

# JOHN 13

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## *Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (1-17)*

It was customary in Jesus' day for people's dusty, sandaled feet to be washed, usually by the lowest ranking servant, before a meal was served.

1. Growing up, how often did your family sit down and eat together?x

How much did you visit at the table?x  
How does that compare to your current lifestyle?x

Growing up, who would you nominate for the "Servant Award" for their selfless, tireless servanthood?x

2. Why didn't the disciples wash their feet before supper?x
  - a. they forgot
  - b. they were slobs
  - c. it wasn't their job
  - d. there weren't any servants there
3. Vs. 1-3 lists four things Jesus knew when he washed the apostles' feet. What are they and can you find a fifth "he knew" listed later in the chapter? (What is significant about his actions - given what he knows?x)
4. Vs. 1 How is this story showing the full extent of his love?x

5. Did the devil force his way into the heart of Judas?x
6. What would you have done if Jesus wanted to wash your feet?x
  - a. left the room
  - b. objected like Peter did
  - c. insisted that I wash his feet
  - d. kept quiet but felt uncomfortable
  - e. felt honored by his caring act
7. What did Jesus mean when he said "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me" in vs 8?x
  - a. "I don't want to share a room with anyone with dirty feet."
  - b. "To be part of me you have to learn to receive."
  - c. "You have to let my coming sacrifice cleanse you from your sin."
  - d. "As long as you live you will need cleansing and forgiveness."
  - e. "Unless you're a servant like I am, you can't be my disciple."
8. Why did Jesus wash his disciples' feet?
  - a. to shame them
  - b. to be an example of servanthood
  - c. to illustrate his whole mission
  - d. to show them real leadership
  - e. to show his deep love for them before he died
9. How did Jesus expect the disciples to follow his example?
  - a. to wash each other's feet literally
  - b. to be willing to do the "dirty work" 12-17
  - c. to take care of each other
  - d. to observe foot washing regularly in the church, like Communion

10. If married, what would it mean to practice foot washing in your marriage relationship?x

- a. to serve my spouse more
- b. to let my spouse serve me
- c. to listen to my spouse more
- d. to show more affection
- e. to show more appreciation
- f. to be more patient and forgiving
- g. to serve with no strings attached
- h. to do things that aren't "my job"
- i. to work at sharing unpleasant tasks

11. If you have children, how can you better serve them?x

- a. spend more time with them
- b. give them my undivided attention
- c. give them more affection
- d. bless them more with special meals and other occasions

***Jesus Predicts His Betrayal (18-30)***

12. In foretelling his betrayal, what do you sense in Jesus?x

- a. Resolution
- b. Resignation
- c. Restlessness

13. Did the apostles realize that it was Judas who would betray Jesus?

14. Is Judas to be excused or held responsible when "Satan entered into him" (13:27, see also 6:70, 12:4-6, 13:2)?x

***Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial (31-38)***

15. Why did Jesus wait until Judas was gone to share the message in vs. 31-35?x

16. What exactly is the new commandment? What is the new part?

17. How will people know that we are followers of Jesus?

18. What type of person is Peter (vs. 6-9, 36-37)?

19. How do you think he felt after v. 38?x

20. What commitment did Peter say he was willing to make?