

# Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet John 13:1-17

by David Servant

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*David Servant's sermon emphasizes the importance of servanthood as demonstrated by Jesus washing His disciples' feet, challenging believers to serve others in practical ways.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 20:26, Mark 10:45, Luke 22:27, John 13:14, Galatians 5:13, Philippians 2:3, 1 Peter 4:10

**Topics:** "Servant Leadership", "Humility"

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## Description

David Servant preaches on the significance of Jesus washing His disciples' feet, highlighting how Jesus, as their Lord and Teacher, demonstrated true greatness through servanthood. By performing a task typically reserved for servants, Jesus showed that in God's kingdom, greatness is found in serving others. He challenges believers to follow Jesus' example by serving one another in practical ways, emphasizing the importance of humility and selflessness.

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## Transcript

In Jesus' time, foot washing was a common practice. People wore sandals, and their feet would often become dirty from traveling dusty roads and paths. Upon entering a house, the first order of business was the washing of feet. If a person were wealthy enough to have a servant, his servant would wash his feet and the feet of visiting guests.

By washing His disciples' feet, Jesus was doing what an ordinary servant would do. What made His act so extraordinary is that He was their Lord and Teacher. In their society (and ours) no one of any stature would stoop to such a lowly level of servanthood. But Jesus wanted to demonstrate to them what true greatness was in God's eyes. In God's kingdom, the greatest person is the one who serves others. Jesus, of course, is the greatest servant there ever was---He gave His life for us all.

If Jesus visited you and wanted to teach the same lesson, He probably wouldn't wash your feet, but would do something more culturally relevant. He would perform some equivalent lowly and undesirable task to demonstrate true servanthood. Perhaps He would wash out your garbage cans or clean your toilet. If He was visiting your church on Sunday, He might work in the nursery, changing diapers. Then He would say, "I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you" (John 13:15). God wants His children to serve each other in practical ways. The question is: Are we?

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