Serving Others

Looking After Others - Jesus Washes The Disciples' Feet
Religious Knowledge

At the very beginning of his last Passover Jesus performs a simple task with a profound meaning.

He said, If I then, your **Master and Rabbi**, have washed your feet, you also have to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example so that you may do what I have done to you.

Jesus performed a humble action. Back in the day, it was left to the lowliest servant to perform the disliked duty of **washing the dirty, filthy feet of strangers or travelers** before they entered a house.

Jesus got up from the meal. First, He wrapped a towel around His waist. Then, He poured water into a large bowl. Next, He began to wash His disciples' feet. Finally, He dried them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.

Jesus also makes it very plain that he did not expect from his special called-out ones (or us, by extension) something he did not do. This is the mark of a true spiritual leader.

It was unusual for Jesus to approach the disciples to wash their feet. **Peter** was the first person to receive this humble act.

When Jesus came to Simon Peter, he asked, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'
Jesus answered, 'You don't know what I am doing, but later you will understand

Peter, did not want Jesus to wash his feet. However, Jesus' **blunt** response was able to change Peter" mind.

Jesus told Peter 'If I don't wash you,' 'you don't belong to me.'

Peter then responds with another exaggerated answer that his whole body should then be cleaned. Jesus' short answer is both revealing and full of spiritual meaning.

Instructions: Answer the following questions

1. Jesus was called by two other names. What are these two names?

_____ _____

2. What is the example did Jesus do to the others? _____

3. Whose feet did Jesus wash first? _____

4. '***Jesus' rather blunt response..,***' what does **blunt** mean in this passage?
(a) direct (b) extend (c) pointed (d) sharp

5. Use the numbers 1 – 4 to put the following sentences in the correct order.

___ Jesus began to wash His disciples' feet

___ Jesus wrapped a towel around His waist.

___ Jesus dried them with the towel

___ Jesus poured water into a large bowl.

6a. Did Peter want Jesus to only wash his feet? Write yes or no?

6b. Use evidence from the passage to support your answer. _____

7. What was the reason why Jesus washed the disciple's feet? _____

8. who was responsible to wash the feet of people before they enter a house?

lowliest servant the man of the house Jesus

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