

Message

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- **Poem - "The Faultless Painter"**
 - **Robert Browning**
 - **Andrea del Sarto**
 - **Exceptional technical abilities**
 - **Perfection in capturing each figure and form**



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■ Deep Symbolism of the Foot Washing

- Understanding the Will of God and the Mind of Jesus Christ

■ Greatest Act of Service to Mankind

- **John 10:14-18** “...For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it back...”
- We are to be servants to one another - just as he came to serve all mankind.



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■ Who Is Greatest?

– Luke 22:14-27

- Following the symbols of Christ's body and blood being distributed, as a form of the new precedent to memorialize the greatest gift for all mankind.
- The attitude displayed by the disciples was the exact opposite of Jesus' approach of being least, and servant of all.



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■ Contrast of Mindsets / Greatest or Least

– Satan injected mind that seeks betrayal of Jesus.

vs

– Jesus' Will and Mind that hears and implements the words and teachings of the Good Shepherd.



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■ Authority of Jesus Christ

– John 13:1-4

- Jesus, having Godly authority, was able to modify the way the Old Testament Passover was conducted.
- Jesus laid aside His cloak. He was symbolically divesting Himself of His role as Master and Lord to reveal His great transcendent role as the One who came to this earth for the purpose of serving mankind.



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■ Servitude of Jesus Christ

– John 10:1-11

- There is no greater act of service than saving mankind from his sins. Jesus is the good shepherd who gave His life for the sheep

– John 13:5

- In washing the disciples feet, Jesus was setting an example for us to emulate – to perform – so that we would learn the spiritual lesson that accompanies the ceremony of the foot washing.



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■ Servitude of Jesus Christ

– John 13:6

- The foot washing is about learning to spiritually serve one another. Not having yet received God's Holy Spirit, the disciples could not understand the spiritual aspect of the ceremony Jesus was establishing.

– John 13:7

- The disciples did not fully understand the meaning of the foot washing.



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■ Servitude of Jesus Christ

– John 13:8

- Foot washing attitude is a requirement of salvation.
- If we reject the foot washing, we, too, have no part in the Body of Christ.

– I Corinthians 12:27

- “Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it. ”
- Jesus was saying that without the foot washing there is no part for us in the Plan of God, no part for us in the Kingdom of God, and no part for us in the Body of Christ.

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■ Servitude of Jesus Christ

– John 13:9-16

- Jesus makes the important distinction between baptism and the yearly foot washing.
- Baptism is a total cleansing that takes place only once in our lives. Baptism is our covenant relationship with God.

– John 13:17-20

- Less of us is more of Jesus Christ and God the Father, in our will and our mind.



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■ Application To Our Life

– Significance of Foot Washing:

- **Less of us (our perceived “greatest”), which often justifies the actions in our life that are in contrast to Jesus and God’s instruction and direction, is more of the Kingdom of God in our will and mind, now, as we interact and serve other people, as well as those parts of the body of Christ.**

