



January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

***True Disciples Have Been Washed  
By Their Savior***

**John 13:1-11**

1. Look at John 13:1-3 and talk about the magnitude of this moment. What does Jesus know that makes this act of service all the more significant?
2. Why is it comforting—and humbling—that Jesus loves His disciples while fully knowing their failures, sins, and flaws? (see the meditation in the bulletin)
3. Why did the disciples recoil from the idea of Jesus washing their feet? What does foot-washing reveal about the nature of Christ’s love?
4. What does Jesus mean when He says, “*If I do not wash you, you have no share with me*”? Is that still a true statement to all of Jesus’ disciples?
5. Why is cleansing something Jesus must do *for* the disciples, not something they can do themselves?
6. What false views of power or leadership does this passage dismantle?

7. The sermon said many of us prefer doing the washing to being washed. Why is that? What makes receiving grace more humbling than offering service?

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### Respond to the sermon:

- **Head:** What did you learn / what were you reminded about who Jesus is?
- **Heart:** What specific steps can you take to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ?
- **Hands:** What ways can you live differently because of these truths?

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### Schedule for Memorizing John 15:1-17

**January 11 - John 15:1-2** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

**January 18 - John 15:3-4** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

**January 25 - John 15:5-6** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

**February 1 - John 15:7-8** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

**February 8 - John 15:9-10** As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

**February 15 - John 15:11-12** These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

**February 22 - John 15:13-15** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

**March 1 - John 15:16-17** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.