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Buy From Me Gold (Part 2): Service

John 13:1-11 "Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

The Setting

There are seven biblical feasts of the Lord:

- 1. Passover
- 2. Unleavened bread
- 3. First fruits
- 4. Pentecost
- 5. Trumpets
- 6. Atonement
- 7. Tabernacles

Jesus is well aware of the feast and the timing!

Matthew 26:17-20 "Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve."

- Aware of the hour, Jesus now begins to impart His final communication with them before His crucifixion.
- Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
- Jesus knew it was His time to depart.

Love to the End!

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He Began to Wash Their Feet

True love is always demonstrative!

The significance of washing feet:

- Focused on the Father
- Service
- Lowliness
- Regarding the other more important
- Humility

John 13:8 "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." John 13:15 "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

To share with Jesus means we identify with His example of:

- Humility
- Love
- Compassion
- Kindness
- Justice

John 13:36-38 "Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times."

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To follow means:

- Devotion
- Steadfast
- Forsaking comfort
- Not to waver

Golden nuggets:

- Understand the time
- Love to the end
- Serve
- Share with Jesus
- Follow