

ELBC

# Being A Servant

John Ch.13



# Dallas Theological Seminary - Statue



## John Ch.13 (Verses 2 through 5, NIV):

*2: The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.*

*3: Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God;*

*4: So He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist.*

*5: After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.*

## Philippians Ch.2 (Verses 6 through 11, NIV):

*6: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage;*

*7: Rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

*8: And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

## Philippians Ch.2 (Verses 6 through 11, Continued):

*9: Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name,*

*10: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

*11: And every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

## Matthew Ch.23 (Verses 11 & 12):

*11: The greatest among you will be your servant.*

*12: For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

## John Ch.13 (Verse 1):

*1: It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

# Passover



For Christ, our Passover Lamb,  
has been sacrificed.  
1 Corinthians 5:7





## John Ch.13 (Verses 6 through 9, NIV):

6: *He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”*

7: *Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”*

8: *“No,” said Peter, “You shall never wash my feet.”*

*Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”*

9: *“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”*

## 1 John Ch.4 (Verses 10 & 11, NIV):

*10: This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins*

*11: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

## John Ch.13 (Verse 10, NIV):

*10: Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.”*

## John Ch.13 (Verse 12 through 15, NIV):

*12: When He had finished washing their feet, He put on his clothes and returned to His place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” He asked them.*

*13: “You call Me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am.*

*14: Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.*

*15: I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*

## How to Wash the Feet of Others:

How might we follow Jesus' words and example?

*Encouraging one another to live for Christ*

*Strengthening one another to overcome sin*

*Bearing one another's burdens*

*Surrendering your rights for the sake of others*

*Praying for one another*

*Deferring to one another in humility*

*Forgiving one another*

*Showing genuine love for others in practical ways*

# Questions of Application:

*\*What in my life requires washing?*

(Resentment, Lack of forgiveness, Hidden Sin, Increasing Anger)

*\*What is it that I am not willing to do in service of another?*

(Work past our “established norms” of service)

*\*This Week, how will I follow Jesus’ example in service to His people and the lost world?*