

**I. The Disputing
About Foot Washing**

-No one volunteered for the task of washing feet before dinner.

*Why would this be?
Maybe they lacked humility and were more concerned about position:*

*Mt 18:1

*Mk 9:33-34

*Lk 22:24

A. Perplexity of Peter

"Lord, do you wash my feet?"

-Reason

**The Master washing feet would seem backward to Peter...this was normally a task for servants.*

**Do we ever fail to understand the ways of God and question Him?*

*Mk 4:38

-Response

"What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand"

Following God requires trust...FAITH!

B. Protest of Peter

"You shall never wash my feet."

-Flagrant Harshness

**Abrupt and Rude
Contradictory to the intentions of Jesus

-Faulty Hearing

**No indication of Trust at the words of Jesus*

*Ecc 5:1-3

*Jam 1:19

**Are we listening to God's direction or presuming to prepare our own path.*

¹Now before the *Feast of the Passover*, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,

⁴*rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.*

⁵*Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "*Lord, do you wash my feet?*"

⁷Jesus answered him, "*What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.*"

⁸Peter said to him, "*You shall never wash my feet.*" Jesus answered him, "*If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.*"

⁹Simon Peter said to him, "*Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!*"

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "*The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.*"

¹¹For he knew *who was to betray him*; that was why he said, "*Not all of you are clean.*"

The Collapse

-Study of the final night before the crucifixion of Jesus

-This was a very bad night for Peter as it marked a spiritual collapse.

-The pinnacle of this collapse is his threefold denial of Jesus.

-The night began with the observance of the Passover with Christ and the 12 disciples.

-Peter and John had prepared for this feast earlier in the day at the direction of Jesus

*Lk 22:8-13

-False Humility

**Peter is trying to appear humble by protesting the actions of Jesus.*

**Peter's rebelled against the desire of Jesus and told Him what he could not do.*

C. Plea of Peter

"Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

-Cause

"If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

*Rom 6:1-4

*1Pe 3:18-22

-Character

**While Peter's first response was a contradiction, this one attempts to add to the request of Jesus. Peter completely missed His point.*

**Whether contradicting or "negotiating," we presume to either be on the same level as God or superior.*

-Correcting

**What are the points Jesus is trying to make with Peter and the disciples?*

*Jn 1:12-20

Preparation

Luke 22:8–13 (ESV)

⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹ They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰ He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹ and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³ And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

Lack of Humility

Matthew 18:1 (ESV)

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

Mark 9:33–34 (ESV)

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

Luke 22:24 (ESV)

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

Perplexity

Mark 4:38 (ESV)

³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

Protest

Ecclesiastes 5:1–3 (ESV)

¹ Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. ² Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. ³ For a dream comes with much business, and a fool’s voice with many words.

James 1:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

Plea

Romans 6:1–4 (ESV)

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

1 Peter 3:18–22 (ESV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

John 13:12–20 (ESV)

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."