



“The Lenten season is a time when we put down practices in order to reorient our minds, hearts, and hands on Jesus. Lent is a time when we look forward to the coronation of our King on Good Friday, to His overcoming of sin and death on Easter Sunday, and to the new life that is brought through the cross for all who would call upon His name. To follow Jesus is to commit one’s life to a life of service, to God, to their biblical community, and to those in need in the world. This year our daily prayer focus will be on John 13:1-17 where Jesus models for His disciples what service looks like when He washes their feet. Take time each day to read the entire passage and focus on the short focal phrase of the day.”

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22	John 13:1	“Now before the Feast of the Passover,;	<i>“Lord, just as you were there to save your people through the blood of a lamb, so you sent your Son to save your people through the shedding of His own blood. In Christ, we are saved. Death passes over us. Lord, you are ever faithful. Amen.”</i>	Take a moment and reflect on your own sinfulness how, through Christ, death passed over you.
23	John 13:1	“...when Jesus knew that his hour had come...”	<i>“Jesus, you knew what was to come. You fully knew the consequence for the sinfulness of humanity and yet you looked it in the face and endured the cross for us. Your love reaches this far. May we never take it for granted. Amen.”</i>	Jesus loves us with a costly love. What did His love for you cost Him?

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24	John 13:1	"...to depart out of this world..."	<i>"Jesus, you came to this world humbly as a child born in a stable and you left this world humbly hung as if a criminal on a cross. Your love knows no bounds. We are grateful for your sacrifice. Amen."</i>	Knowing that His place was at the side of the Father prior to coming to earth, how do you think Jesus was feeling about departing this world?
25	John 13:1	"...to the Father,"	<i>"Jesus, you descended to walk with us, to be with us, and ultimately to die for us though your place was with the Father, you moved into the neighborhood with us. How deep your love is for us! Amen."</i>	What did Jesus give up to be with us?
26	John 13:1	"Having loved his own..."	<i>"Lord, throughout the Hebrew Scriptures you say, "I will be their God and they will be my people and I will make my dwelling among them." This is a statement of what WILL happen, not a hope, not a desire, but a statement by you about what will be. This is how much you love us, "your own..." Amen."</i>	We are Christ's own and He loves us. What are the implications of His covenantal love for us?
27	John 13:1	"...he loved them to the end."	<i>"Lord, while what was coming was not the end, it was the end of this season of you walking shoulder to shoulder with those you had gathered. Sometimes we find ourselves in seasons that we want to stay in but in your love you lead us into new seasons, different seasons where your love looks different but it is still present. Remind us not to fear the end of things, but to look to eternity, to your covenantal love for us, to your faithfulness regardless of the season we walk in. Amen."</i>	What season are you walking in with Jesus? How do you see His love in this season?
28	John 13:2	"During supper, when the devil..."	<i>"Lord, so often we either dismiss the presence of a real enemy or we give him equal power to you. Our understanding of the enemy is often lacking. He is not all powerful like you, he is not your equal, he cannot win, but he is real, he is a tempter, a deceiver, a accuser. May we not only recognize your voice when you speak but the enemies voice as well so that we can reject his lies. In your name we pray this, amen."</i>	How can we learn to discern the Lord's voice from the enemy's?
3/1	John 13:2	"...had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,"	<i>"Lord, you use seemingly evil situations to do your work, to bring the Kingdom to bear on this world. Help us today to see the dark spaces in our lives as opportunities for your light to shine. May we trust you in the valley, knowing that you will use what is meant for evil, for good. Amen."</i>	How have you seen the Lord use a seemingly evil situation to bring the Kingdom to bear on this world?
2	John 13:3	Jesus, knowing that the Father..."	<i>"Lord, often we talk about "belief" when it comes to our faith in you. Perhaps one of the fundamental things we need to shift is going from "belief" to "knowing." It isn't just that we hope for, or think, but we can know that our Father in Heaven cares for us and will care for us through whatever we face in this world. May we know our heavenly Father and trust Him fully. Amen."</i>	Do you believe in the Father or do you know? What's the difference?

