

Foot-washing: the power of symbols...

“It was just before the Passover...” (verse 1)

- Jesus is preparing for the cross

What does Jesus’ ‘foot-washing’ mean?

- The act: washing the disciples feet
- The meaning: Jesus acts like a low-level servant
- The punch: what the Christian life must look like.

Application: “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

- Jesus brings us into his mission by cleansing us of sin

Application: “Do you understand what I have done for you?” The dangers of a story that’s a little TOO familiar, and the challenge that goes beyond an unpleasant task.

- Familiarity breeds contempt
- Do you understand... the footwashing? The Christian life is one of sacrificial service.
- Do you understand... the cross? The Christian life is one marked by suffering.
- Our mission is the same as Jesus’ mission.

“¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”