

## Study Notes and Questions for John 13 (Part 1) v1–20 • Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet

- **Verse 1** tells us Passover was at hand and that Jesus knew His hour had come. Why do you think God chose to sacrifice His Son for us during the feast of Passover?
- How would you describe Jesus' attitude in 13:1–5 in light of His impending suffering on the cross?
- How does the statement, "**the Father had given all things into his hands**" (13:3) speak to the fact that Jesus bent down and washed all of the disciple's feet?
- Some Christian groups literally wash each other's feet periodically. What are some potentially good and bad results of doing this once or as a periodic practice? How could the good results be achieved without the bad ones?
- Why do you think Peter objects to what Jesus is doing (13:6–8)?
- Why does Jesus insist that Peter needs Jesus to wash his feet, although he doesn't need a full bath (13:8–10)? What point is Jesus making?
- The footwashing has several lessons for the disciples. What lessons were brought out in the teaching by Pastor Paul?
- Why does letting someone serve you require humility?
- What is grace and how does accepting that reality help us receive from others?
- Jesus said in **verse 15**, "...I have given you an example..." Think of ways we can follow that example to serve one another today?
- What did Jesus mean by His statement in **verse 20** and what are the implications of the promise expressed in that verse?