

JESUS TEACHING HUMILITY

Lesson III.

John 13: 1-17—Memory Verses 14-17

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1. Now before the feast of the passover, when Je'sus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Ju'das Iscar'iot, Si'mon's son, to betray him;

3. Je'sus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4. He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6. Then cometh he to Si'mon Pe'ter: and Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7. Je'sus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8. Pe'ter saith unto him, Thou shalt never

wash my feet. Je'sus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9. Si'mon Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10. Je'sus saith unto him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit; and ye are clean, but not all.

11. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13. Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am.

14. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The evening before His death Jesus and His disciples were sitting in a large upstairs room in Jerusalem taking supper.

They were all there—John and Peter and James, and the nine others.

Jesus knew that it would be the last chance

up and took off his long, loose coat. Then He tied a towel around His waist and poured some water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet.

In that country the people always take off their shoes when they sit down to supper after a dusty walk, and a servant washes their feet.

Jesus and His disciples had no servant, and none of the disciples had thought of doing it.

They were now so surprised at what their Master was doing that no one said anything until it was Peter's turn to have his feet washed. He could not bear to see Jesus doing such a thing, and said, "Lord, thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus told Peter that unless he was washed he could not be His disciple; then Peter was willing.

Jesus did not leave out anybody, not even the wicked Judas, and, after He had finished and had put on His coat again, He sat down and began to talk.

He said, "Do you know why I have done this? It is to teach you to be as kind to one another as I have been to you." Jesus had sometimes seen His disciples quarrelling about which of them should be the greatest, and He wanted to show them that if they wanted to be really



He would have of talking quietly to His friends alone before He died. He loved them very much and had many things to say to them.

While they were sitting at the table Jesus got