

Journey with Jesus

Praying through the Gospel of John

Week 15



- Find a place to sit quietly.
- Sit in a relaxed position and close your eyes.
- Breathe in and out slowly and become aware of the presence of God.
- ‘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.’
- Spend some time praying with these words.
- Imagine yourself in the room with Jesus.
- How do you respond to his invitation to let him wash your feet?
- You might like to listen to Michael Crawford sing He Washed Their Feet.



➤ You might like to listen to:

- Day 1: Water you turned into wine sung by Angelin Shinoj then click [here](#).
- Day 2: Here I am to worship sung by Hillsong then click [here](#).
- Day 3: O the deep , deep love of Jesus sung by Simon Khorolsky then click [here](#).
- Day 4: Lord I come sung by David Brackenbury then click [here](#).
- Day 5: Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go then click [here](#).
- Day 6: Glorify thy name sung by Maranatha Music then click [here](#).
- Day 7: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind sung by Aled Jones then click [here](#).



Day 1: John 12:37-41

Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. This was to fulfil the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their hearts,
so they can neither see with their eyes,
nor understand with their hearts,
nor turn—and I would heal them.”

Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.

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Day 2: John 12:42-50

Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human praise more than praise from God. Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. “If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

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Day 3: John 13:1-5

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. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 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.

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Day 4: John 13:6-11

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus replied, “You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” 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.” For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

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Day 5: John 13:12-17

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. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”



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Day 6: John 13:18-21

“I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfil this passage of Scripture: ‘He who shared my bread has turned against me.’ I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am. Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.” After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.”

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Day 7: John 13:22-26

His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him which one he means.” Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

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Over the week you might like to listen to The Sixteen sing different compositions of the Agnus Dei

- Day 1: Faure's Requiem Op 48
- Day 2: Tallis' Missa pure nature est nobis
- Day 3: Scarlatti's Missa Breve 'La Stella'
- Day 4: Victoria's Missa pro defunctis a6
- Day 5: Monteverdi's Agnus Dei
- Day 6: Rubbra's Missa cantuariensis, Op 69
- Day 7: de Lassus' Missa Bell' amfritit' alteration



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Creative prayer

- Look at the image to the right.
 - What do you notice?
 - Let Jesus speak to you through what you see.
- Now look at your feet
 - What do you notice
 - Let Jesus speak to you through what you see.
- Reflect back over the last year
 - What do you notice about your journey with Jesus
 - Where have you stayed close?
 - Where have you wandered.
- Take a bowl and some water and a towel and wash your own feet being aware of the hands of Jesus holding yours as you do so.
- How do you want to respond to Jesus? Talk with him about this and be open to listen to his response to you.



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I am the vine

How might it feel to be part of the vine?
Not just to see the vineyard from afar
Or even pluck the clusters, press the wine,
But to be grafted in, to feel the stir
Of inward sap that rises from our root,
Himself deep planted in the ground of Love,
To feel a leaf unfold a tender shoot,
As tendrils curled unfurl, as branches give
A little to the swelling of the grape,
In gradual perfection, round and full,
To bear within oneself the joy and hope
Of God's good vintage, till it's ripe and whole.
What might it mean to bide and to abide
In such rich love as makes the poor heart glad?

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