

## Sermon Worksheet, 5/17/09

Passage: John 13:1-38

Theme: Jesus the Only Mediator, No. 12



*For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.*

*(1 Tim 2:5-6)*

### Observations:

- 1) There is a question as to whether this passage of Jesus' foot-washing and his farewell discourse corresponds to the stories of the Last Supper in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) or not. List some of the differences and the similarities you find between these Gospels, and discuss your opinion on this issue.
- 2) Jesus washed the feet of his disciples while Judas Iscariot was about to betray him, and Peter's denial of Jesus was prophesied. Explain the significance of Jesus' action of foot-washing in connection with his crucifixion.
- 3) John begins this section by informing us that what follows is what Jesus said and did as a result of the full extent of the love he had for his disciples. What kind of a biblical concept did John have in mind in writing this section? Note that Jesus gave a new commandment to them.

### Personal Applications:

- 1) Did Jesus wash your feet too? If yes, what does this mean to you, and why did he do that for you?
- 2) Then, Jesus said, "**you also should wash one another's feet.**" What does this mean to you? Note that Jesus knew Peter and the other disciples were going to run away and deny him.
- 3) Jesus said to Judas Iscariot, "**What you are about to do, do quickly.**" And as a result of it, Jesus came to be glorified. What does this teach you?

### Prayers, and etc.

- 1) Thank God, first, for the fact that you have come into this special relationship with him through Jesus. Then, pray that as one of his disciples you will continue to wash the feet of others.
- 2) Pray for your group, and your family that all members will love another, and the outsiders will see that you are Jesus' disciples.
- 3) Continue to pray for "**everyone**" and "**all the saints**"—especially, for those who do not have a strong relationship with God.