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The ancients tell us, John lived the longest of the 12 disciples; the original followers of the Lord; it is John, the disciple whom Jesus loved... eye-witness to Jesus Christ, who was inspired to tell these details; the 7 great Days belonging to the Lord. Moses tells us about – Leviticus 23; Paul says they were a shadow of things to come – Colossians 2,

**<sup>1</sup> Now before the Passover feast,**

**when Jesus knew that His hour was come, that He depart this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.**

**<sup>2</sup> And during supper, the devil had already put in the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son should betray Him** / remember, this took place, not in a church building, but in a home; and Satan was playing hard ball as usual;

**<sup>3</sup> Jesus knowing that the Father had given everything into His hands, and that He came from God, and returned to God** / He was returning to where He came from;

Jesus... the Lord of glory, in humility...

**<sup>4</sup> He got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and tied it around Himself** / and like a common slave, Jesus answers the ageless question: Who will be the greatest?

**<sup>5</sup> After that, He poured water into a basin, and began to wash the feet of the disciples, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded** / one by one, Jesus makes his way around the room.

**<sup>6</sup> Then He came to Simon Peter: and Peter said to him, Lord, do You wash my feet?** / it was just a common greeting; and Jesus turns up the heat.

**<sup>7</sup> Jesus sizing up the situation, and said to him, What I do, you do **not** know now; but hereafter you will understand** / and the response of Jesus was enough to get Peter to argue with the Lord.

**<sup>8</sup> Peter said to Him, You will never wash my feet.**

**Jesus answered him, If I do **not** wash you, you have **no** part with Me.**

And typical to this impulsive guy who lived in the extremes... we read,



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<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, Lord, **not** my feet only, but also my hands... and my head... / and Peter could have dramatically gone on for another 10 minutes, but Jesus didn't have time; and interrupting:

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, He who is washed needs **not** to wash... except his feet, but is completely clean / He is already clean; he is clean in all ways:

**and you are clean, but not all** / because here we learn, Jesus really isn't talking about how to wash your feet... or behind your ears. He's talking about greatness; He is demonstrating humility. And it is interesting: Jesus knew every one of His disciples many times more... would fail Him greatly... Now, John was pretty close to Jesus leaning on His chest, so he must have heard Jesus correctly. That's what John remembers. Strange, isn't it?

Jesus said...you are clean, but not all.

<sup>11</sup> For He knew who should betray Him;

He said, You are **not** all clean.

<sup>12</sup> So after He had washed their feet, and took His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, Do you know what I have done to you? / Do you know what I just did? Do you know what just happened to you? The disciples have no idea... what is about to take place; in less than 24 hours, Jesus will be rudely treated; brutally abused... and murdered;

Jesus says...

<sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher... and Lord: and you say well; for so I am.

<sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, has washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet.

<sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you / this word is an elementary school example; meaning: a pattern to trace; an illustration to follow, Jesus was a good Teacher, He gave His students a first-grade lesson.

<sup>16</sup> Amen! Amen! / and it is as if Jesus is signing His eternal Name to what He says next,

I say to you, The servant is **not** greater than his lord; nor is the sent one greater than He who sends him /

<sup>17</sup> If you know these things / marked with God's favor; **blessed... are you if you do them** / they knew the lament of the Lord, who said, they hear thy words, but they will not do them -- Ezekiel 33... and did you notice? The word: perfectly is not in this verse. Jesus knows this is a broken world.

**If you know these things, blessed... are you if you do them.**

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**18 I speak **not** of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture is fulfilled, He who eats bread with me** / this phrase is the definition of the word: **companion**... **com + pan = with bread**. he who says... he is his companion. Jesus knows who is who! Friend... and foe!

**There is one... who has with treachery and deceit... lifted up his heel against Me** / when I am running in the race, one tried to trip me and injure me.

