

Hello! This is Dorothy-

While we are looking in terms of those days our Lord was on earth, leading up to the time we call Easter, the time of the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ, we take a little peek right now as to when our Lord was at the Feast of the Passover with His disciples.

He loved these disciples. He loved them so much, **John 13:1** tells us, . . . **he loved them to the end.** And to this day, He loves you and me in a similar way. There is no situation - no situation - that you will ever go through without Him being there for you in all His love. Whatever may befall us, His love continues the same. Actually, in **Isaiah 54**, we read in **verse 10: For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness - that is speaking of the kindness of God - shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.**

How much sorrow and strife His disciples had been going through. Unfortunately, they had been a little bit upset about a couple of things. They did not like the fact that a very, very expensive box of ointment had been, what they felt, wasted. It had been broken and poured out in the anointing upon our Lord before He was to go through this passion time, leading up to the Cross. They were upset; they had their

own ideas what could have happened and how it could have been handled differently. **(Matthew 26:7-13)** Then also, there had been this strife amongst them as to precedent; who was going to hold the chief place. I have to pause and say that what our Lord did - about which we are going to read next - really makes the other attitudes that we can have fall into their rightful place.

You see, the Lord Jesus got up from supper. Why? What was going on? Well, He laid aside his outer garments, and He took a towel and girded Himself with it and then poured water into a basin. He bent down to the feet of the disciples and began to wash their feet in their turn. Then, He began to wipe their feet. **(John 13: 4-5)**. “Oh,” you say, “Lord, Lord, what are You doing? What are You doing? Really, I do not want to get into this kind of an idea of any symbol for me to do something like this, because what about my position in life? You know, I have to hold my respect from those people by holding my place!” Simon Peter naturally - being Simon Peter - at that time, had a big reaction: “Oh, You will never wash my feet!” **(verse 8)**. But the Lord has shown us over and over in His Word that obedience is better than sacrifice, not the vows. It was later on that Peter says in his second epistle that we are cleansed from our old sins.

Jesus was not making Himself known to them after the flesh; He was making Himself known to them as He loves them. Here, He took care

and He poured Himself out, knowing what He was going to face! He was showing them that it was necessary that our feet be washed, because, you see, we are cleansed by the precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are told that it was by the shedding of Blood that the remission of our sins was taken care of. But, like the oriental idea of public baths, a person would go and bathe and by the time he made his body clean and was walking home, his feet needed cleaning. So the Lord would wash the feet.

What about your feet? Have you ever thought about your eyes? You blink them all day long and you do not think much about it, but every time you blink your eye, at that time the cleansing power of those tear drops are washing your eyes from any dust that could be around. That is the thought behind it. We are cleansed by the Blood of Jesus Christ, but we do need that constant washing of our feet. The Lord was not advocating we start up a new ordinance in the Church. No. Actually, behind this little word is not that this is just an example, but it is a symbol. It is a symbol of what had to happen and how it was to be done. When our Lord spoke of washing one another's feet, He commended the kind of brotherly love that flows from His own heart. In the day of difficulty, the language which breaks through to the people around is as we are willing to wash their feet; as we identify; as we meet them; as we help them; as we understand this principle of our Lord. As you and I do this, then we have a right to share Jesus Christ.

But to think we are sharing Jesus Christ by coming to a special meeting is all we have to do, we have missed it.

What about your feet? Your feet can be washed today by our Lord as you bring those things that need to be made right before Him and cleansed and, then rebounding to take afresh the filling of His Spirit. It is all Him and not you, that you, in turn, might notify those around that yes, you are available to that love to wash their feet daily.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.