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Jno. 13:1-17

Jesus' last lesson before crucifixion.

Prompted by trouble. Luke 22:24.

INTRO: Old problem: Matt. 18:1 20:20 ^{mother} and Mk. 9:33-34.
Give a church ordinance or some timely lesson?

I. REASONS BELIEVE DID NOT GIVE AS CHURCH ORDINANCE.

- A. Not listed as ordinance, nor observed anywhere.
- B. Only other mention—private hospitality. I Tim. 5:3-10
- C. Classified as "good work" not church law. 4-10.
- D. No reference made in connection with church worship.
not acts 2:42, etc.

II. A CUSTOM CHOSEN TO TEACH A NEEDED LESSON.

- A. Lesson contained in dialogue between Peter and Christ
 1. Question: Dost thou wash my feet? Vs. 6. *question. Statement. Plea.*
 - a. You're violating a law of our custom. *Just serve greatest?*
 - (1) Lord, I'll serve—but my way.
 - (2) Case: Boy study, A's, not preach. Modernist.

Jesus' Truth: Don't understand now, but will later on.

2. Statement: You'll never wash my feet! Vs. 8.
 - a. I'm embarrassed enough—wont let you rub it in.
 - (1) Don't need lesson. Wont study. Wont learn.
 - (2) Case: Boy bragged—preached without study.

Threat: Wont learn, then not my disciple. Jno. 6:68. *where go?*

III. 3. Plea: Wash my hands and head too.

- a. Consecrate all of me for thy service.
- b. Will submit to anything to be your disciple.
 - (1) Case: "I'll go as Servant. Knt. P. 365.

Result: Peter submitted in humility and shame.

~~INVITATION~~: Lesson applicable to all men everywhere.

Only sincere believers will respond.

Obedying Christ involves surrender—humble spirit.

Hard to repent and obey all of Christ's will.

The Principle:

He who will not serve
shall not be saved.

Body cannot do the same thing - not at the same time.

1. Therefore, God's Work MUST be organized.
★ (organization does not prevent any individual ^{service})

a. I Cor. 14: 40. How? Like Jesus, Paul + apostles did!

b. Mk. 6:7. Sent 12 apostles by 2. Like M.T. ^{Ministers} ^{came to work.}

c. Luke 10:1-2. 70 sent in pairs. organized.

d. Acts 6:1-7. Chose a serving-Committee to handle the church - Cafeteria. ^{Benevolent} ^{Committee.}

e. Acts 13:1-4. Paul's company sent, + Barnabas. Added: Mark, Timothy, Silas, Lucius, Jason, Sosipater, Tertius, Gaius, Sosthenes, Demas, Luke, Archippus, Silvanus, Erastus, Eubolus, Onesiphorus, Linus, Pudens, Claudia, Priscilla + Aquila, Trophimus, Tychicus, EPA-PHRO-DITUS, etc.

f. Eph. 4:11-12. organization? ^{Delegated} ^{duties.}

g. Phil. 1:6. Unorganized? all separate? works + workers? then, why over-seers? over-see what? Plan work + work the plan. ^{organized.}

Inv. I Cor. 15:58. 3 questions.

1. You steadfast? Steady! Consistent ^{in the} faith.
2. You unmovable? Firm! Fixed in truth.
3. Always abounding. Backing the elders. Boosting the work! Encouraging others. Cooperating! Feeling souls to Jesus!