

Questions for John 13:1-17

1. When are these events taking place and what amount of time has elapsed from chapters 12 and 13? Why is it added that Jesus loved his own until the end at this particular time? (Verse 1)

2. What supper were they eating and what was instituted during this supper? What does it mean that the devil “put it into the heart of Judas to betray him”? Does this verse imply that Judas had lost free will? (Verse 2)

3. Why did they wash their feet in ancient times? How was the washing of feet performed? How does verse 3 help us in determining the timing and/or purpose of Jesus performing the act of washing the disciples feet? (Verses 3-5)

4. Why did Peter initially refuse to have Jesus wash his feet? Why did He change his mind? Explain the meaning of Jesus' statement in verse 10. (Verses 6-11)

5. What was the point of Jesus washing the disciples' feet? Why might it be significant that Jesus washed ALL of the disciples' feet, including Judas? (Verses 12-17)

6. How can we carry out this principle in our Christian lives towards one another? Is Jesus commanding that we must wash each other's feet? (Verses 14-15)