

## **Thursday, April 9—Maundy Thursday**

*Scripture reading: Matthew 26:17-75*

“On the night in which he was betrayed....” We’ve all heard these words so often that they’ve become just part of our mantra. On this day Jesus gave us the Lord’s Supper and we need to take time to let the rest of the story sink in. Maundy Thursday has several stories that we know all too well... Jesus washing his disciples’ feet, predicting Peter’s three denials, his anguish at Gethsemane while the disciples slept, Judas’ betrayal, and Jesus’ arrest, condemnation and beating. Quite a busy day full of teaching and extreme emotions. Love and fear, pain and sorrow... all the while knowing what was coming the next day. He went through it all, to take our burdens on himself, because he loved us that much. God loves us that much.

Could any of us do what Jesus did? Could we deal with taking on the sins of the world all for the sake of others? The next time you feel worried, sick, betrayed or in pain, remember that Jesus went through it all before and worse, all for our sake. Remember also that the joy of Easter and salvation is just ahead.

*Prayer: Lord, remind us daily how much you love us. Give us the strength to cast aside all our troubles knowing that your Son has redeemed us through his life, death, and resurrection, all for our salvation.*

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