

## Maundy Thursday

Read John 13: 1-17

Holy Thursday is also called Maundy Thursday. Maundy comes from the word mandate, and it references the new commandment Jesus gave His followers. Record that commandment from John 13: 34.

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Maundy Thursday was also the day of the Last Supper. It was during this meal that Jesus, the greatest show and tell Teacher ever, illustrated that new commandment in one of the most beautiful narratives of all the gospels.

John 13:1-3 opens by noting the things Jesus was aware of, right before He got up from the table and began to wash His disciples' feet. Summarize his mindset in your own words.

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This passage makes me wonder what I'd say to my closest friends and family if I knew I was dying, and what I would do with my last acts on earth. I know I wouldn't waste time. I'd share only the most important things I wanted them to remember. This is where we find Jesus, and His "most important thing" is to impress on His loved ones that the way up is down.

It wasn't uncommon for people to wash their feet before a meal in ancient Israel. What was uncommon was for it to be done by anyone other than the lowliest servants. Jesus, secure in His identity, feels no compulsion to protect His status. It's only when we're trying to make our mark on this world that we fight for position and reputation.

Peter the Impulsive (and I call him that, knowing he and I share the trait) voices an objection to this unusual turn of events when Jesus comes to him. Read verses 6-10 and summarize their exchange in your own words.

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_

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Peter, upon hearing that he must be cleansed, or he can have no part of life with Jesus, turns on a dime and asks for a full body bathing. (I'm fond of the man's zeal.) Jesus explains to Peter that He doesn't need his entire body to be washed, just his feet that have come in contact with the dirty conditions of traveling Israel's roadways.

Likewise, when you and I trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can be secure in our eternal justification. Jesus has washed us clean us from the penalty of sin. And yet, like Peter, we'll need ongoing cleansing (known as sanctification) while we walk this dusty planet. Let's close by looking at two of the ways Jesus cleanses us.

Record I John 1:7 and jot down how believers are being cleansed in this verse.

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Record John 17:17 and note how believers are being sanctified (cleansed) here.

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*Dear Lord, even with death staring You in the face, you looked away from Yourself and demonstrated humility. Help me learn of You. I want to soak in and be cleansed by your Word and in your fellowship, that I might think of other people's needs before my own and serve You well today and forever. Amen.*