



Unless I Wash You (John 13:1-13)

The Timing

- This is Jesus' _____ night with His disciples.
- These events take place on the night Jesus was _____.
- The wording of the text indicates Jesus is about to do something extremely _____ (John 13:1, 3).

The Event

- "You do not realize now what I am doing, but _____ you will understand" (v.7).
- Peter couldn't understand the significance of what Jesus was doing on this occasion apart from the _____.
- "Unless I wash you, you have no _____ with me" (v. 8).

The Message

- First and foremost, we must let Jesus _____ us.
- We must let Him wash our _____.
- Jesus wants to wash those places in you where you feel most _____, most unlovable and most _____.
- The challenge is two-fold:

- That we would _____ Jesus wash our feet.
- That we would then wash _____ feet.

John 13:12-15 (The Message) Then he said, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as 'Teacher' and 'Master,' and rightly so. That is what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other's feet. I've laid down a pattern for you. What I've done, you do.

- We can't wash one another's feet until Jesus has washed _____.

John 13:16-17 (NIV) 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.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (The Message) All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.

- Jesus, my feet are dirty. Come even as a slave to me, pour water into your bowl, come and wash my feet. In asking such a thing I know I am overbold, but I dread what was threatened when you said to me, "If I do not wash your feet I have no fellowship with you." Wash my feet then, because I long for your companionship. (Origen, c. 185-254. "Worship in the Early Church," *Christian History*, Issue 37).