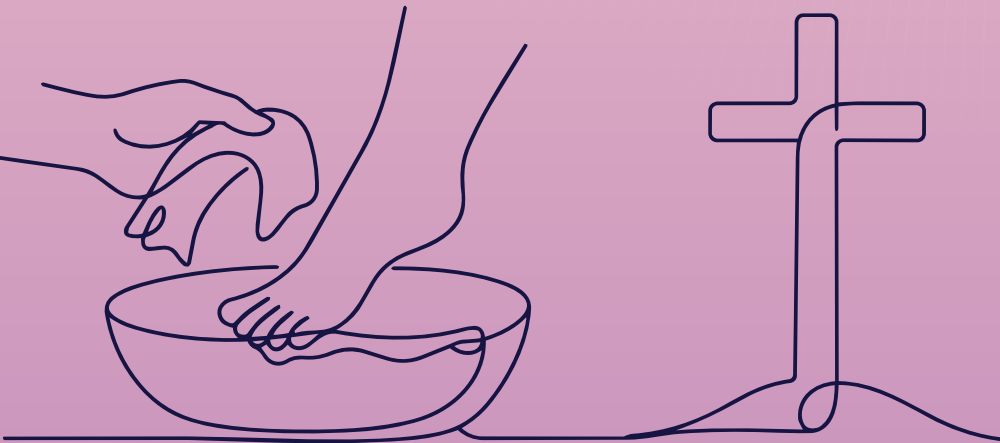


Do you understand what I have done for you?

The parallels between the account of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the events of Good Friday/Easter are numerous and meaningful. These aren't simply coincidences, they're convergences; they come together to underscore the fact that even in the apparent darkness of the cross and the grave, God wasn't operating in the dark. **He knew exactly what He was doing all along.**



As you contemplate these parallels, our hope is that they give you hope. Because whatever you're facing— **there is hope in Jesus.**



| Foot Washing | Good Friday/Easter |
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| John highlights the connection between the Passover and the foot-washing: It was just before the Passover Festival. (John 13:1a) | Jesus was crucified as the Passover Lamb: For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. (1Co 5:7) |
| John says that the foot washing was an act of love: Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. (John 13:1c) | Jesus' death was an act of love: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) |
| Jesus took off his garments: So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing (John 13:4a) | Jesus was stripped of his garments: They stripped him... (Mat 27:28a) / When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. (Mat 27:35) |
| He wrapped a linen around himself: ...and wrapped a towel around his waist (John 13:4) [<small>** Note that the Greek term often translated as "towel" was typically used for a linen cloth</small>] | Joseph of Arimathea wrapped linens around the body of Jesus: Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, (Mat 27:59) |
| Jesus poured out water to use in cleansing his disciples: After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet. (John 13:5a) | Jesus poured out both water and blood for our cleansing: Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. (John 19:34) |
| Jesus declared that the disciples were already clean because they had placed their faith in him: Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean..." (John 13:10a) | We are made clean by faith in Jesus: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. (Rom 5:1-2) |
| After having washed his disciples' feet, Jesus re clothed himself in ordinary clothes: When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. (John 13:12a) | It's clear that Jesus was clothed during his post-resurrection accounts. That nothing is said about them indicates they were ordinary rather than radiant. But we also know that they weren't the grave clothes because those were still in the tomb: Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, (John 20:6-7) |

