Washed by the King

John 13:1-16 // Kevin Stigile // 7.26.20

In John 13, the author transitions the gospel to a focus on the final events of Jesus' ministry leading to His death and resurrection. In the Upper Room where the last supper occurred, John records that Jesus washed the disciples' feet. Was this simply a lesson on servanthood by Jesus? Or is there more to be learned from the details of this account…?

Discussion Questions

- Read John 13:1-16
- What things does John indicate Jesus is thinking about at the beginning of this account? In what ways are we able to think similarly or differently?
- John 1:2 states that the world was created by Jesus. And yet, He was willing to wash the disciples' feet. What does it mean to you that the person of highest status that you can imagine is willing to see your 'ugly' and still desire to be your friend?
- Commentaries vary as to whether the foot-washing is simply to show the value of service to one another, or if it is symbolic of Jesus' upcoming crucifixion and/or washing of our sins in regeneration. Is there anything in the passage that persuades you in one direction or another?
- If you've repented and believed and experienced the washing of Jesus you are clean and free of guilt? Do you find this difficult to embrace?
- Discuss this quote from Mother Teresa: "*Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.*"