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3	John 13:3	"...had given all things into his hands,"	<i>"Jesus, sometimes when we read about your life in the Gospels we get so caught up with your humanity that we miss your divinity. You were the embodiment of all we were called to be and you were more... you were, you are God. May we remember as we study your life and teachings that, in you, Heaven and Earth fully overlapped. Amen."</i>	What does Jesus being fully man and fully God mean for us as we seek to fully understand Him?
4	John 13:3	"...and that he had come from God..."	<i>"Lord Jesus, you are our greatest gift. We love you for all you are, not merely what you give to us. Thank you, Father, for the blessing of your Son! May we glorify His name in every moment today. Amen."</i>	Do you tend to value the gifts God gives over the gift of God Himself? How can we shift our thinking?
5	John 13:3	"...and was going back to God,"	<i>"Lord, sometimes it is hard for us to understand why you would go back to God and leave this world, but you haven't abandoned us. You've filled us with your Spirit to continue your ministry on earth. May we take seriously your call on our lives today. Amen."</i>	In what way is God calling you to bring heaven to bear on earth today?
6	John 13:4	"...rose from supper..."	<i>"Lord, we know that something special happens around the table. When you instituted the practice of communion, of remembering all that you and what you had done to institute your Kingdom on earth as in heaven, you made this special time and opportunity to focus on our King and our citizenship in His Kingdom. May we take a moment at each meal today and be reminded of your Kingdom and our place within it today. Amen."</i>	How can you live as a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven today?
7	John 13:4	"...He laid aside his outer garments,"	<i>"Lord, Lent is a time of laying aside that which keeps us from fully devoting ourselves and our lives to you. Bring to mind the garments that we need to lay aside to more fully focus on you. Amen."</i>	What do you need to put down and what do you need to pick up to more fully focus on Jesus in your life?
8	John 13:4	"...and taking a towel, tied it around his waist."	<i>"Jesus, what did the faces of those disciples look like that day when you did this? Were there looks of horror, confusion, loss? Recognizing your position in, at least, their lives they must have been horrified. May we take a moment to recognize what you were about to do in washing their feet and what we would have felt like if we were in that room today. Amen."</i>	Take a moment and imagine yourself in that room that day, seeing Jesus wrap himself in a towel in preparation to wash your feet.
9	John 13:5	"Then he poured water into a basin..."	<i>"Lord, the way John takes his time, articulating every movement, building anticipation of what is about to happen, it draws us in and with eyes wide open we see what is happening though we cannot imagine it. God, came to earth, come as King, come as Messiah, come to serve? To serve us? To serve me? We are speechless, Lord..."</i>	Jesus came to serve humanity but not just all humans but every human. Jesus came to serve you. Let that sink in. How does that make you feel?

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10	John 13:5	"...and began to wash the disciples' feet..."	<i>"King Jesus, the image of you on your knees before a basin of water, the feet of your disciples in your hand, rubbing off dirt and excrement with your thumb as you clean them before the Passover meal... it seems like to much. This is beneath you! We should be washing your feet! How do we receive such incredibly selfless, self-sacrificial, radical hospitality?! How do we do likewise? Help us see how we may do as you've done, Lord. Amen."</i>	Your God came to serve you in the most humble way- giving His life on a criminal's cross for your sin. Sit in that today. Thank Him.
11	John 13:5	"...and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him."	<i>"Lord Jesus, just as you wiped the water from the feet of these disciples, one day you will wipe the tears from our eyes. The Scriptures say you will wipe "every tear from every eye." Those hurts we cannot imagine living without, those wounds that have cut us to the core, those injuries that cause us to limp, those scars that remind us of the pain we've experienced in this world; they will all be removed in the fullness of your Kingdom. We look forward to that day and look to how we can bring your Kingdom to bear on the world around us today as we wait for that day. Guide us Lord Jesus. Amen."</i>	How can you bring heaven to bear on the world around you today?
12	John 13:6	"He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"	<i>"Lord, with unbelief we come to you, perplexed by your deep affection, by your commitment to faithfully love us even when we are unlovable. Give us hearts to receive your incredible gift and to live in light of your love. Amen."</i>	How has God shown you His deep affection for you today?
13	John 13:7	"Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now,"	<i>"Jesus, so often what you do, we do not understand. We are finite in our thinking and cannot grasp all that you are doing in us, in those around us, in our community, in our world, throughout all time. May this be an encouragement to us that we do not have to understand, we need only trust you. Amen."</i>	Where do you find it difficult to trust in God's plans? Why do you find it difficult to trust in these situations?
14	John 13:7	"...but afterward you will understand."	<i>"Lord, there will be a day when we get to sit on your lap and observe all that you have done in and through our lives, when it will all make sense and the pains we felt we will see how you used them to build your Kingdom. Until that day, help us to trust in you though we don't yet see all that you are doing. Amen."</i>	Have you seen a time in your life when you couldn't see God working but in retrospect you can?
15	John 13:8	"Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet."	<i>"Lord, so often we think our plans, our desires are better than yours. Often we will ask you, "Lord, have you considered..." forgetting that you know all, you understand all and that your ways are perfect. Help us not to be rebellious or try to take the throne for ourselves. May we ever trust in you. Amen."</i>	What area are you still trying to make plans in that you need to give over to the Lord? What is keeping you from doing so?

