

An Example of Christian  
Dignity: Jesus Washes His  
Disciples' Feet

John 13:1-17



# Mark 9:33-35

- Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?" But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who *would be the greatest*. And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

# Matthew 18:2-4

- Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

# Matthew 20<sup>24-25</sup>

- And when the ten heard *it*, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

## Matthew 20:26-28

- "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave -- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

# Respond to Jesus' love

- Understand who He is (John 13:1-3)



# Jesus' Attributes in vv. 1-3

- Divine understanding
- Lover of His people



# Hebrews 12:2

- looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.





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- Divine understanding
- Lover of His people
- Omniscient
- Full of Dignity
- Divinity



# The Place of Origin of Jesus

- **John 3:13** "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.
- **John 7:29** "But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."



# Philippians 2:5-8

- Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

# Philippians 2:6 ESV

- who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,



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# 1 Samuel 25:40-41

- When the servants of David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her saying, "David sent us to you, to ask you to become his wife."
- Then she arose, bowed her face to the earth, and said, "Here is your maidservant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord."

# John 1:26-27

- John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."



# 1 John 1:7-8

- But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.





# 1 John 1:9-10

- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.



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# John 13:34-35

- "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."



# Reasons to Serve God's people without prejudices

- It is a mark of Jesus' disciples
- Jesus left an example
- There is a God-given joy (a blessing) for those who serve other believers



# Luke 22:24-26

- Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' But not so *among* you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

# Luke 22:27-30

- "For who *is* greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? *Is* it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

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