“YOU ALSO SHOULD WASH ONE ANOTHER’S FEET”

John 13:1–17

Key Verse: 13:14

1. Note the author’s emphasis on how near the Passover Festival was (1a; cf. 11:55; 12:1) and that “the hour had come” (1a; cf. 7:30; 8:20; 12:23). What is the significance of this? (1:29) What did Jesus know? (1a) How could he see his life like this?
2. Who were “his own,” and what did Jesus do for them? (1b) In his personal situation why would this be hard? What does this show about the nature of his love? Why was showing them his love so important?
3. What was going on? (2) In contrast to this, what did Jesus know, and why is this emphasized? (3) What did he do? (4,5) What does this show us about the nature of his love?
4. How did Peter react at first, and why? (6–8a) What did Jesus tell him, and what does this mean to us? (8b) What does Peter’s response show about him? (9) What did Jesus say, and what does it tell us about Christian life? (10) What else did Jesus know? (11; cf. 6:70,71) What does this suggest about Judas’ problem?
5. Read verses 12–17. What does it mean to wash one another’s feet? (Ro12:10,16; Gal5:13; Php2:2–5) Why do we first need to let Jesus wash our feet before we can wash others’? What else did Jesus say, and why? (16) What is the difference between knowing and doing? (17)