

SEVEN DAYS
The Promise Of Being Washed Clean
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Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31 NIV

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. John 13:1 NIV

Key Verses of the Day

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. John 13:2-18 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

The Promise found in Jesus' washing of His disciples feet is the assurance of being _____ that would be founded in His death.

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God... John 13:3 NIV

Jesus' Motivation For Washing The Disciples Feet

1. Jesus understood the _____ His Father had given him.

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power...

2. Jesus understood His _____ origin.

... that he had come from God...

3. Jesus understood His _____.

... and was returning to God...

"The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." John 10:17-18 NIV

The Living Parable Of Jesus Washing Feet...

- Demonstrates Jesus' _____ to His Father's Will.

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Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing... Philippians 2:6-7 NIV

Grab This!

Jesus "emptying" Himself means that He willing _____ the privileges that were His in Heaven.

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. John 6:38 NIV

The Living Parable Of Jesus Washing Feet...

- Reveals His _____.

...and wrapped a towel around his waist.

...he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!... Philippians 2:7-8 NIV

The Living Parable Of Jesus Washing Feet...

- Portrays Jesus' life being _____ as a sacrifice for the sins of people.

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Grab This!

The greatest act of submission, humility and servanthood was Jesus' action _____

... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!...

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:28 NIV

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22 NIV

Don't Miss This!

It wasn't about washing feet... it was about washing _____.

The Bottom Line

If you are a follower of Jesus — He has _____ too!

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

The Challenge

Are you _____ the example of Jesus?