

Who is Jesus?

Our Example in Service

Points to Consider

1. Jesus served with concern
2. Jesus served by cleansing
3. Jesus served with correction
4. Jesus served through conflict
5. Jesus served by commissioning

Jesus Served with Concern

John 13:1 *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

John, an eyewitness to the events, started his narrative noting that Jesus loved His own to the _____.

John 13:34-35 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." NKJV*

Jesus gave the disciples a command to love each other as He _____ them.

John 15:12-14 *This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. NKJV*

Jesus demonstrated His unending love for His disciples, as well as all men, by giving His life for His friends.

In 13:23 John is referred to as the disciple whom Jesus loved.

In 14:1-3 Jesus showed His concern when He _____ that He was going to prepare a place for them and then come back and get them.

In 14:13-14 He promised to _____ them what they ask of Him once He returned to the Father. (6:23)

Several times in the text Jesus showed His love to the Apostles by promising to send them the Comforter or the Helper. (14:15-18; 14:26; 15:26)

He also promised them _____ and joy (14:27; 15:11; 16:23)

Jesus Served by Cleansing

John 13:3-5 *3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a*

towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. NKJV

Jesus performed the _____ of all household tasks by washing the disciples' feet. Washing feet was never a ritual; it was a _____.

Luke 7:44-45 Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. NKJV

It was common for a host to provide water for the guest to wash his _____ feet. It appears from Genesis 18 and 19 that Abraham and Lot both offered their heavenly guests water to wash their own feet. Jesus' focus is not physical cleansing!

John 13:10-11 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." NKJV

Jesus was far more concerned that Judas had a dirty _____ than He was about Judas' dirty feet.

John 15:13-14 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

True cleansing can only be found in Jesus' blood that He was about to _____ give up for all of us.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." NKJV

Jesus shared with them one of the most important principles in Scripture: Jesus _____ the world.

Jesus Served with Correction

John 13:7-11 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." 8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part 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, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." NKJV

Jesus served Peter by correcting his _____ of what He was doing by washing their feet.

John 14:5-11 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and

from now on you know Him and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. NKJV

Peter served both Philip and Thomas by correcting their physical interpretation of a _____ concept.

Jesus Served through Conflict

John 13:26-28 *Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." NKJV*

Jesus was _____ aware of the spiritual battle taking place that evening. He was the only one who truly understood the significance of the moment.

John 14:29-31 *And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here. NKJV*

Jesus was setting His followers up for success by _____ them about this spiritual battle.

John 15:18-21 *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.*

Jesus served them by telling them what they could _____ during this conflict. He also served them by telling them _____ others would hate them.

John 16:31-33 *Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." NKJV*

Jesus served them by teaching them that Satan will win some battles, but he will _____ win the war.

Remember that in 13:36-38 Jesus already told Peter that he would _____ Him three times.

In 17:15 Jesus prayed that the Father would keep them from the _____ one.

Jesus Served by Commissioning

John 13:12-17 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, 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 should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. NKJV

Jesus served the Apostles by telling them _____ what He expected from them.
He commissioned them to _____ like He served.

Acts 1:6-8 *Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." NKJV*

Jesus not only told them what they needed to be concerned with, He told them what they didn't need to _____ about.

He told the lawyer in Luke 10 to "go and _____ likewise."

He told the rich young ruler to go, to sell, to _____ and to follow.

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