

Word of God Speak! Gospel of John Series 13a

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John 13:1-17

1 Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world and return to His Father. He had loved His disciples during His ministry on earth, and now He loved them to the very end.

2 It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

3 Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything and that He had come from God and would return to God.

4 So He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist,

5 and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him.

6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."

8 "No," Peter protested, "You will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to Me."

9 Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

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12 After washing their feet, He put on His robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?"

13 You call Me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am.

14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.

15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

16 I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message.

17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

What was the custom for eating in Jesus' day?

Why was Jesus' actions so different from what the disciples expected?

What was Jesus trying to teach the disciples and us?

Matthew 20:25-28

25 But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. 26 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. 28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many."

*See also Mark 9:35, James 4:6

How do we live as a servant hearted follower of Jesus Christ?

Galatians 6:2-3

2 Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. 3 If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

Philippians 2:3-4

3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

*See also Matt. 22:39

Does God really expect us to serve others?

1 Peter 4:10-11

*10 God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. **Use them well to serve one another.** 11 Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen.*

Proverbs 3:27-28

27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. 28 If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."

1 John 3:18

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

*See also John 15:12-13