not go with Him at this time.

34 New command, always new and fresh. Love one another.

35 The badge of true disciples.

36 Peter's enquiry and Jesus' reply.

37 Peter's professed willingness.

38 Peter's predicted failure.