

## **FOOT WASHING before or after the bread and wine?**

The foot washing is only mentioned in John so we shall start there.

John 13:2 And supper being ended.....

The only translations that read this way, supper being ended, are the King James and the New King James. The others such as AUS – RSV – SIM – NAS – NJB – NAB – NRS LVB all read during the meal so we must accept the fact that the King James is incorrect. We continue on in John and we have the foot washing from verse 2 through verse 17. In verse 26 Judas is exposed as the betrayer which is after the foot washing therefore Judas did have his feet washed by Christ. In verse 27 Christ ask him to leave therefore in verse 30 he left immediately after receiving the piece of bread. John does not mention the bread and wine so we must go to the other three gospels.

Matt 26:21 Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” The narrative continues on through verse 25. It said in John he left immediately therefore Judas leaves at this point. The next verse. 26 starts the bread and wine while they were still eating and we know at this point Judas is not there so we know the foot washing has already taken place before the bread and wine.

Mark 14:18 Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray me.” The narrative continues on through verse 21 which means again Judas left at the end of verse 21. Starting in verse 22 we again have the bread and wine but we know Judas has already left as stated in John and the foot washing has already taken place.

Luke 22:17 Then he took the cup,..... Here we start the bread and wine.

Luke 22:21 “But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with me on the table.

Here we have the bread and wine first before the exposure of Judas.

One of our basic bible study rules is to accept the majority as being the true interpretation. We have two that say Judas left BEFORE the bread and wine and one that says he left after. On this basis I will accept the two as being correct. This should be convincing to you the foot washing came first Judas then left and then the bread and wine were introduced by Christ.