

Getting Ready for Communion John 13:1-17

“We have all been called to be foot-washers.”

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Jesus loved them to the end (13:1-5)

Five things Jesus knew at the start of the evening:

1. He knew the end was near
2. He knew he was going to die
3. He knew that Judas was a betrayer
4. He knew that God had put all things (including Judas) under his control
5. He knew who he was and where he was going

Jesus didn't do what he did in spite of who he is, he did it because of who he is.

His unexpected action:

He cared for them to the end (13:6-11)

Being shocked by grace is not an uncommon response
(Matthew 3:13-14)

His concern centered on their confused future more than his imminent pain

An important lesson: Christ's blood has already cleansed the body but the feet still get dirty

Jesus challenges them to the end (13:12-18)

Jesus set the example in humility

Jesus set the example in service

Jesus set the example in grace

Jesus set the example in restoration

If the Lord and Master does it, do we think we are exempt?