

## The Washing of the Feet

Before they are sat to eat, He washes their feet. In confusion and clouded pride, they gently accept to receive such waters of mercy. He knows the journey that lies ahead of them and anoints the beloved feet that will have to make the hard trek. The washing of their feet does not wash their clouded minds, left vulnerable to the enemies deepest attacks in lies, and shame, and blame. Why is it that He ordains it this way? This unseen washing of the mind was a matter done in private. In the small moments of their prayer every morning, in the comfort of the breeze, in the drawing close of their loved ones in dark times, here, this is where the mind is slowly healed and the heart brought into union. Yet this does not happen until after the washing of the feet, in deeper communion of first meeting at Galilee. This rain trickles into every memory and deep cavern of hope or hurt. No place of the heart can escape this mist of mercy.

“Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him “Master, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing, you do not understand, but you will understand later.” Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well.” Jesus said to him, “Whoever has bathed has no need except his feet washed, for he is clean all over.”

{John 13: 5-11}

“When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.”

{Luke 5: 1-11}

“I will pour water upon the thirsty ground, streams upon the dry land; I will pour out my spirit upon your offspring, my blessing upon your descendants.”

{Isaiah 44: 3}

“Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out.”

{Luke 8: 1-2}

“The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the dispersed of Israel, healing the brokenhearted, and binding up their wounds.”

{Psalm 147: 2-3}