

JESUS THE SERVANT*

Jesus' Incarnation was characterized by great humility. He assumed the role of servant, as should we.

SCRIPTURE†

Psalm 51:15-19
Isaiah 42:1-7
Isaiah 53:7-9
Isaiah 57:15
Micah 5:2
Matthew 11:25-30
Matthew 12:15-21
Mark 10:35-45
Luke 22:24-27
John 13:1-11
Philippians 2:5-8

MUSIC‡

And Can It Be
Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Fullness of Grace (Koerts) SATB
[His Name Is Wonderful]
How Can It Be?
I Stand Amazed
May the Mind of Christ My Savior
O How He Loves You and Me
See the Christ
So Do Ye Also (Pinkston) SATB
Thou Who Wast Rich
What Wondrous Love Is This



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* Theme fits in **Ministry of Christ** series.

† Daily preparatory readings shown in **bold**.

‡ Published choral and vocal music shown in **bold**.

PRESENTING & PROMOTING THIS THEME

DEMANDING HONOR & RESPECT

John 13:14 | *Our world is status-oriented; people demand respect and honor. Jesus is the one person who actually deserves all our respect and honor, but he did not demand it. The God of the universe, Creator, King, and Master of all chose to humble himself. He came to an ignominious time, a backward place, in a lowly profession as a carpenter, and homeless. Then, to make a point to his disciples, He washed their feet. A servant is often ignored, not seen as real person, and marginalized, but Jesus said this is the way to lead.*

Promotional Post: When God the Son became flesh and dwelt among us, everything about His life was lowly. This Sunday, we continue to worship Jesus for the traits and roles that characterized His earthly ministry.

These Scripture readings can help you meditate on Christ's servanthood and prepare to worship Him this Sunday: [Insert preparatory Scripture readings.]

DISCIPLES NEVER FORGOT

The disciples' personal experience of Jesus' service probably stuck with them for a long time.

The disciples probably never forgot the night Jesus washed their feet. Probably they looked back on it as a degrading experience for them. To have the Creator God wash their feet—feet He had created—would be very humbling.

Humility is not a natural trait for humans. James 4 commands us to humble ourselves. It is not natural, but humility is necessary for getting along with each other, especially for ministering together. So Christ gave us the example of washing the feet of the disciples—the duty of a servant, not a master. (And He was the Master!)

A servant does not follow his own agenda, but he obeys the master's wishes, in the master's time, in the master's way. Constantly, we must look to our Master for direction and leadership in our lives like Jesus Christ did, rather than going our own way. "These six things doth the LORD hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: a proud look..." (Proverbs 6:17-18a).

(Jo Purdy)

SERVANT OF JEHOVAH[§]

A servant is humble with no privileges, works sacrificially with no thought of personal freedom, is modest with no expectation of praise for work well done, and conforms his actions to the wishes of the master with no thought of self. The self-existent God of the universe, Deity worthy of all glory and worship, became in Jesus Christ a Servant in order to reconcile us to God the Father. While on earth, Christ humbly, sacrificially, unassumingly, and perfectly did His Father's will out of love—for His Father and for us!

[§] We do have another theme, "**Jehovah's Servant**," that hones in on the prophetic portrait of Jesus as the Servant of YHWH in the Old Testament.