

Holy Week Meditation || Wednesday, April 7

Pause

Take a moment to breath. Relax your mind; calm your heart.

God's Greeting || *John 3:16-17*

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Worship Songs || *Either listen to or sing one or more of the follow songs-*

- ❖ *Oh, How He Loves You and Me* || [Lyric Video](#)
- ❖ *Jesus Paid It All* || [YouTube](#)
- ❖ *Be Still and Know that I am God* || [YouTube](#)

Prayer

God of all hope, we gather today deeply aware of the world's grief and pain --and our own. Send your Holy Spirit here among us and comfort us with the sure knowledge that our Lenten journey will end in Easter joy -- Amen.

Scripture Reading || *The Servant King*

Read John 13:1-17; Luke 22:14-20

Reflecting on God's Word

1. Have you ever walked outside in your bare feet? Can you remember how dirty they were? Now, imagine how dirty the disciple's feet were after spending days, week, and even months without washing their feet?! Jesus washed their feet, a job usually done by slaves.
2. Think of some in your life (parent, grandparent, friend, spouse, or partner) who you are close to, and imagine how it would feel if they washed your feet. What if you washed their feet? Is it uncomfortable to put yourself in a position of washing someone else's feet or having your own feet washed this evening? Live in that discomfort for several moments

Application

Wash each other's feet! As awkward and uncomfortable as it might be, give this a shot! Fill a bowl with water, and grab a few clean towels. Take turns washing another person's feet by having them place their feet in the bowl. Rinse the person's feet with the water,

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using your hands or a cup, and then dry them off. When you're done, simply say "Jesus calls you clean."

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- ❖ *His Mercy Is More* || [YouTube](#)
- ❖ *Be Though My Vision* || [YouTube](#)
- ❖ *Beautiful Savior* || [YouTube](#)
- ❖ *God is So Good (Children's version)* || [YouTube](#)
- ❖ *There is a Redeemer (Children's version)* || [YouTube](#)

Closing Prayer

Loving Lord, you taught us compassion. You took a servant's role and knelt at the feet of your friends. You gave us a meal to remind us of your life-giving love. You called us to love one another, too. Forgive us, Lord, for not practicing the compassion you modeled. Forgive us, Lord, for wanting to be served rather than to serve. Forgive us, Lord, for not loving as you called us to love. In Jesus name – Amen.

Final Blessing || *Numbers 6:24-26*

²⁴ "The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."