

The Full Extent Of God's Love!

John 13:1-5

1. It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them THE FULL EXTENT OF HIS LOVE.
2. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.
3. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;
4. so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.
5. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 13:12-17

12. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.
13. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.
14. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.
15. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.
16. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.
17. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Luke 22:24-27

24. Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.
25. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.
26. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.
27. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

John 13:15 - I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

1. Jesus washed the disciples' feet because HE LOVED THEM!

John 13:1b - "...having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end"

NIV - "...he now showed them the full extent of his love

John 13:34-35 - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another".

John 14:15 - "If you love me, you will obey what I command"

1 John 3:16 - "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers"

1 John 4:10-11 - "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"

2. Jesus washed the disciples' feet because HE WAS FOCUSED ON THE NEEDS OF OTHERS!

*Judas sought ADVANTAGE FOR HIMSELF in this world at the EXPENSE of others!

John 12:4-6

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

Matthew 26:14-16

14 Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests

15 and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver.

16 From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

*Jesus sought DISADVANTAGE HIMSELF in this world for the BENEFIT of others!

Philippians 2:3-8

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Mark 10:45 - The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Philippians 2:4 - "Each of [us] should look not only to [our] own interests, but also to the interests of others"

3. Jesus washed the disciples' feet because HE UNDERSTOOD THAT TRUE GREATNESS COMES FROM SERVING OTHERS!

John 13:17 - Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Mark 10:43 - "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant"

Luke 22:27 - "Who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves"