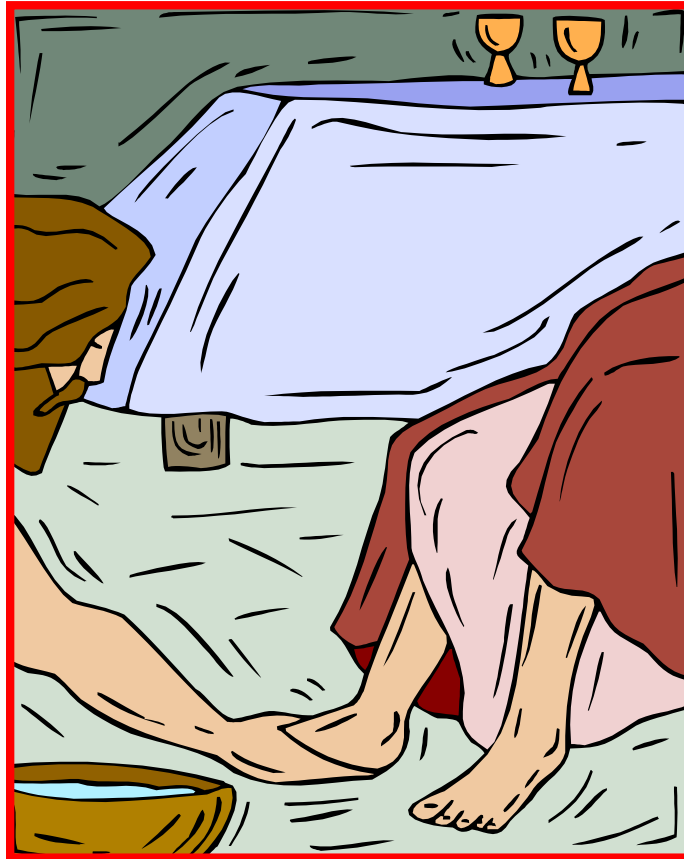


Lesson 24

## Pictures of Jesus

# *The Servant*



**Matthew 20:28** | **“The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”**

*Jesus washes the feet of His disciples. Jesus did this to show that He came to serve not to be served and to be an example to others to love and serve one another. Jesus, true God, put aside His divine nature and became a man in order to save all people. Jesus came to serve us as our Savior and now we worship Him for all He has done for us.*

God's own Son Jesus came to earth to live as a man in order to save us all from our sins. In the world's way of thinking, people should have treated Jesus like God and served Him. In God's way of thinking the opposite was true. Jesus was to become a servant to mankind.

There was a covenant (agreement) between God and man. If we obeyed God's laws we would go to heaven. Man did not keep his part of this agreement and was lost in sin and doomed to eternal punishment. This is the story of the Old Testament.

God's love was so great, however, that He did not want man to be lost in sin and eternal punishment. There was only one way to save man from his sins. God sent His Son Jesus to obey all of God's laws for us. Jesus was without sin and yet he died on the cross as punishment for all our sins. Because of what Jesus did for us, our sins are forgiven and heaven will be our eternal home.

Jesus did not come to throw away God's laws. Jesus served God the way we should have. Jesus did for us what we could not do for ourselves. He obeyed the law of God. Then Jesus

gave us His righteousness as a gift to all who believe in Him. Jesus worked very hard to do this work of salvation. Jesus worked not for Himself but for all of us. Jesus acted like a servant obeying the will of God and giving man the reward for His righteousness.

We should feel deeply thankful that God came to earth to serve us and save us. God did not have to do this but because He loves us, He did. Jesus worked very hard and died for us in order to have us forgiven for our sins and to open heaven for us.

#### PRAYER TIME

Thank you for working so hard to save us from our sins. You are God yet You became a man to serve us and earn the forgiveness of our sins. Help us to always try to serve You in all we do. You are our God and Savior. Amen