

**Series:** One Another  
**Sermon:** Serve One Another  
**Scripture:** John 13:1-17  
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**John 13:1-17 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

<sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,

<sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.

<sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."

<sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"

<sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

<sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

<sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

<sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

<sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Reclining at table ... not this:



This:



### **Luke 22:24-27 (ESV)**

<sup>24</sup> *A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.*

<sup>25</sup> *And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors.*

<sup>26</sup> *But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.*

<sup>27</sup> *For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.*

In this extraordinary act of service, Jesus accomplished 2 things:

**1. He symbolized for us his humiliation for our spiritual cleansing.**

### **Mark 10:45 (ESV)**

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

**2. He gave us an example to emulate.**

"You call me teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you." v. 14-15

### **John 10:17-18 (ESV)**

*For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.*

### **2 Questions:**

Will you trust this servant King who can fully cleanse you?

Will you serve others like he has served you? (Humbly, willingly, sacrificially.)