

**MAIN POINT:** Jesus shows us that the beautiful and radical way of living is following his example. It means the humility of washing feet and the sacrifice of sharing the things of one's life with others - which is love.

**PASSOVER EVE.** It is now the last week of the Lord's life. Palm Sunday had just happened. It was Thursday, the night before the Passover Celebration. On Friday each family would kill and eat the little pet lamb they had been keeping in their home. A major celebration was done at the temple. This was done to bring to memory the time when God delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt through Moses with signs and wonders. The last sign and wonder was when the angel of death killed all the first born boys and men of Egypt and the first born males of the livestock to cause them to fear God and let God's people go. However, the angel of death passed over the homes of Israel and non-Hebrew believers and did not kill the first born of their children and livestock. He passed over because he saw the blood of the lamb on their doorposts. • On this Passover, Jesus, the beloved lamb, would be killed and his blood poured out before the Father to cover the people's sin. The angel of death would forever pass over the people of the world **that believed in him.** Jesus would be the most beloved of all creation—Father God's only son.

**13:1-5 Foot washing.** Jesus knew that in a few \_\_\_\_\_ he would be nailed to a cross and die to leave this \_\_\_\_\_ and return to the \_\_\_\_\_. This would be a shocker for those who loved and followed Jesus. So Jesus decided to wash the disciple's feet—to show them the extent of his \_\_\_\_\_ and passion for them. The \_\_\_\_\_ had already \_\_\_\_\_ Judas, the son of Simon \_\_\_\_\_, to carry out what the Devil thought was his plan to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and destroy God's Son. Jesus knew the unspeakable suffering, especially of soul, that he was facing. But he also knew how it would end up. He knew that the Father had given him \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ (including death). He knew that even as he had \_\_\_\_\_ from God he would \_\_\_\_\_ to God. So he got up from the table before eating and did something only the most worthless (from a human point of view) slave or lowly servant would do—he took off his \_\_\_\_\_. He wrapped himself with a \_\_\_\_\_, poured \_\_\_\_\_ into a basin and began to wash the disciple's \_\_\_\_\_. He wiped them with a towel he had around him.

• **THE PLAN.** It was not the Devil's plan that was in motion. It was the plan of the Father made before the foundation of the world...when the Father - knowing all things including the future - foreknew the cost of creating children in his image with a free will like His. He knew they would misuse their free will and every good thing he gave them and bring curse and death upon themselves. And the only way to save some of them to be his family forever would be the suffering and sacrifice of God the Son to cover sin that causes eternal death.

**13:6-11 Peter protests.** When he came to Simon Peter, Peter incredulously asked the Master \_\_\_\_\_ he was going to wash his feet. Jesus told him that he wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ it now but later he would. Peter protests saying, *'You will \_\_\_\_\_ wash my feet!'* Jesus tells him that if he doesn't make Peter clean, that Peter can never \_\_\_\_\_ to Him. Peter, knowing the Master is really serious, says then wash my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_ as well. Jesus said that a person who has bathed before he comes to a social gathering only needs to have his \_\_\_\_\_ washed because only sandal-clad feet would get dirty in the walk. However, Jesus comments that there was one there who had not only dirty feet but a dirty soul, referring to Judas who was about ready to go out and \_\_\_\_\_ him.

**13:12-17 Example.** When he has finished, the Master asks the disciples if they \_\_\_\_\_ what he was doing. He tells them that they should follow his \_\_\_\_\_ and be humble and loving and wash each \_\_\_\_\_ feet. He points out that the \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_ than his master or a \_\_\_\_\_ greater than the one who sent him. Nor is a disciple greater than his teacher. *"You \_\_\_\_\_ these things -- now \_\_\_\_\_ them! That is the path of \_\_\_\_\_."* Truly the world would be blessed if people humbled themselves and served others rather than seeking to be better than others and make them serve them.

• **THE TEACHER (RABBI) AND HIS DISCIPLES.** The disciple is not only one who learns in his head but one who puts into practice the teaching and example of the rabbi (teacher).

