

A close-up photograph of a hand holding an open book. The book is held vertically, and bright, golden light rays emanate from the pages, creating a dramatic, ethereal effect. The background is dark, making the light from the book stand out. The text 'BOOK of JOHN' is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font. The word 'BOOK' is in a bold, all-caps font, 'of' is in a smaller, elegant script font, and 'JOHN' is in a bold, all-caps font.

BOOK *of* JOHN

A FOND FAREWELL

JOHN 13:1-11

Last week we saw the Lord's final public address. Now John moves on to some private time with the disciples—His friends.

The Humility of King Jesus v. 1-5

- He was the disciples' Creator who formed them from dust, yet nothing could diminish His overflowing heart of love. ***“He loved them to the end.”*** His final week on earth was coming to a close.

WHAT THE HUMBLE KING KNEW

1. It was there in the upper room Jesus *knew* that “*His hour was come.*”
2. Jesus *knew* He lived on a “*heavenly timetable*” as He did the Father’s will.
3. Jesus *knew* He would die.
4. Jesus *knew* He would soon leave this world and return to the Father who sent Him.
5. Jesus, of course, *knew* that Judas would betray Him.
6. Jesus *knew* the Father had given Him all things.

WHAT THE HUMBLE KING DID

- The disciples must have been shocked when they saw their Master rise from supper, lay aside His outer garments, wrap a towel around His waist, take a basin of water, and wash their feet.
- The Father had put “all things” into the Son’s hands, *yet Jesus picked up a towel and a basin!*
- When you see Jesus for who He is—a servant of all—it is much easier for us to see ourselves for who we are—needy for His forgiveness, grace, and mercy!

A LESSON IN HOLINESS v. 6-11

- As Peter watched the Lord wash His friends' feet, he became more and more disturbed and could not understand what He was doing.
- The Greek word translated "**wash**" in **John 13:5-6, 8, 12, 14** is **nipto** and means "*to wash a part of the body.*"
- But the word translated "**washed**" in **John 13:10** is **louo** and means "*to bathe all over.*"
- Once you have been "**washed**," then all you need is a cleansing sanctification scrub at the Jesus day spa!

DON'T BE LIKE PETER

- Who refused to have his feet washed, who thought he would try to earn his way by works/religion!

THE CLEAR PICTURE HERE IS THIS:

- We see a sublime Savior.
- We see the stubbornness of Simon.
- We hear Jesus' startling statement.
- We find the only sensible thing to do: Surrender.

WHAT A SAVIOR! WHAT A SERVANT!