

# A True Servant

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<sup>1</sup>“Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup>During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, *the son of Simon*, to betray Him,

<sup>3</sup>*Jesus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,

<sup>4</sup>got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

<sup>5</sup>Then He poured water into the basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

<sup>6</sup>So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter.”

<sup>8</sup>Peter said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”

<sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, *then wash* not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.”

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all *of you*.”

<sup>11</sup>For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason, He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

<sup>12</sup>So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined *at the table* again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?”

<sup>13</sup>“You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for *so* I am.”

<sup>14</sup>“If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

<sup>15</sup>“For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.”

Do you equate success with wealth, acclaim, and power? If we measured by these standards, then Jesus, who was rejected by His community and didn’t even own a house, was a failure. But, of course, we know that’s not the case. So, God must use something other than these worldly goals to define success. In fact, Scripture is clear that Jesus is our example—we should strive to be like Him.

So, what exactly was our Savior’s mission? In today’s passage, we see the answer through His actions: He came to serve. Jesus performed the task of the lowliest servant when He took off His outer garment and washed the dirty feet of His followers—the very followers He knew would betray and deny Him. The next day, almighty God was crucified by His own creation. In allowing this, He offered salvation to all—even those who nailed Him to a cross.

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Jesus deserved glory but chose sacrifice and pain. And He asks that we follow His example of service. With the exception of Judas, His disciples obeyed. In fact, they all faced great difficulty, and most died brutal deaths because of their faith. But they willingly walked the path of humility because of what Jesus had taught them: **“The last shall be first, and the first last”** ([Matthew 20:16](#)).

How do you spend your resources and time? And which topics dominate your thoughts and conversation? These are a few indicators of goals that become driving forces in your life. You may long for worldly recognition, but God has a higher calling for His children. Ask Him to foster a servant’s attitude in your heart.