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THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

LUKE 22:14-23, JOHN 13:02-20
FOOTWASHER

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. What we are going to study today will be happening on a Thursday and it is the first day of the Passover.
 - 1. What we are about to study is in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and we are going to spend most of our time in Luke.
 - 2. Again, Jesus is preparing for His death, but we need to keep in mind that He is also preparing the Apostles.
 - a) We will begin in **Luke 22:14**.

II. **LUKE 22:14–18 (NKJV) — 14 WHEN THE HOUR HAD COME, HE SAT DOWN, AND THE TWELVE APOSTLES WITH HIM. 15 THEN HE SAID TO THEM, “WITH *FERVENT* DESIRE I HAVE DESIRED TO EAT THIS PASSEVER WITH YOU BEFORE I SUFFER; 16 FOR I SAY TO YOU, I WILL NO LONGER EAT OF IT UNTIL IT IS FULFILLED IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.” 17 THEN HE TOOK THE CUP, AND GAVE THANKS, AND SAID, “TAKE THIS AND DIVIDE *IT* AMONG YOURSELVES; 18 FOR I SAY TO YOU, I WILL NOT DRINK OF THE FRUIT OF THE VINE UNTIL THE KINGDOM OF GOD COMES.”**

- A. **With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer**
 - 1. Jesus was very Passionate about this Passover.
 - a) It will be His last with the Apostles before He dies.
 - b) In fact, it will be His last Passover until the Marriage Supper of the Lamb – when He get to celebrate with ALL the saints!
 - c) And although we can certainly apply the human sentiment here we must also remember the Spiritual.
 - (1) Jesus is on the threshold of completing His mission!
 - (2) This is the apex of all that He has done and said!
 - (3) He knows that this is not the beginning of the end – it is the beginning of the beginning!

III. **LUKE 22:19–20 (NKJV) — 19 AND HE TOOK BREAD, GAVE THANKS AND BROKE *IT*, AND GAVE *IT* TO THEM, SAYING, “THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.” 20 LIKEWISE HE ALSO TOOK THE CUP AFTER SUPPER, SAYING, “THIS CUP *IS* THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU.**

- A. How many times have you heard this and it is not even communion Sunday.
 - 1. We often us the passage out of **1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NKJV) 23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and**

when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **“Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”** 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”** 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

2. In our American “traditional” communion, we usually do the bread and the drink one right after the other.
 - a) But please notice that in both of these passages, “supper” was “sandwiched” between the cups. (pun intended ☺)
 - (1) According to the customs of a Passover dinner, this was nothing unusual - there would be four different cups of wine ceremonially sipped during the meal. (Guzik)
 - b) Before we leave this section – I want to point out this part of verse 25: **...This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**
 - (1) Why would Jesus say this is it were not easy to forget?
 - (2) Now we – as believers – might say, “I could never forget Jesus’ death and resurrection.
 - (3) Consider this:
 - (a) Every time Jesus is misrepresented, we have forgotten.
 - (b) Every time we rebel against the One who bought us, we have forgotten.
 - (c) Every time we look to ourselves instead of Jesus Himself, we have forgotten. (Guzik)
 - (i) Somethings are too important to forget that is why Jesus associated the communion with the things people do every day – eat and drink!

IV. **LUKE 22:21–23 (NKJV) — 21 BUT BEHOLD, THE HAND OF MY BETRAYER IS WITH ME ON THE TABLE. 22 AND TRULY THE SON OF MAN GOES AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED, BUT WOE TO THAT MAN BY WHOM HE IS BETRAYED!” 23 THEN THEY BEGAN TO QUESTION AMONG THEMSELVES, WHICH OF THEM IT WAS WHO WOULD DO THIS THING.**

- A. My guess is that there were a lot of fingers pointing at Peter!
 1. ALL of the Gospels tell of the Disciples arguing over who was the greatest: pitting themselves against each other and comparing themselves with each other.
 - a) I am pretty sure this was also going on here.
 2. I am also guessing that there were very few of them that thought it could be Judas!
 - a) After all he was the one that was trusted enough to hang on to the money pouch! He was the treasurer.
 3. So not only has Jesus told them that this would be His last Passover with them – AND that He would soon die – but also - that the one who would turn Him over to the authorities to be crucified was one of them!
 - a) But he doesn’t tell them who it is!
 - (1) Jesus has poured three years of His life into these men; and after they have seen the character of Jesus on display in almost every conceivable circumstance; now, at the final hours before His

betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion, they are arguing - about which of them is the greatest!

(a) So look at what he does next!

V. **JOHN 13:2–6 (NKJV) — 2 AND SUPPER BEING ENDED, THE DEVIL HAVING ALREADY PUT IT INTO THE HEART OF JUDAS ISCARIOT, SIMON’S SON, TO BETRAY HIM, 3 JESUS, KNOWING THAT THE FATHER HAD GIVEN ALL THINGS INTO HIS HANDS, AND THAT HE HAD COME FROM GOD AND WAS GOING TO GOD, 4 ROSE FROM SUPPER AND LAID ASIDE HIS GARMENTS, TOOK A TOWEL AND GIRDED HIMSELF. 5 AFTER THAT, HE POURED WATER INTO A BASIN AND BEGAN TO WASH THE DISCIPLES’ FEET, AND TO WIPE THEM WITH THE TOWEL WITH WHICH HE WAS GIRDED. 6 THEN HE CAME TO SIMON PETER. AND PETER SAID TO HIM, “LORD, ARE YOU WASHING MY FEET?”**

A. Please consider that Judas is in this bunch!

1. How does the Lord decide to treat Judas even knowing that he will be directly responsible for His betrayal?
 - a) He washes his feet!
 - b) What amazes me even more is that Judas doesn’t even break character during this.
 - (1) Sin makes us deaf, dumb, blind, and stupid! But satan already has him.
2. Peter is the one who breaks: He is having a hard time seeing Jesus as a mere servant – a footwasher.
 - a) That was usually done by the “hired help”.
 - (1) The way this is phrased – for us – this would almost be like, “*Jesus, you are not going to wash my feet – I should be washing yours.*”
 - (a) Look as Jesus’ reply.

VI. **JOHN 13:7–8 (NKJV) — 7 JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, “WHAT I AM DOING YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND NOW, BUT YOU WILL KNOW AFTER THIS.” 8 PETER SAID TO HIM, “YOU SHALL NEVER WASH MY FEET!” JESUS ANSWERED HIM, “IF I DO NOT WASH YOU, YOU HAVE NO PART WITH ME.”**

A. As I mentioned – the Disciples were often arguing about who was the greatest among them.

1. That answer was very simple – IT WAS JESUS!
 - a) And yet, the King of King and Lord of Lords is washing their feet!
 - (1) “*Peter if you don’t get this – you don’t even know who I am!*” “*You don’t understand anything that I have taught you!*”

VII. CONCLUSION

A. **John 13:9–20 (NKJV) — 9 Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” 10 Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.” 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, “You are not all clean.” 12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down**

again, He said to them, **“Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, 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 should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. 18 “I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘*He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.*’ 19 Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*. 20 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”**

1. One of the most important things upon Jesus’ heart as He is about to leave the Disciple to change the world: is servanthood.
 - a) They needed to quit trying to be “the most important” and become the greatest servants.
 - (1) **Philippians 2:5–8 (NKJV) — 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.**