

Celebrating Holy Week



Servant Jesus, by Sandra Brese Rice

In Bible times, people wore sandals made of leather and cloth. Most people walked where they wanted to go; and since the land was dry and the ground was dusty, and since animals roamed freely, you can imagine how disgusting feet got!

During that time, people became slaves when they owed money to others or when one nation conquered another. It was the slave's job to wash the feet of those who entered the household. It was a dirty, smelly job. It was considered the lowest job there was back then.

On the night before His death, Jesus met His disciples for dinner. Jesus took off His outer clothes and put on a towel, which was what a slave or servant would have worn. Jesus went around and washed all of the disciples' feet. Jesus showed humility and servanthood and encourages us to do the same through His example.

So He [Jesus] got up from the meal and took off His outer clothes. He wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a large bowl. Then He began to wash His disciples' feet. He dried them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.

—John 13:4-5 NIV

Does this mean we need to wash the feet of everyone who walks into our house? No! But this does mean we should look for ways to help others. Many of us do, especially those who support other people at work or in our homes.

This Holy Week, think about ways to help others see Jesus' love in you. Simply being kind is a way to witness to others. Even one act of kindness can change a life, maybe even the world.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, You are the perfect example of what it is to be a servant. You are humble and kind and You love us unconditionally. Thank You for reminding us to care for each other. Thank You for saving us. In Your name we pray. Amen.

