

**Scriptures: April 2, 2026**

## **First Lesson**

**John 13:1-5 NRSV**

### **Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet**

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, <sup>[a]</sup> took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

**John 13:12-15 NRVS**

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

## **Second Lesson**

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Two hands and a basin and a towel at his waist against twenty-four feet that had followed him this far.

Without his outer robe he looked frail, tired, old almost and they heard how his knees creaked as he bent towards each pair of feet sore and smelly calloused and hairy cracked and dirty.

He never looked up, as if feet were all that mattered. As if he could heal the whole world with water and a towel.

Philip's, with the long scar down the ankle— he'd never heard the story of

how Philip came by that scar. He wouldn't have time now.

Andrew's, whose feet were so small, with toes like walnuts and pale stripes where his sandals had been.

On and on he went, and didn't speak, and didn't preach, and didn't promise anything but clean feet.

In his hands he nestled a foot with long bones, and dirt in the creases on the toes and a bad blister on the right heel. Half the skin torn away—blood-raw.

Why didn't he tell us? he thought. We would have slowed down, found some wool to pad his sandals with.

So he took the towel in his hands again, and found a clean spot, and ever so gently pressed against the wound, and as he heard a hiss of pain, he prayed to his Father for one more healing miracle.

And a tear fell from above him, and landed on his hand, right in the middle, and it must have been a trick of the light but Judas thought it looked like blood as he flexed his healed foot and stared after his bent Savior who had crept to the next beloved disciple with nothing to offer but a basin and a towel and two hands and hope.

### **Third Lesson**

#### **Luke 22:14-20 NRSV**

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it<sup>[a]</sup> until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'<sup>[b]</sup>

## **Fourth Lesson**

### **Luke 22:21 NRSV**

<sup>21</sup> But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table.

### **Luke 22:33-34 NRSV**

<sup>33</sup> And he said to him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!' <sup>34</sup> Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> said, 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.'

## **Fifth Lesson**

### **Luke 22:47-53 NRSV**

#### The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' <sup>49</sup> When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' <sup>50</sup> Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? <sup>53</sup> When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

## **Final Words**

### **John 19:30 NRSV**

<sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.