

V. 5 Greatness & humility.

Contrast: man with towel

Disciples quarreling - greatest is Kingdon

Why did they not all spring to their feet to take their Lord's place in the service which he was preparing to render?

Or were they filled with rivalry that no one was willing at the moment to waive his own claim & take the place of a servant?

Dearest friends of our Lord refused to render to each other needed service.

To what extent are we like them today?

Many local church - seek honor, thirst of praise, lust of power - have our own way - adolescent pointing - what a shame & tragedy not take towel?

How would a committee arrange for a foot washing service?

Ash Peter, James or John? Seniority
" Judas - He Treasurer inpt. Post.

Why not hire skolliday! (And painting done)
Beneath our dignity -
We have money in the Treasury - Pay for it!!

Pharisees - not pray in private lest somebody find to see how holy they were - alms & contributions - reward of men

What is true greatness? Rank - position from

Washing The Feet of The Apostles John 13:1-17

Every body must use a towel before coming to church & will use one - return home -

Present Day symbol of truth.

Much said about following Jesus today - Hymns - N.T. Examples Thinking, feeling, living, loving like Jesus.

Thrill of following Him - preach to Multitudes - Driving money changers out -

Share with him tonight, on way to cross - suffering reproach - Enduring cross.

Jesus takes a towel & girds himself!
" " " Basin & washes!

What is a towel a needed furnishing today?
" " " basin " " "

To be a Christian is to be like the man with the towel -

V. 1 Jesus ate the regular Passover meal at the proper time. Whole feast lasted 8 days. Followed by institution of the Lord's Supper. Emphasizing the full consciousness of Christ - Not stumbling in the dark as

go to another world - to the Father -

during the supper as v.4 shows that the meal was still going on.

v.3 Repeated from v1 accenting the full consciousness of Jesus.

v.4 Resist - from the couch - He enters robe - tunic - "As one that serveth"

Luke 22:27

Luke 22:24-30 strips preceding the meal.

They were at this place around the table -

✓ What is usually the spirit of service?

What could bring out more dramatically the spirit of Christian service? (washing feet)

✓ What can we get out of this or that?

Jesus saw dusty feet - Here let me help - see the need -

✓ What were principles thinking about? own burdens - selfish thoughts - washing feet - tired - dusty -

Do we forget the person next door?

✓ What kind of a task would you classify this as? white collar job!

lowly - menial -

W.7 - call for bending the knee - lowering ones position.

✓ When are Christ followers eager for service? Ready to perform - any task - little or small task! or when carries prestige!

if a person is to be useful - give self - hands - time - energy -

Which is easier. Show a person a quarter & say get a shoe shine or give it yourself?

Jesus gave himself.

a boy - father gave all things - money - car - never himself - life ended in tragedy -

✓ Do people take a hold of the towel today? give a little bit to ch. budget - never give themselves in Christ service.

Jesus - had come from God - took the towel & used it! His self in service means to be like Jesus -

Paul - "the lower preferring one another" Rom 12:10
"the lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves" Phil 2:3

Jesus rejoiced in success of Disciples -
Day of Pentecost - "great grace was upon them all" Acts 4:33 -

Love in action

in midst of human need love never stands still. Jesus saw grumpy, fat, tired, & he wished to refresh them -

Love leads to see the need - Samaritan -
" " " met " " -

Dare we follow Jesus in such service?
John Wesley - 85 yrs - probate his will -
The executor reported the possessions Wesley left behind were "a silver spoon, a frock, & the Methodist Church" -

Harmon Schmelzer (Zen. back) - German
caught a vision of So. Africa - SWAZI LAND
29 years - no furlough - led 5,000 to Christ

Our world today needs men & women to follow example of Christ with towel in hand -

Eager for every opportunity of service -
faithfully performing every task -
(praise - premium - applause -
preferment -)

V.8 Nun

more than removal of dust from
his feet -

1st condition of discipleship is

surrender!
waiting with basin -

connection with Passover - Lev. 22:

24-30 -

V.9 Quick to see - Fellowship -

moment ago Master doing too much
now tells him He is doing too little.

Passover suppose to have before
coming to the feast -
clean & tinned -

1. Passover over Num. 6:6-10

2 Chron 30:2-4 Luke 22:14-30

2. Just before that - act hospitality -

Gen 18:4; 24:32. Judges 19:21

1 Sam 25:41 Luke 7:37-44

John 12:2-3 1 Tim 5:10