

# Somebody's Feet Stink!



**Stepped in What?  
John 13 –Luke 22**

# Somebody's Feet was Stinking

**It was the Eve of the Passion**

- **The Disciples had been with Jesus over 3 Years**
- **Jesus Knew He didn't Have Much Time Left**

**The Night Jesus Really Needed:**

- **Support of His Friends**
- **They were Arguing**
- **Wrong Attitudes were Stinking Up the Room**
- **He Knew that He Needed to Drive a Hard Lesso**



## a Towel “*Ultimate Lesson*”

### John 13:1-5 (AMP)

<sup>1</sup> [NOW] BEFORE the Passover Feast began, Jesus knew (was fully aware) that the time had come for Him to leave this world *and* return to the Father. And as He had loved those who were His own in the world, He loved them to the last *and* to the highest degree.

<sup>2</sup> So [it was] during supper, Satan having already put the thought of betraying Jesus in the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son,

<sup>3</sup> [That] Jesus, knowing (fully aware) that the Father had put everything into His hands, and that He had come from God and was [now] returning to God,

<sup>4</sup> Got up from supper, took off His garments, and taking a [servant's] towel, He fastened it around His waist.

<sup>5</sup> Then He poured water into the washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the [servant's] towel with which He was girded.

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### **John 13:7-11 (AMP)**

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, You do not understand now what I am doing, but you will understand later on.

<sup>8</sup> Peter said to Him, You shall never wash my feet! Jesus answered him, Unless I wash you, you have no part with (in) Me [you have no share in companionship with Me].

<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, [wash] not only my feet, but my hands and my head too!

<sup>10</sup> **Jesus said to him, Anyone who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is clean all over.** And you [My disciples] are clean, but not all of you.

<sup>11</sup> For He knew who was going to betray Him; that was the reason He said, Not all of you are clean.

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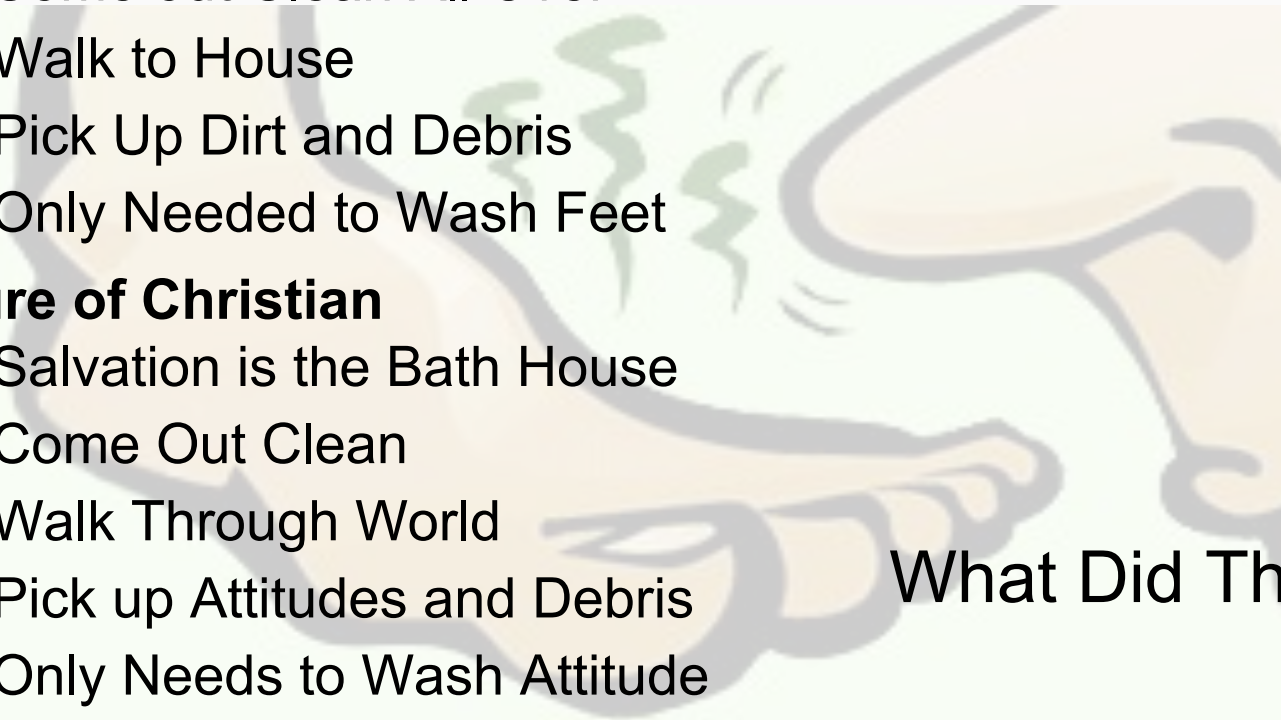
## **Bath Houses...**

- Come out Clean All Over
- Walk to House
- Pick Up Dirt and Debris
- Only Needed to Wash Feet

## **Picture of Christian**

- Salvation is the Bath House
- Come Out Clean
- Walk Through World
- Pick up Attitudes and Debris
- Only Needs to Wash Attitude

What Did They Step In?



