

September 6

John 13:12-20

In these verses, Jesus teaches his disciples about why he washed their feet.

Question to Consider:

Jesus told his disciples that he had set the example and that they should do as he had done. Why is it so hard to follow the example of Jesus?

Prayer:

Father God, the example you place before me in Jesus is a difficult one to follow, and yet I know it is what you want me to do. I need your help to do it. Please help me to be more like Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

September 7

John 13:21-30

In these verses, Jesus told his disciples that he was about to be betrayed.

Question to Consider:

Have you ever been betrayed? What were the circumstances and what was the result?

Prayer:

Gracious God, Jesus was even able to forgive Judas. Help me to be a better recipient of your forgiveness and to be better at forgiving others. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

September 8

Matthew 26:26-29

In this passage, we read words that are familiar to anyone who has taken communion. They are known as the "Words of Institution."

Question to Consider:

What does taking communion (the Lord's Supper) mean to you?

Prayer:

Merciful God, the Lord's Supper is a time of remembrance and thanksgiving – remembering the sacrifice Jesus made and giving thanks for the gift of salvation. Please help me to never take for granted what Jesus did on the cross, and to always be thankful for his resurrection. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

September 9

Matthew 26:30-35

This passage tells of Jesus predicting that Peter will deny him three times.

Question to Consider:

What are some ways that we deny Jesus today?

Prayer:

Almighty God, I hate to admit it, but I know that there are times when I deny Jesus. Through wrong actions and poor choices, I act in ways that deny him as Lord of my life. Please forgive me. In the name of my Savior I pray, Amen.

September 10

John 14:1-14

This is the first part of a long section referred to as “the farewell discourse.”

Question to Consider:

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” What does that statement mean to you?

Prayer:

Father God, I know that Jesus is the way to you. Please help me to always keep my life centered on Jesus. In His name I pray, Amen.