When we are reading Scripture we should be answering 5 main questions in order to gain a deeper understanding. Who? What? When? Where? and Why? There are many other questions that will come up, but in order to have a foundational understanding of any Scripture we need to be able to answer these questions effectively. As we walk together through these questions I will be answering these questions as the Spirit has guided me in preparing this message.

**-Read John 13:1-11-**

1. The first question we will answer is **When?**
   1. In relation to the Jewish calendar and traditions
      1. Before the feast of the Passover
         1. The tradition of Passover was about to reach the culmination of it's purpose and meaning-the lamb that was slain at this particular Passover was not simply a lamb, it was THE Lamb
   2. In relation to Jesus' earthly ministry
      1. following the “Triumphal entry” – John 12:12
      2. at the “Last Supper” - John 13:4
      3. at the end of his earthly ministry – John 13:1
         1. He has gone through the temptation
         2. He has displayed many miracles and miraculous signs
         3. He has spent numerous hours and days teaching and demonstrating Godly living to the disciples and all those He had encountered, giving the world unprecedented evidence of His Lordship
2. **Where?**
   1. John 12:1 – in Jerusalem
   2. Matthew 26:18-19; Mark 14:13-17; Luke 22:7-13 – in a specific house that was prepared in a specific manner, to fulfill exactly what God had prepared for them
3. **What is the 3rd question?.....no, literally the 3rd question we will answer is What?**
   1. Washing feet - John 13:4-5
      1. this is a Jewish tradition to wash feet prior to having a meal together there are 2 different ways this was typically practiced
         1. most often the host(owner of the dwelling) would provide the water and towels for each individual to wash their own feet
         2. in wealthy households this task was given to the lowliest of the servants as it was considered beneath all but the least of the servants to stoop down and clean the feet of another
4. **Who? - a) Jesus and His disciples – John 13:5**
   1. Jesus – is the one demonstrating this teaching of washing the feet of those you are ministering to
      1. this goes against the Jewish tradition where either each individual washes his own feet or the lowest servant washes the feet of the rest. In this display the Master is taking the form of the servant
   2. The disciples
      1. Were all the disciples present? - let's look at the text and allow it to guide our answer
         1. John 13:2 – Judas was at the supper with Jesus and the disciples
         2. John 13: 10-11 – Judas is the one Jesus is referring to when He states “Not all of you are clean”
         3. John 13:26-27 – Judas was still present after the washing of the feet and did not leave until he had eaten with them
         4. What is the significance of Judas being present at this time?
            * Even though Christ knew everything that Judas was about to do He still gave Judas the same treatment and care in His ministry as the disciples that would prove to be faithful
5. **Why? -** in answering the first 4 questions we all should have gained a good understanding of the event and some answers to the question **Why?**
   1. Why do they need to wash their feet?
      1. In preparing for the Passover Jews would have bathed according to their custom
      2. walking from the bath house to their houses or the meeting place for the meal they would have been generally clean but dust would have been picked up on their feet – John 13:10
   2. Why did Jesus wash the disciples feet?
      1. John 13:12-16 – as an example of how we are called to be servant - John 13: 6-10
         1. being bathed, is a direct reference to being saved and baptism through the Holy Spirit, not specifically water baptism but the sanctification offered through believing in the redemptive power of Christ's blood – 1 Cor 6:11
         2. We are to serve in washing the feet of the saints, helping to cleanse of the daily dust we encounter resulting from our interaction in the world – this is the call of the gospel and our call as a body of believers, to encourage and admonish, in it's due time and often at the same time. Christ blood cleanses us to justify us and make us righteous before the judge. Washing our feet is what we can call the process of sanctification that we are called to work together as believers to help each other walk closer to Christ and become more like Christ every day.

**So, what is our response?**

When we think about being a servant it is easier for us to consider how to be a servant to someone who will follow us, those that have similar beliefs, motives and desires to ours – BUT – we are called to follow Christ's example.

* + - * + John 13:15 – this includes Judas

**Think of the people you relate to on a daily basis. Think of the people you are related to and your acquaintances. Think of someone who you would consider a “Judas” in your life. Have you washed their feet lately?...Ever?**

**What will it take to wash one another's feet? What would it look like to have a community of feet washers?**

Handout

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4. **Who?**
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – is the one demonstrating this teaching
      1. In this display the Master is taking the form of the servant
   2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – are the ones having their feet washed
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