

Jesus washes his disciples' feet



Jesus had 12 special followers called his disciples. They were his friends. Jesus's disciples travelled with him, listened to him and learned from him.



One day, Jesus invited his disciples to eat dinner with him.

It was a sad time for Jesus, because he knew that soon he would be leaving his friends and that one of them had betrayed him.





When everyone arrived, Jesus saw that his friends' feet were dirty from walking in the dusty streets.

Usually the servant would wash the feet of visitors so that they were clean before dinner, so Jesus's disciples were surprised when he stood up and got a bowl of water and a towel.



Jesus knelt down and began to wash his friends' feet.

When it was Peter's turn to have his feet washed, he was upset. Peter thought Jesus was too important, as the son of God, to wash his feet.

"No, I won't let you wash my feet," Peter said to Jesus.





“If you won’t let me wash your feet, you can’t stay with me,” Jesus replied.

Peter loved Jesus, so he let him wash his feet. He offered to let Jesus wash his hands and head as well to show he would do whatever Jesus asked him to do.

“You don’t need a bath, Peter, you are clean,” Jesus said and shook his head sadly, “but not all of you are clean.” He was thinking of his one friend who had betrayed him.



After he had washed everyone’s feet, Jesus told his disciples that they should learn from his example and serve others as well.