

=THE BODY OF JESUS=

Lesson 6

The Feet of Jesus

INTRODUCTION: The feet are certainly not the most beautiful members of the body, yet they are vital and very treasured. There are many things said in the Bible about one's feet. For example, it is said that the feet of those that preach the Gospel are beautiful. See Romans 10:15. It is said of wicked people in Romans 3:15 that "Their feet are swift to shed blood." In Ephesians 6:15 it says that we are to have our feet "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." Evil men have evil feet, so says the Bible, and righteous men have righteous feet. From infancy the feet have a great importance in our lives. Little children's feet are very treasured by the parents. It is not unusual for a little child to have his footprint made so the parents can remember his feet. Parents love to take their children's feet and say, "This little piggy went to market," etc. Hence, the feet of Jesus are very important. As we continue studying His body, may we turn our attention toward His feet.

- I. HIS FEET WERE PIERCED FOR US, Psalm 22:16. Of course, crucifixion was characterized by the piercing of the hands and feet. This was done for us. Perhaps there is no pain any worse than pain in the feet. It is bad enough to think of the nails going through the hands of Christ; it is infinitely worse to think of nails piercing His feet. This He experienced, of course, for us.
- II. HIS FEET ARE LIKE POLISHED BRASS, Daniel 10:6; Revelation 1:15; 2:18. Brass, in the Bible, is a symbol of judgment. Hence, we shall be judged at the feet of Christ. The serpent in the wilderness was a serpent of brass, which means He judged our sins. We have one choice of two. Our sins must be judged in Him, or they must be judged by Him. Those who by faith trust the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour have their sins judged in Him. On the other hand, if one does not trust Jesus, he must some day bow at His feet and be judged by Him.
- III. SOME SHOWED THEIR LOVE FOR CHRIST BY HOLDING HIS FEET, Matthew 28:9. When the resurrected Christ appeared, they held Him by the feet. Though this was a sign of their reverence, love, and affection, it also symbolized the security they felt.
- IV. SOME KISSED HIS FEET, Luke 7:38. This was a sign of their adoration of Christ. We cannot literally kiss His feet, but we can adore Him with the same adoration of those who did so while He was on earth.
- V. SOME SAT AT HIS FEET, Luke 8:35; 10:39. Just as kissing the feet of Christ was a sign of adoration, and holding the feet of Christ was a sign of security, sitting at the feet of Christ was a sign of learning from Him. It was Mary of Bethany who sat at His feet while Martha was "cumbered about with much serving." See Luke 10:40. Mary was learning from Christ what she needed to learn. He expounded the Scriptures and His work to her as she sat at His feet. Every Christian should take time to sit at the feet of Jesus, listen to Him, talk to Him, and meditate on what He says.
- VI. ONE WIPED HIS FEET WITH HER HAIR, John 11:2; 12:3. This was a sign of Mary's being willing to be His servant. Yes, we are to find security at His feet as we hug them; we are to adore at His feet as we kiss them; we are to learn at His feet as we sit at them, but we also are to wipe His feet showing that we are willing to be His servants. When Jesus wanted to show the apostles that they should serve each other, He gave the example by washing their feet. We wash the feet of Christ and wipe them when we say to Him that we are willing to do what He wants us to do, willing to serve Him, and willing to be His "bondslaves."
- VII. WE ARE TO BEHOLD HIS HANDS AND FEET, Luke 24:39, 40. In the resurrected body Jesus admonished some of the disciples to look at His hands and feet. Of course, this reminds us that the wounds are still in His feet and hands even though He is in His glorified body. It also reminds us that even now we are to behold His hands and feet. This is a sign of gratitude. We are saying, "Thank You for what You did for me," as we look at the feet of the One Who was crucified for us.
- VIII. WE ARE TO ANOINT THE FEET OF JESUS, John 12:3. This is a symbol of giving Him our best. It is interesting that what we do to His feet symbolizes our service for Christ. To hold Him by the feet means we gain security from Him. To kiss His feet means that we adore Him. To sit at His feet means that we

are listening to Him. To behold His feet means that we are grateful to Him. To wipe His feet means that we are willing to serve Him, but to anoint His feet means that we are willing to give to Him the very best that we have: our money, our talents, our all.

- IX. HIS FEET SHALL SOME DAY STAND ON ZION, Zechariah 14:4. Jesus shall come again and His feet shall stand on Mount Zion and on the Mount of Olives. This symbolizes the fact of ownership. To show one owned property, he stood on it. When one conquered an enemy, he would put one foot on the body of the enemy. This is symbol that someday Christ will conquer the world and be King over all the world.

CONCLUSION: Teacher, lead the class members to thank God for the feet of Christ, but more than that, to do what is symbolized by His feet and the actions concerning His feet. Lead your pupils to “hold His feet” by finding their security in Him; to “kiss His feet” by taking time to adore and worship Him; to “sit at His feet” by taking time to listen to Him; to “behold His feet” by being grateful to Him always; to “wipe His feet” by always serving Him; and to “anoint His feet” by giving all to Him.