



The Keys to Crossing Over: Importance

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John 13:1 - 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.

The Very End is Very Important

In this one verse, we find two truths:

#1: Jesus knew His time was up.

#2: Jesus loved His closest friends to the very end.

John 13: 2-5 - It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

The Importance of Getting Up and Taking Off

John 13: 12-17 - After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. ¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example

to follow. Do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

The Importance of Understanding

Question: Why is serving difficult?

Conjecture: Serving is important but not that important, AND, we doubt “God will bless us” when we do so.