**13:18-20 Judas.** Jesus says that he is not saying these things to all 12 of the disciples because one of them whom he \_\_\_\_\_ has come to resent, despise or whatever it was Judas felt toward Jesus and has turned \_\_\_\_\_ him. It is amazing that one who had \_\_\_\_\_ food with the Master, who had walked and talked and shared three and a half glorious years with him, had turned against him. Jesus says that he is telling them these things \_\_\_\_\_ before the apparent disaster of the cross and his mind boggling resurrection so they will be better prepared to believe that he is indeed the \_\_\_\_\_. He speaks a word to all of us - that those of us who always keep our door open to him are also welcoming the \_\_\_\_\_ who sent him.

**13:21-30 Jesus confronts Judas.** Jesus tells the 12 that one of them will \_\_\_\_\_ him. They didn't know what he meant. \_\_\_\_\_ asks the disciple whom Jesus loved \_\_\_\_\_ it was. Jesus said it is the one to whom I give this \_\_\_\_\_ and he handed it to Judas. At that moment \_\_\_\_\_ took possession of Judas. Jesus tells him, *"\_\_\_\_\_ Do it now."* The disciples didn't get it. Perhaps they couldn't imagine any one of them doing it.

• 13:2 SATAN, the Devil, is the tempter. See *Genesis 3:1; I Chronicles 21:1; Job 1:6-12; Matthew 4:1-1; Acts 5:3; I Thessalonians 3:5* • All of us are tempted by the devil as long as we live. He will remember our weak spots and continually work in our thoughts. Also because he is the "god of this world," he is able to cause situations in our life in an attempt to bring us down. • The answer is to call on the name of Jesus to help us. Jesus was tempted in every way like we are without sinning. He can help us. *Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 2:1*

• The big truth: We can tell Satan he has no rights over us as a forgiven Christian.

**12:31-35 Last words.** Jesus tells them that the time has come for him to enter into his \_\_\_\_\_ . Things would be forever different with Jesus and his beloved disciples. After his resurrection he would be a glorified man, no longer fully part of this world and its simple ways. Jesus regrets that and says, "Dear \_\_\_\_\_, how \_\_\_\_\_ are these (wonderful) \_\_\_\_\_ before I must go away and leave you!" He then gives a last word – the one commandment that would solve the world's sorrows if put into practice. "\_\_\_\_\_ one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will \_\_\_\_\_ to the world that you are my disciples." "Then the disciples were on the road. They preached with joyful urgency that life can be radically different." Mark 6:12 Msg. Bible.

**12:36 Peter.** Peter was like all of us, loving the Master and trusting in Him but not so good without his grace of walking a faithful life. Peter asks the Lord where he is going. Jesus is going to the cross. He just tells Peter that he can't follow him this time. Peter says with all his heart, "... I am ready to \_\_\_\_\_ for you." Jesus tells him that before the rooster crows tomorrow morning – that he will \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ times.

**What Does This Scripture Say To You?** \_\_\_\_\_

13:1 Jesus was speaking of His death by crucifixion, resurrection, and bodily ascension into heaven. •Every person who goes through the Father's world will go through the same process. (1)THE CROSS death to the old self by joining oneself to Christ in His crucifixion *Romans 6:4-10* Those who die before the return of the Lord also have to pass through physical death. (2)THE RESURRECTION. Jesus will give us new bodies on the day of resurrection. *Philippians 3:20*. (3) ASCENSION-RAPTURED-passing into the Father's presence.

13:6-15 The people of the world make those who are weaker than them wash their feet—that is, do the dirty jobs and cower before them. God walking this earth washed feet to show us that the greatest among us will be servants like Him. *Matthew 20:25-28*

13:20 This is the Holy Spirit who witnesses to Jesus

13:23 Does the Lord have favorites? No, He is no respecter of persons. *Acts 10:34* However, there are those for whom the Lord is really their favorite. Such peoples have MORE FUN with the Lord.

13:31 Jesus is saying that by His death on the cross, He and the Father would shine before the world of men, angels and

demons. This act of love would end up bringing honor to Jesus and the Father & bringing the children home

13:35 A person who has love and kindness and honor in their heart keeps all the commandments which were written to guide people who did not have Christ's love in their heart *Romans 5:5, Romans 13:9-10*

13:37 Jesus had to MAKE A WAY for us to follow Him into the Father's presence. He did it by breaking down the SIN BARRIER by bearing all our sins on the cross.

13:38 By nature we are FULL OF OURSELVES. The Lord will allow us to be put in situations which we can't handle and stay miserable to bring us to the point where we say, "Lord unless you save me—I'm sunk."