

***“The Last Supper, part 1—
Jesus: Humble Servant”***

John 13:1-17

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In John 13, Jesus begins an extended private ministry to His Apostles just before His death. It concludes at the end of John 17. In this intimate time Jesus wants to reassure the disciples of His love for them and also of their divine calling. The first lesson He gives them is a living metaphor of humble service during the Last Supper.

1. The Preparation of Humble Service (1-3)

“Now before the Feast of Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. And during supper...knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God, and was going back to God”

2. The Demonstration of Humble Service (4-11)

“He rose from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself about. Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.”

3. The Explanation of Humble Service (12-17)

“He said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.’”