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16	John 13:8	"Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."	<i>"Lord, you are patient. You allow us to go our own way, to choose our own path, to go against your desire, your will for our lives but you know where that path leads. Thank you for your patience but we also ask that you continue to speak, loudly to us that we might hear and give us humble hearts that are willing to obey. Amen."</i>	Choose Jesus' path today. Look for ways in which He may have you love others. Listen for His voice.
17	John 13:9	"Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"	<i>"Lord, we want more of you. We want you not only to wash our feet but our hands and our heads! We desire you more than that which you give, more than our very lives! May we ever be desirous of more and more of you! Amen."</i>	What things get in the way of you wanting God Himself?
18	John 13:10	"Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean."	<i>"Lord, in you we have been washed, we have been made clean. Your call to us is to therefore live as if we are that which you declare us. You ask us to hear your words, to believe your decrees and to live as restored citizens of your Kingdom. Help us to recognize that our sin no longer defines who we are, that in You we are made new. Amen."</i>	What keeps you from embracing fully your forgiveness in Christ?
19	John 13:10	"And you are clean,"	<i>"Lord, you've declared us clean, restored to you. We may feel like we have failed, that we have messed up so badly that there is no redemption for us, but help remind us of our forgiveness in you. We are clean. You so declare us. Amen."</i>	The Creator of the Universe has declared you clean through His Son. What implications does this identify bear on our lives?
20	John 13:10	"...but not every one of you."	<i>"Lord, we've all been there, chosen ourselves over You. We've been unclean. We've betrayed you. We've sought after idols instead of you. Forgive us, Father. Amen."</i>	Take a moment and ponder the depth of your sin. Confess it to the Lord and He is faithful to forgive you.
21	John 13:11	"For he knew who was to betray him;"	<i>"Lord, our transgressions do not surprise you. You know what we will do before we do it, but you say to us, "Sin is crouching at your door, but you may overcome it." You remind us that we can choose you whenever we are tempted. You've empowered us to overcome the enemy. Remind us of this truth. Amen."</i>	What tempts you the most? How has the Lord paved a way for you to overcome it?
22	John 13:11	"...that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."	<i>"Lord, you speak our language. You make your Word clear for us. Most of the time, it isn't that we don't understand, it is that we choose not to listen to that which we do. Help us to be faithful and obedient to that which you have made clear to us. Amen."</i>	Do you follow as much of the Lord as you understand how to? Why or why not?

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23	John 13:12	“When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place,”	<i>“Lord, as the disciples saw you redress and sit back at the table, we wonder if they were comforted by your return to that place, your place... except at that table wasn’t your place, on this fallen world was not your place. Your place was with the Father. Your place was on your throne. Your deep love for us led you to move into the neighborhood, to move toward the cross, to move out of the tomb. Your place is to be exalted but your loving desire is to make your dwelling among us. For this we are grateful. Amen.”</i>	Consider the Scriptures and how often God moves heaven and earth to live amongst His people.
24	John 13:12	“...he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?”	<i>“Lord, how can we fathom the God of the Universe, the Creator of all things, the Messianic King washing our feet?! How could we understand?! We are undeserving of your selfless love. Your name be praised. Amen.”</i>	What is God doing in your life that you don’t understand?
25	John 13:13	“You call me Teacher...”	<i>“Jesus, you are our teacher, our guide, our model, our example, the one who both tells us and demonstrates for us what it looks like to love one another. May we exhibit a love that reflects how you love us today. Amen.”</i>	What is the Lord teaching you right now?
26	John 13:13	“...and Lord,”	<i>“King Jesus, you are our Lord. Often times we want you to be our Savior but we want to continue to be Lord of our lives... it can’t work that way. You are on the throne, you are our Lord. Help us to be faithful and obedient to you. Amen.”</i>	In what areas do you tend to try to be “lord” of your own life?
27	John 13:13	“...and you are right,”	<i>“Jesus, on that night you didn’t just highlight all your disciples didn’t understand, but all that they did. Even with their limited understanding they knew that you were a qualified teacher and a glorified Lord. Sometimes our tendency to critique all our growth areas can make us devalue and dismiss that which we do get right about you. You are our Savior. In you we ARE forgiven. No matter how short of a time we’ve walked with you, we are no longer the same as we once were. We are being transformed. Give us hearts to celebrate that which you are and are doing in us. Amen.”</i>	How are you different from when you first encountered Jesus?
28	John 13:13	“...for so I am.”	<i>“Jesus, just as your Father before you told Moses to tell His people that “I AM” had sent you, so are you. You are the great “I AM.” May we take a moment to ponder all that this means today. Amen.”</i>	Jesus is one with the Father. What are the implications of this reality?
29	John 13:14	“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,”	<i>“Jesus, it is unfathomable that you would wash our feet as both Lord and Teacher. In our minds there are tasks, services that are beneath certain positions but you demonstrate for us that nothing is beneath you, that service saturated in love is how we live out the Gospel of the Kingdom. May we do as you have done. Amen.”</i>	What things do you think are “beneath” you concerning service to others?
30	John 13:14	“... you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”	<i>“Lord, you call us to care for, to serve, to love one another as you have loved us. You call us to humble ourselves completely in selfless love for one another. You’ve given us an example. May we follow in it. Amen.”</i>	Who is Jesus calling you to serve today? How will you serve them?

