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***Days With Jesus, Day 40—The Savior Servant***  
**John 13:1-17**

**The Savior loves to the END**

After three years of teaching and travelling with men who had become his best friends, Jesus knew the end of his life was approaching as they entered Jerusalem. Through the many ups and downs, successes and failures, and pain and problems, Jesus never gave up on the men he was called to shepherd. *Faithfulness isn't found in our fleeting feelings but in our fight to the finish!* Though he was in the prime of his life at about 34 years old, God called him to die at that specific time during the Passover (Mark 10:33, 34). Having the greatest impact doesn't depend on the length of your life but on depth of your commitment. *Mission matters most—your mission from God never stops until your life from God does!*

**The Savior serves his SERVANTS**

Knowing people were spying on him, Jesus told his disciples to secretly go to a local supporter who would allow them to use his upper room for the Last Supper (Luke 22:7-13). Because of the dusty conditions of the Middle East, it was customary for the dinner host to welcome his guests and provide a servant (usually the lowest) to wash dust off their feet. *Hospitality is a way of showing love for others* (Heb. 13:1, 2). As the disciples had recently been arguing over who was the greatest and most valuable to Jesus, they weren't going to volunteer for the job (Mark 9:33, 34). It was easier to minister to the poor and destitute, but their pride prohibited them from serving each other—the 'competition.' *If you can't serve at the lowest level you can't lead at the highest!*

**The Savior sets the EXAMPLE**

At the supper, Jesus performs incredible servanthood by washing his disciple's feet—including Judas! The usual Greek word for 'service' is *diakonos* (Acts 6:2; 1 Tim. 3:8; 'deacons' who serve the church). But the word for Jesus' service is *doulos*, meaning indentured servant or slave and is the bottom of the social scale. *Humility creates confidence not arrogance, as your security is found in God not people* (Phil. 2:5-11)! While secular kingdoms are built on pride, strength, and arrogance, the Kingdom of God is built on humility, service, and love (Mark 10:42-45). *If the Teacher can serve, so can the students; if the Savior can serve, so can the saved!*