

## 2015 “The Jesus Year”

### One Last Goodbye...

Final Words For The End (Part #4)

### “Improve Your Serve!”

#### John 13: 1-17

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. <sup>2</sup>It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. <sup>4</sup>So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, <sup>5</sup>and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel he had around him...<sup>12</sup>After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing? <sup>13</sup>You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am. <sup>14</sup>And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. <sup>15</sup>I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. <sup>17</sup>Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

### \*We Are Created To Serve!

For we are God’s masterpiece.  
He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,  
so we can do the good things he planned for us  
long ago.—**Ephesians 2:10**

### \*Serving Doesn’t Have To Be Spectacular To Be Powerful!

**“And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”—Matthew 10:42**

### \*Serve With Joy!

“Do **EVERYTHING** without complaining and arguing...”  
—**Philippians 2:14**

### HOW You Serve Is Even More Important Than IF You Serve!

### \*Our Most Sacred Acts Of Service Will Be For The Most Unlikely!

For The Un-Extraordinary.  
For The Undeserving.  
For The Unlovely.

“When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?” Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: **Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.**”  
—**Matthew 25:37-40 (The Message)**

### This Week’s Verse To Memorize...

#### John 13:15

**“I have given you an example to follow.  
Do as I have done to you.”**