

A photograph of a white ceramic bowl and a white cloth on a dark surface. The bowl is on the left, and the cloth is on the right, partially draped over the bowl. The background is dark and out of focus.

# The Master Serves

John 13:1-20



# Amen, Amen

- "I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him." Jn 13:16





# The Last Supper

- The disciples had prepared the room where Jesus would celebrate his Last Passover.
- The table was short - about coffee table height - and U shaped
- Those "seated" at the table actually leaned back on cushions.
- There was a pitcher of water and a basin in the room.





# Customs

- It was custom to have one's feet washed before a high holy feast
- The washing of feet was the job of the lowest servant
- A rabbi could not force his disciples to wash his feet
- A rabbi would never wash his disciples feet





# Customs

- The pitcher and basin were in the room so the proper preparation had been made.
- Any one of the disciples could have done this job
- Why didn't they?
  - They were just arguing about who would be the greatest so no one was interested in volunteering to be the least.





# Peter's Objection

- ◉ As Jesus washes his disciples feet it appears that everyone is rendered speechless - except Peter
- ◉ Peter's objection is disobedience
  - ◉ false humility
  - ◉ pride
  - ◉ misrepresentation of God





# Peter's Objection

- Once again Peter goes overboard
  - Then wash all of me!!!!
- Peter had to accept Jesus' example
- Jesus said he would later understand
- As we walk through this sin filled world we get dirty feet which need to be cleaned.





# Jesus Explains

- I AM - the One who is and the One who causes
- I your rabbi and Lord have done this as an example to you - love one another and serve one another
- I tell you the truth...
- Now that you know these things you will be blessed if you do them.