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31	John 13:15	“For I have given you an example,”	<i>“Jesus, you are our model and you modeled citizenship in your Kingdom perfectly. Sometimes, if we’re honest, the bar seems too high, but we ask you to please not allow our fear of failing keep us from humbly following you. You promise to transform us, to empower us to do that which you have called us to. Our obedience is an act of trust, of faith. We trust in you, Lord. Amen.”</i>	Jesus lived as “fully human,” as how we are called to live as humans. Which part of Jesus’ “humanity” do you find most intriguing?
4/1	John 13:15	“...that you also should do just as I have done to you.”	<i>“Lord, we should do as you have done but we often fail at this. Forgive us, Father, for not following in the footsteps of your Son. Empower us by your Spirit to more closely resemble Jesus in our day-to-day actions. Amen.”</i>	What is Jesus calling you to do today?
2	John 13:16	“Truly, truly, I say to you,”	<i>“Lord, throughout your Scriptures you often repeat phrases stamping the front of your instruction with a message that says “IMPORTANT!” What you are saying is a central ethic in the Kingdom of Heaven- no one is greater than anyone else in the Kingdom of Heaven and yet we forget this all the time. We think highly of ourselves, or we think lowly of others. Forgive us, Father for not heeding this teaching. Amen.”</i>	How do you know, not just think, know you can trust the word of the Lord?
3	John 13:16	“...a servant is not greater than his master,”	<i>“Lord, in your Kingdom no one is better than another and yet we think we are so much better than others or that others are so much better than us all the time. Help to humble us and remind us that, in your Kingdom, the meek are elevated, the humble are lifted up. Amen.”</i>	What would it look like if all were considered equal in the Kingdom of Heaven? How might this change our world?
4	John 13:16	“...nor is a messenger...”	<i>“Messiah, during your teaching in John 13-17 the disciples are baffled by the things you would say, we are still baffled by them today. One thing we do understand, that you and the Father are one. He is no greater than you are and you are no lesser than He is. May we contemplate this reality today. Amen.”</i>	Jesus is co-equal with the Father. What does that mean?
5	John 13:16	“...greater than the one who sent him...”	<i>“Jesus, in this analogy are you saying that you are the messenger and the Father is the one who sent you? It seems like this is an instruction for your disciples, however, in that you are somehow welcoming us into this. Before you ascended you called your disciples to be witnesses, to bear witness to your message, to carry your message to the world. Are we messengers? What does that mean for our lives, Lord? Amen.”</i>	Jesus says that as He and the Father are one that we are to be called one with Him and with one another. What does this mean for us?
6	John 13:17	“If you know these things...”	<i>“Lord, in our world we value what we know. Head knowledge without action in the Kingdom of Heaven proves to be useless. We need to do more than just know the things of you, we need to live our entire lives in light of them. Help us to do so, amen.”</i>	How are you seeking to know God?

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7	John 13:17	"...blessed are you..."	<i>"Lord, our desire is not to be successful or to gain the things of this world but we desire to be blessed which has very little to do with this world and everything to do with you. We are blessed because we have you. Thank you, Lord for you! Amen."</i>	When you think of "blessed" what comes to mind?
8	John 13:17	"...if you do them."	<i>"Lord, it is not merely what we know but what we do that demonstrates our faith and our knowledge of you. May we be a people that does not merely hear what your Word says but who does it. Amen."</i>	What do you know that you need to do?
9	Matt 20:26-28	"It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."	<i>Happy Easter! "King Jesus, we thank you that you came not to be served but to serve, to give your life for many, for us, for me. Praise Your Name! He is Risen! Our Messianic King reigns! Hallelujah! Amen!"</i>	The Messiah has come and defeated death. His crucifixion was His coronation as King of the Kingdom of Heaven. Nothing is the same in light of the cross and the empty tomb. How will you live in light of His present Kingdom as a citizen under the present King?