

**JESUS TEACHES PETER TRUE GREATNESS**

John 13:1-16, 36-38

The journey to Jerusalem was over at last, and now Jesus and his disciples were in that wonderful old city. They were in a large room where they had eaten supper together. Jesus had kept telling the disciples that the end of his life was very near, but they could not believe it. They had seen the



wonderful things that he did in every town and village, and they knew that Jesus was truly the wonderful Saviour for whom the world had been looking.

Perhaps the disciples were thinking of this very

thing when Jesus quietly stood up and took a long towel and a basin and a pitcher of water and began to wash their feet. In that country, where the people wore sandals instead of shoes, a servant usually washed the feet of each person who came in, so when Jesus came to Peter and knelt down to wash his feet, Peter would not allow it at all. The holy Saviour should not be his servant.

But in his own quiet way Jesus told them that he had a reason for doing just what he did, so Peter and all the others allowed him to wash their feet. Then Jesus sat down and talked to them. He was going away to heaven very soon, and they must carry on his work in the world. To be his