



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

WEEK 3 — DAY 1

Luke 22:7–30

Devotional

Jesus sends two disciples to prepare the Passover meal. He tells them to look for a guy carrying a water jar—which was unusual, because in that culture women normally carried the water.

In other words:

“Go find the one thing that looks out of place. That’s where the miracle starts.”

Jesus is already arranging the details.

The room is ready.

The moment is prepared.

The table is waiting.

Long before the disciples walk into the upper room, Jesus has set everything in motion.

Your life is not random.

Your moments are not accidents.

Your table is being prepared right now in ways you cannot see.

Theological Insight

Jesus’ orchestration reflects His sovereignty and fulfillment of the Passover typology—the Lamb being prepared.

Reflection Questions

1. Where do you see Jesus arranging details in your life?
2. What feels “random” that might actually be intentional?
3. Are you willing to trust His unseen preparation?

Application Step

Write down three ways God has already prepared your “table” in the past year.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for preparing what I cannot see. Help me trust your timing. Amen.



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WEEK 3 — DAY 2

Luke 22: 14–20

Devotional

Jesus sits down with His disciples and says something surprising:

“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you.”

Jesus *longs* to be with His people.

Let that sink in.

Some of us grew up believing Jesus tolerated us. Or put up with us. Or was disappointed in us 99% of the time.

But here Jesus is saying:

“I want to be with you before I suffer. I want you at My table.”

The Lord’s Supper is not a ritual Jesus begrudgingly gives. It is a relationship He joyfully invites.

He takes bread and breaks it.

He takes the cup and blesses it.

He redefines Passover around Himself—because He *is* the greater Lamb.

Theological Insight

The Last Supper transitions Israel’s story from the old covenant (Exodus redemption) to the new covenant (redemption through Christ’s blood).

Reflection Questions

1. How does it change you to know Jesus desires to be with you?
2. What lies have shaped how you think Jesus views you?
3. How does communion become more meaningful when you see it as an invitation?

Application Step

Take five slow minutes today and imagine Jesus personally inviting you to His table.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for wanting me at Your table. Help me receive Your love with confidence. Amen.



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WEEK 3 — DAY 3

John 13:1–7

Devotional

Before the meal, Jesus gets up from the table, wraps a towel around His waist, and washes the disciples' feet.

Translation:

The King of the universe did the job no one else wanted.

The Creator touched dirt.

The Holy One held unholy feet.

God washed humans.

Peter freaks out. "Lord, You're not washing my feet!" Jesus replies, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me."

Some of us struggle with that same mentality: "Jesus, You can teach me. You can bless me. But please don't touch the messy places."

But Jesus insists.

He always insists.

Because He cannot transform what we refuse to surrender.

Theological Insight

Foot washing symbolizes cleansing, humility, and participation in Christ. It anticipates the cleansing of the cross.

Reflection Questions

1. What "dirty feet" areas in your life do you avoid letting Jesus touch?
2. How does Jesus' humility challenge you?
3. What would it look like to receive His cleansing today?

Application Step

Do a quiet act of service today that no one sees.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for loving us enough to step into the messy places of our lives. Wash our hearts, teach us Your humility, and help us serve others the way You have served us. Amen.



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WEEK 3 — DAY 4

John 22: 21–23

Devotional

At the table, Jesus announces that one of the disciples will betray Him. The room goes silent, and then the disciples begin questioning each other—and themselves.

Here's the shocking part:

No one knew who the betrayer was.

Judas looked like the rest.

Spoke like the rest.

Acted like the rest.

Betrayal often hides behind polite religious behavior.

This passage invites reflection, not paranoia. The question “Is it me?” is actually healthy. Not because Jesus wants to shame us, but because He wants to purify us.

The table is not a place of perfection. It is a place of revelation.

Theological Insight

Jesus' knowledge of the betrayal highlights His divinity and the fulfillment of Psalm 41:9 (“He who shared My bread has lifted up his heel against Me”).

Reflection Questions

1. Where is there hidden compromise in your life?
2. What does genuine repentance look like for you today?
3. How does Jesus respond to sinners at His table?

Application Step

Confess one area of hidden struggle to God today—honestly and without excuses.

Prayer

Lord, reveal anything in me that does not honor You. Purify my heart. Amen.



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WEEK 3 — DAY 5

Luke 22: 24–30

Devotional

Right after Jesus predicts betrayal, the disciples start arguing about who is the greatest.

Imagine Jesus staring at them like, “Seriously? THIS is when you choose to have this conversation?”

Humans have an amazing gift:

We can turn holy moments into petty moments at record speed. But Jesus doesn’t shame them. He redefines greatness:

“The greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.”

In other words:

Greatness in the kingdom is not about position.

It’s about posture.

Lower is higher.

Serving is leading.

Humility is authority.

Jesus then says something mind-blowing:

“I confer on you a kingdom.”

Even in their immaturity, Jesus speaks destiny over them.

Theological Insight

Jesus flips honor structures of the ancient world. Leadership is cruciform—shaped by the cross.

Reflection Questions

1. Where do you get caught up in comparison or competition?
2. What would it look like to embrace servant leadership at home or work?
3. How does Jesus’ gentleness with the disciples encourage you?

Application Step

Choose one person to intentionally serve today in a practical, quiet way.

Prayer

Jesus, make me more like You—humble, gentle, and others-focused. Transform how I see greatness. Amen.