

Subject: *Standing in Awe of Christ's Humility*

Scripture: *John 13:1-17*

We can stand in awe of people and things for different reasons. We may stand in awe of a great achievement or a person with a special talent or skill. We may stand in awe of something in nature. If you want to really stand in great awe of someone or something you don't have to travel or you don't have to spend a lot of money for a ticket to some event. All you have to do is open your Bible and see what it says about Jesus Christ. In this message we are going to stand in awe of Christ's humility.

1. The Humility of Christ (vs. 1-11)

Before we look at the special teaching of our text I want us to look at some other scriptures that show us that all of Christ's earthly life and ministry was marked by humility. What we see here in John 13 is not unusual, but it is typical of His whole life and ministry.

Matthew 11:28-30 *28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Matthew 20:28 *Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

Philippians 2:5-11

Verse 7 – literally, “he emptied himself”

Verse 8 – “he humbled himself”

Now let's turn back to the text in John 13.

A. What Christ knew (vs. 1-3, 11)

He knew where He came from, why He was here, and where He was going. He also knew what Judas would do. He also knew that the disciples didn't fully understand what He had done in washing their feet (vs. 6-7).

B. What Christ did (vs. 4-11)

He washed their dirty feet and He taught them an important lesson about salvation.

2. The Humility of Christ's Servants (vs. 12-17)

His servants are called to humility, in their attitude (vs. 16), and their actions (vs. 14, 15, 17).

Philippians 2:5 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.*

Elisabeth Elliot: “Does God ask us to do what is beneath us? This question will never trouble us again if we consider the Lord of heaven taking a towel and washing feet.”