

Observations from John 13

(The Last Supper)

There are some interesting things in this account of the Last Supper that I had not considered before. I would like to explore some of these together. Please read the chapter through as many times as you can and make your own observations. Maybe look over other Gospel accounts of the Last Supper as well. You might find additional info there.

1. Observation from Verses 1-5: *Jesus knew that Judas would betray him, yet it seems that He still washed Judas' feet along with the other disciples' feet. I never really pondered the significance of this before and find it astounding.*

Q: What do you find remarkable about this?

2. Observation from Verse 2: *Note that Satan put it into Judas' heart to betray Jesus and did not enter into him at this time. We will discuss Satan entering into Judas later on in this chapter.*

Q: What do you observe about Satan's influence on Judas?

3. Observation from Verses 6-11: *Jesus washes Peter's feet. Peter objects. After Jesus responds to Peter and Peter accepts the foot washing, Jesus follows up and states in verse 10 that all of them are not clean. We have observed before that one difference between the reactions of Peter and Judas to betraying Jesus was repentance. Here Jesus specifically points out that Judas is not clean.*

Q: What else do you observe about the contrast between Judas and Peter from this passage?

4. Observation from Verses 12-20: *Jesus tells them what He has done by washing their feet.*

Q: What did Jesus do by washing their feet?

5. Observation from Verses 21-25 and also Luke 22:23-24: *After Jesus told them one of them would betray Him, they argued about which one it would be. Incredibly, they also argued about which one of them would be the greatest.*

Q: Do you see a connection between these two things?

6. Observation from Verses 25-30 (see also verse 2 and Luke 22:3-6): *Satan influences Judas in verse 2, but enters into him in verse 27 and before that in Luke 22:3. It seems that Satan came and went regarding Judas.*

Q: What do you observe about Satan's influence and possession of Judas?

7. Observation from Verse 27: *Jesus spoke to him, "what you must do, do quickly". This was an imperative command, not a suggestion (to do it quickly).*

Q: Who is Jesus speaking to? What else is intriguing to you about this interaction?