

John 13:1-11

John 13:1-3 – *“(1) Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. (2) And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; (3) Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God.”*

A. The hour has come (**Luke 22:50-54**).

1. His departure will be out of this world to His Father (**John 14:28, John 16:5-6, John 16:28, Romans 8:34, and Colossians 3:1**).
2. Jesus is not leaving the disciples out of ill feelings, He loves them to the end (**John 15:9-10 and Revelation 1:5**).
3. The Father had given all things into the hands of Jesus (**Matthew 11:27, Matthew 28:18, John 3:35, John 5:22-27, Ephesians 1:19-23, and Hebrews 1:1-2**).

B. Satan's plan is now in Judas' heart (**Luke 22:3-4 and John 13:21-27**).

1. Satan did not literally control Judas, but Judas was doing the work of Satan (**John 6:70-71**).
 - a. This similar figure of speech is shown in God FIGURATIVELY putting something into someone's heart (**II Corinthians 8:16**).
 - b. In fact, the same language is used in showing God putting something sinful into man's heart (**Revelation 17:15-17**).
 - c. Yet, we know God does not literally tempt man (**James 1:13-16**).
2. Anytime someone sins, he or she is doing the work of Satan (**Matthew 16:21-23, Acts 5:1-10, Ephesians 2:1-3, and I John 3:8-10**).
3. Sin is a choice (**I Corinthians 15:34, Ephesians 4:26, James 4:17, and I John 3:4**) and we have the freedom to choose right or wrong (**Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Proverbs 9:6, Acts 2:40, Philippians 2:12, and James 1:21-25**).

John 13:4-7 – *“(4) He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. (5) After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. (6) Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? (7) Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.”*

A. Jesus is our Lord (**Acts 2:36**), but He also shows He's a servant (**Luke 12:37 and Luke 22:27**).

1. Jesus is/was God (**Romans 9:1-5 and I Timothy 3:16**), but He had taken on the form of a servant (**Philippians 2:6-8**).
2. The disciples are looking for an earthly king (**Acts 1:6**), but Jesus is trying to show them He came for another purpose (**Mark 10:45**).

B. During this, they did not know or understand what Jesus did in washing their feet (cf. **John 12:16**).

1. Sometimes it takes people a while to “get it” (**Luke 24:25**).
2. This was especially true at this time because all of the information was not available to the disciples (**I Corinthians 13:8-13**).
3. We must remember that learning sometimes is a time consuming process. This is why the Lord expects us to be longsuffering in teaching (**II Timothy 2:22-26** and **II Timothy 4:2**).
 - a. Some use this truth as a reason to allow people to continue in error. That is a twist of what being longsuffering is (**Proverbs 28:4**).
 - i. The Lord was longsuffering with Paul (**I Timothy 1:16**).
 - ii. Does that mean He allowed Paul to keep sinning without correcting him? NO (**Acts 9:1-20**)!
 - b. We can never be silent and allow someone to be wrong for any period of time (**Galatians 2:1-5** and **Jude 3-4**).

John 13:8-11 – “(8) Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. (9) Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. (10) Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. (11) For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.”

A. Peter speaks ignorantly as he had in the past (**Mark 8:31-33**) and will again before Jesus dies (**Mark 14:27-31**; cf. **Mark 14:66-72**).

1. When the Lord says something, it is not up for discussion (**Job 40:1-2**, **Isaiah 45:9-12**, **Romans 9:20-21**, and **I Corinthians 10:22**).
2. The Lord does not owe us any explanations (**Job 33:12-14**).
3. Everyone must understand that the Lord’s word is the final word on all things (**Deuteronomy 18:19**, **Jeremiah 6:19**, and **John 12:48**).

B. The Lord also makes an application to washing in that not all of the disciples were spiritually clean (cf. **Psalms 24:3-5**).

1. Disciples of the Lord are made clean through Christ (**I Corinthians 6:9-11**, **Ephesians 5:25-26**, and **Revelation 1:5**).
2. To remain disciples of the Lord, we must keep ourselves clean (**Psalms 73:1**, **Matthew 5:8**, **Matthew 23:25-26**, **I Timothy 2:8**, **I Timothy 5:22**, and **Hebrews 10:22**, and **James 1:26-27**).
3. Judas was not clean in that his heart was set to betray the Lord (cf. **Mark 14:10**).