



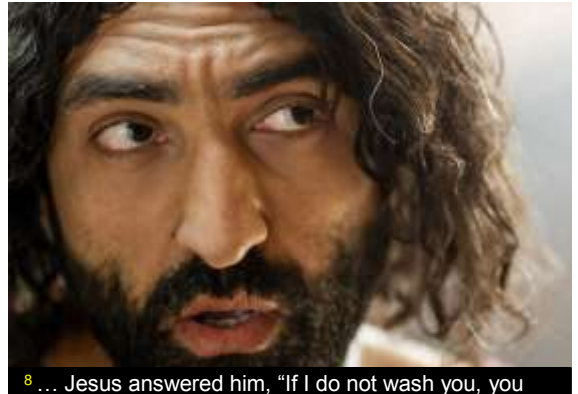
⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"



⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."



^{8a} Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet."



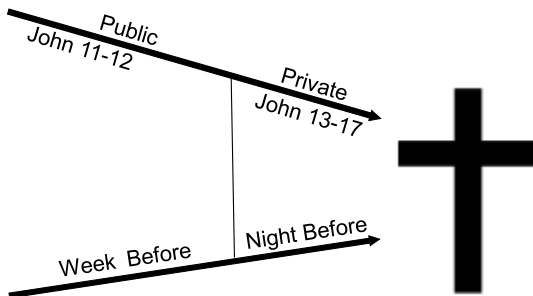
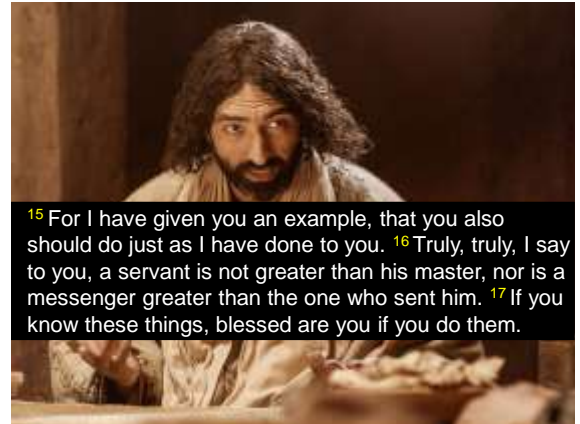
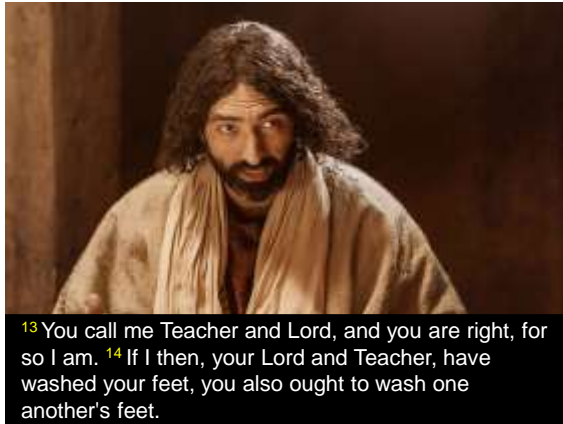
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⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."



¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"



which of the disciples was regarded to be

the GREATEST!

(Luke 22:24)

Permit Jesus to Wash You

⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward (after the crucifixion and resurrection) you will understand."

^{8b} ... Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, (Phil.2:6-9NLT)

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

(2 Corinthians 5:21NLT)

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The Bad News is...?

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind. (Isaiah 64:6NLT) Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. (Isaiah 59:2ESV)

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The Good News is...?

as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Those who have received the full bath (like Peter) still need to let Jesus wash their feet!

- a) We need to be cleansed from the alienating effect of a guilty conscience.
- b) We need to be cleansed from the deadening effect of living in a spiritually hostile world.

Wash each others feet spiritually

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

Practical ways to do it

- Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another ... (James 5:16a)
- Bear one another's burdens ... (Gal.6:2)
- ...consider how to stir up one another to love and good works ... (Heb.10:24)
- If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. (John 13:14)
- If you know these things, BLESSED are you if you do them. (John 13:17)

