**Go Take A Bath!!**

(John 13:1-10 KJV)

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s we share in word and wisdom of God's Holy Writ—we must set the scene to better express the conveyance of the message before us. In the text the disciples are gathered in the upper room with Jesus for their final meal together. Surprisely, all of the disciples are there—that bold **Peter** is there, the tax collector, **Matthew** is there; the political zealot, **Simon** is there; the prejudiced **Nathanael** is there; the courageous **Thomas** is there; the sons of Thunder, **James** and **John** is there; the people persons, **Andrew** and **Philip** is there; the insignificant, **James the Lesser** and **the other Judas** is there, and even that low down and dirty **Judas Iscariot** is there. And Jesus intended to wash everyone of their feet in an act of servitude and submission. As they are sitting in the upper room they are staggering in conversation—because in reality things aren’t going so well. The men knew that something is up with Jesus. And Jesus' mind and demeanor seem to be distracted but yet quiet. He doesn’t seem his usual grateful self. He talks, but it seems as if he has something on his mind and indeed he does, because of what's brewing in the pot—Jesus sees something accumulating that doesn't support unity and doesn't want it to spread universally—especially in the union of His disciples.

As Jesus sits and eats that meal with his disciples, he knows that before long—that Judas will come with a deceitful and daunting kiss, the Roman soldiers will approach him, abuse him, and then arrest him, and soon he will stand at attention before Herod and Annas and Caiphas and Pilate. Soon, in just a matter of hours, he will be hanging on a cross. As the uproar in the room goes on back and forth in argument.

Do you know what they were arguing about? They were arguing about who was going to be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. There were 12 disciples there, and they had 12 different answers to that question.

Now that’s why they didn’t wash each other’s feet that night. They were too busy arguing about who was going to be Number One. It makes sense, doesn’t it, that as long as you are worrying about who’s going to come out on top, you’re not going to worry about something menial like washing dirty feet. Foot washing and looking out for Number One just don’t go together. And Jesus listens as unity is paralyzed—and he realizes that someone is dirty in the room and that it's time for him to give all of them a quick foot bath!

Moreover, expediently, without a word, he stands up without any explanation, he then takes off his tunic and wraps the towel of a slave around his waist. And then taking a pitcher of water, he goes to the end of the table and kneels down. And without anyone's permission he takes the feet of a disciple—and he brushes the dirt off and begins to splash, and soak the water on their feet one by one. He massages their feet as if they were in a spa. When the feet is clean, he then takes the towel and wipes the feet dry. He goes to the next one and does the same thing in rotation. As they sit in awe the room is in complete silence, total silence. No one dares to speak—because they cannot believe what Jesus is doing, because He's giving them a feet bath!

1. **The Supper Before The Bath:**

(John 13:1-3 KJV)

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In the text it records that the feast of the Passover was on the horizon. And it was time for the lamb of God to die, and leave this world and show himself to the father as an ultimate sacrifice. Jesus knew His enemy was lurking, and He knew the enemy was about to strike and betray Him. So, He had to act before the enemy struck. The disciples had to be strengthened and fortified, shown and taught immediately—because once the enemy struck, it would be too late.

* **The Plan**

Satan's plan to betray Christ was about to take place. And Satan would work through Judas, one of the disciples. At the evening meal before the Passover, the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver—whereas each piece of silver valued at approximately $20 a piece—making the betrayal price approximately $600 to have Jesus crucified. This was no surprise to Jesus, because he had predicted this occurrence in advance:

(John [6:70-71](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+6%3A70-71) KJV).

*70Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?71He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.*