

Understanding Greatness

Mark 6:1-6

The Great God who Used a Towel

John 13:1-17

God Washed Feet

- The mind of Jesus compounds the amazement – 13:1-3
 - The Son of God's life was characterized as having *loved His own* – 13:1
 - He knew all things were his, that He is God and was returning to God, while preparing to wash his betrayer's feet!
- He washed their feet because He knew these things – 13:4-5; Phil. 2:5-8; Jn. 14:9
- We struggle with Peter in understanding this example of true greatness – 13:6-8, 12-17:
Mk. 9:35



Comprehend Greatness!

Man's View Vs. God's

- The world takes offense at Christ's greatness found in humble servitude and sacrifice – 1 Cor. 1:23-25
- God has confounded the world by showing greatness in what is despised – 1 Cor. 1:26-29
- A perusal of God's actions show that He uses the ordinary to do great things
- The Savior entered the world by an ordinary family, ordinary childhood, and ordinary job!

Perceive the Extraordinary

- Know the extraordinary nature of our ordinary jobs – Eph. 6:5-8; Titus 2:9-10; Eph. 4:28
- Understand the greatness in being a godly parent
 - As providers, know that it matters to God – 1 Tim. 5:8
 - As fathers, know that you do eternal work with great reward – Eph. 6:4
 - As mothers, know your position of true greatness in God's plan – Titus 2:4-5; 2 Tim. 1:3-5

Conclusion

- Know that...
 - The greatness of Jesus' life was summarized in the fact that He loved His own until the end – Jn. 13:1
 - The whole of your life is a spiritual sacrifice to Christ – Rom. 12:1
 - You can't judge greatness by the world's standard – Rom. 12:2
- Christ is the only path to true greatness!