



Title | What Love Looks Like
Series | NOW I SEE
Text | John 13:1-17
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Sermon Notes

John 13:1 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. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 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, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 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. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 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." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 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." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 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?" 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 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. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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John 13:14

"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."
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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read John 13:1-17. In the story, find all the reasons it would have been difficult for Jesus to love his disciples in this way. What are the implications for us? Is there someone in your life who is difficult to love?

Tuesday:

Read John 13:17. In what ways do you think we will be "blessed" if we follow the example of Jesus in loving others? Why might this be hard to believe? Have you experienced such blessings?

Wednesday:

Read John 13:6-11. What is it that Jesus wants Peter to know here? Considering Peter's coming failures (e.g. John 18:15-17; 25-27), why is this important for Peter and for us?

Thursday:

Read John 13:14-15. Specifically, how can you follow the example of Jesus right now?

Friday:

Read Philippians 2:5-8 and Romans 5:8. How do these passages relate to the foot-washing in John 13? What does it mean for us? How should we respond?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to follow your example of loving others, even when it's difficult. Show me today how I can serve others as you did. And give me the courage to do it. Thank you for loving me when it was difficult. Amen.