# Stepped in “Pride”

1<sup>st</sup>- Luke 22:24 -*accounted whose best*

- Keeping Count on Basis of Merit

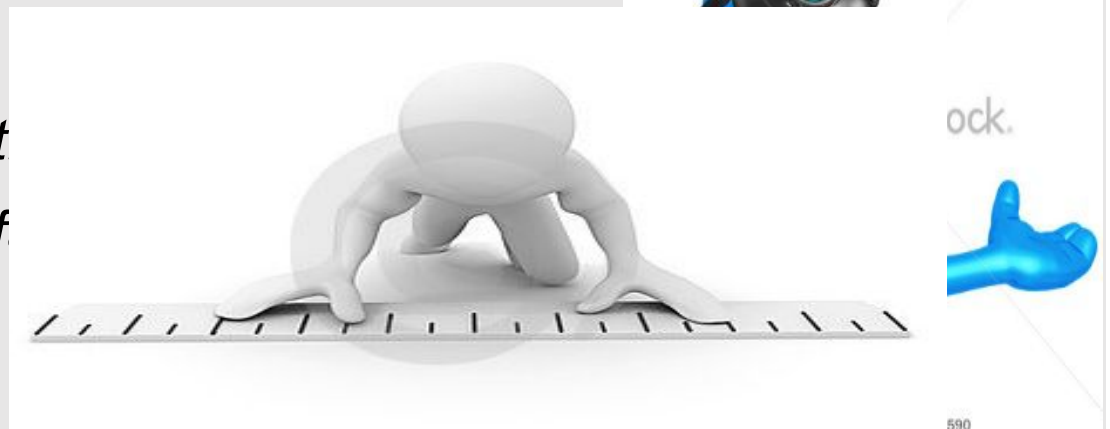
2<sup>nd</sup>- Luke 22:31-34 *I Will Not Deny You!*

- Comparing
- Overconfident

Proverbs 16:18 (HCSB)



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# Stepped in “Anger”

Strife “quarrelsome”

Test of Quarrelsome Spirit

- First Instinct is to Criticize.
- Last Instinct is to Encourage
- You Find Fault in Everything
- Becomes a Critical Spirit

**James 4:1**

*What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?  
Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?*





# Stepped in “*Bitterness*”

**Bitterness –Strife = *fond of strife***

- **Continual Strife Leads to Bitterness**
- **Bitterness= *Anger Stretched Out***

**It Seems that The Disciples...**

**...Constantly Argued**

**...Bitterness Would Be a Problem**

*All bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander must be removed from you, along with all malice.<sup>32</sup> And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.*

**Eph 4:31-32 (HCSB)**



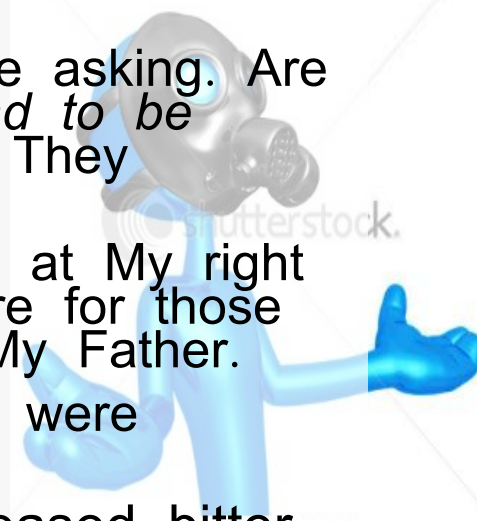


# Stepped in “*Selfishness*”

## Selfish – “*Me First!*” -the Common Thread with All Above

- Then the mother of Zebedee's children came up to Him with her sons and, kneeling, worshiped Him and asked a favor of Him.
- <sup>21</sup> And He asked her, What do you wish? She answered Him, Give orders that these two sons of mine may sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left in Your kingdom.
- <sup>22</sup> But Jesus replied, You do not realize what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink *and to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized* ? They answered, We are able.
- <sup>23</sup> He said to them, You will drink My cup, but seats at My right hand and at My left are not Mine to give, but they are for those for whom they have been ordained *and* prepared by My Father.
- <sup>24</sup> But when the ten [other disciples] heard this, they were **indignant** at the two brothers. Matt 20:22-24

**Indignant**= to be greatly afflicted, be much (sore) displeased, bitter



# Stepped in “*Callousness*”

All of the Above Led to a Severe Case of...

...Callousness

Jesus had...

- Informed
- Forewarned

But their Callousness Blinded Them to...

...What He was Saying!

To Calloused to Sense...

...the Actual Need of the Hour



# Stepped into *“Confusion”*”

**They Were so Caught Up in Themselves..**

**...That They Never Even Realized Until**

- **Garden**
- **Trial**
- **Scourging**
- **Cross**

**Jesus Needed Their Support...**

**...They Ran!**



# Phil 2:5-8 Steps to a Servant's Heart

Let This Attitude be in You...

- **Moved Beyond Position** (6) *gave up Divine Form*
- **Moved Beyond Privilege** (7) *gave up rights*
- **Moved Toward Promise** (7) *became a Man* – **Gen 3:1**
- **Moved Beyond Possession** (7) *became a servant*
- **Moved Toward Passion** (8) *obedient unto death*
- **Moved Toward Purpose** (8) *he died a terrible*



# Lessons from a Towel

**He Could Take Up the Towel Because...**

**#1- He was Secure in God -John 13:1-3**

**He Knew...**

- **Why He Came**
- **What He Had to Do**
- **Where He was Going**

**#2- He was Secure in the Towel**

- **Brings Christlikeness (15)**
- **Brings Joy –Happy (17)**
- **Brings Change (12)**



# **The Towel Challenge**

**The Next Time You Are Caught In**

- **Environment of Attitudes**
- **Or Your Attitude has Gone Astray**

**Pull Out a Towel..**