

Scripture

John 13:3-15 NCB

During supper, Jesus got up from the table, removed his outer garments, and took a

towel that he tied around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel wrapped around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not understand now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you will have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

Jesus then said, "Anyone who has bathed has no need to wash further, except for his feet, for he is clean all over. You also are clean, although not every one of you is clean." He knew the one who was going to betray him. That is why he added the words, "Not every one of you is clean."

After he had finished washing their feet and had once again put on his outer garments, he reclined at table and said to them,

"Do you understand what I have done for you?

You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

I have given you an example.

What I have done for you, you should also do."



Jesus washes his disciples' feet, Jacopo Tintoretto 1547

Thought for the Day

There is no false humility with Jesus. He is Lord and Teacher. We can ask Jesus for that confident humility that he had, which didn't need people to praise him in order to feel good. What humble tasks am I being called to do?