

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Washing Feet in the Old Testament

- a. Hospitality
Genesis 18:3-5, 19:2, 24:32, 43:24, 1 Sam 25:41
- b. Ritual
Exodus 30:17-21, 40:30-32, 1 Kings 7:38
- c. Hygiene
2 Sam. 11:7-11, Song of Solomon 5:3

Then, what about in the New Testament? Do you know any washing feet story?

John 12:1-8, Luke 7:36-47, 1 Tim. 5:9-10, and John 13:1-20

3. Trivia: Judas Son of Simon Iscariot

Because the Jews didn't have the notion of last name, they needed to identify people with their origin or their parent's name. We have several theories on "Iscariot." 1) It might mean "the man of Kerioth" (southern area of Israel), 2) it might refer to the group of people who wanted to revolt against Rome (Iscariot might be from sicarii which means a dagger), and 3) it might be a contemptuous way of calling the betrayer in the earliest church.

4. Let Us Read John Ch. 13

5. Discussion

- a. Jesus' washing feet of the disciples happened around the Last Supper. To the John's community, how do you think important the washing feet would be?



"The Banishment of Hagar," Jan Mostaert, circa 1520.

- b. How do you understand "share/part" in verse 8? (The Greek word, *meros*, means a part, a share, a part due, etc. It is used in Matt. 24:51, Luke 12:46, and Rev. 20:26)

- c. Why do you think Peter asked Jesus to wash him his hand and head? (Luke 22:24-30)
What can we see in Peter's request?
- d. How do you understand "one who has bathed" in verse 10?
- e. What kind of blessing do you think Jesus meant in verse 17?
- f. How do you understand verse 20?
- g. Why do you think Jesus was troubled in spirit in verse 21?
- h. What do you see between Peter and the one Jesus loved in verses 21-30?
- i. Jesus gave the new commandment to the disciples. Jesus said, "as I have loved you."
How had Jesus loved the disciples?

6. Closing Prayer