**19 Now I tell you before it comes, that, when it happens, you believe that I Am.**

 **20 Amen! Amen! I say to you,**

**He who receives whomever I send** / man, woman; young or old, short or tall; educated or self-taught...

**receives Me; and he who receives Me, receives the One who sent Me.**

**21 When Jesus said thus, He was uneasy in spirit, and testified, and said** / a third time... perhaps, Jesus could see in their eyes, a growing sense of information overload. Yet Jesus perseveres,

**Amen! Amen! I say to you, one of you will betray Me.**

**22 Then the disciples looked one on another puzzled of whom He spoke** / they were looking around... questioning, wondering. Finally, the Teacher got a response from His students.

**23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' chest one of His disciples** / one of His **mathetes**; one of those doing the math, **whom Jesus loved** / this phrase is used several times in this gospel; from history, we know these words describe John himself.

**24 So Simon Peter gestured to him** / sitting across the room; or at least across the table at this Passover supper, Peter got John's attention...

**saying... Have Him tell us who He is talking about** / can you imagine? This moment could have gotten out of control! Peter might have gotten up... and taken his sword... and chopped off his ear... or head; and messed up everything!

**25 He then lying on Jesus chest** / this word is: **epiipto**... the word used in Luke 15, when the caring father of the prodigal son ran and fell on his neck, and kissed him. In Acts 20... when Paul gave his farewell to the church fathers, and they accompanied him to the ship and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him.

 **The disciple whom Jesus loved... who fell on Jesus' chest... asked Him,**

**Lord, who is it?** / and what is interesting, it appears Jesus whispered the response to John who was leaning on His chest.

**26 Jesus answered, He is the one I give the Passover stew, when I have dipped the bread.**

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**And when He had dipped the bread in the stew, He gave the bread to Judas Iscariot the son of Simon** / who must have been sitting next to Jesus, probably a little nervous; preoccupied and distracted; remember: this Passover meal; this joyous celebration went on for hours. And all these narratives... are greatly compressed... so take your time to consider what happened... and fill in the blanks.

**<sup>27</sup> And after the sop, Satan possessed him. Then said Jesus to him, What you do, do quickly.**

**<sup>28</sup> Now **no** one at the table knew for what intent He spoke to him** / Jesus was discreet; He had to keep a lid on the evening events; He had to stay in charge!

**<sup>29</sup> For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus said to him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.**

**<sup>30</sup> Judas then having received the dipped bread in the stew, went out immediately:**

**and it was night.**

And isn't this gospel of John... interesting? John... the disciple whom Jesus loved; John... who wrote more about Jesus as the eternal Son of God; John doesn't even pause to include... anything about the bread and the cup.

Oh, John knew about the **bread**: he used the word once in this chapter... only remembering Judas the traitor. But John already used the word 17 times in chapter 6... telling us about the real bread that came from heaven. And John knew about the **cup**: John used that word once in his gospel; chapter 18... speaks about the cup which the eternal Father gave Jesus to drink....



So, I wonder why he forgot... that very important ritual. I thought we were to remember it!

Oh, yeah! Jesus said, **Remember Me!** Not any hocus pocus... taking our eyes off Jesus. By the way, that phrase: hocus pocus... comes from the middle ages, when common, ordinary, intelligent people... made fun of that dead religious tradition: that... *hocus corpus meum*... tradition; all that woo-woo superstition.

There are religious people who say, Don't read God's word... because you're not smart enough to understand it. They always say, You need people like me to tell you what it means!

Honestly, don't listen to those people... because they do not know just how stupid they are!

They just insulted God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, His Son... implying, THEY can't make their word understandable!

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They can't?! Jesus said, Don't hinder children from coming to Me! Children!

So, don't believe anybody's hocus pocus! If it is not clear; it is not good news. If it is not plain; it's not good news. If it is not good news; it is not from God!

Tell folk like that... to save their hypocrisy! You know, John... ought to go down in history as the world's greatest **tradition buster!** / i.e.: destroying traditions of men! Without a doubt, it would do all of us well, if we remember... the way John remembered Jesus!

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