

## The Heart of a Servant

John 13:1-5

Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. 2 During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him, 3 **Jesus**, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, 4 **got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.** 5 **Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.**

- I. Jesus provides His servants with a lesson on humility. (v.4-5)

[Jesus] got up from supper, **and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.** Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

1. Jesus humbly served His followers. (v.1)

[Jesus] having loved His own who were in the world, **He loved them to the end.**

2. Jesus humbly served His betrayer. (v.2)

During supper, the **devil** having already **put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,**

3. Jesus humbly served His Father (v.3)

**"Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands,** and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God"

- II. Jesus provides His servants with a lesson on holiness. (John 13:6-7)

**So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"** Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter."

1. Holiness is required of every servant of God. (John 13:8)

Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, **"If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."**

2. Holiness is received by every servant of God. (John 13:9-10a)

Simon Peter said to Him, **"Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."** 10 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean;

3. Holiness is reflected by every servant of God. (John 13:13-15)

"You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **"For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.**

- III. Jesus provides His servants with a lesson on hypocrisy. (John 13:18)

"I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, **'HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'**

1. A servant's hypocrisy is always ***discerned*** by God. (John 13:21)

When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, **"Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me."**

2. A servant's hypocrisy is not always ***detected*** by man. (John 13:22)

The disciples began looking at one another, ***at a loss to know of which one He was speaking.***

3. A servant's hypocrisy is always ***divulged*** eventually. (John 13:26)

Jesus then answered, **"That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him."** So when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

