March 30th	Upper Room	Earnest Imitation	"Do as I have done to you"
April 6th	Olive Grove	Soul-Crushing Surrender	"My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death"
April 13th	Courtroom	Public Speech	"I spoke nothing in secret"
April 18th (Good Friday)	Place of the Skull	Death-Defying Trust	"Father, I entrust My spirit into Your hands"
April 20th (Easter)	Garden Tomb	Divine Power	"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth"

### **Earnest Imitation**

A heartfelt and intentional adoption of the ways of Jesus

### John 13:1-17

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Now when it was time for supper, the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Him. Jesus knew that the Father had given everything into His hands, that He had come from God, and that He was going back to God. So He got up from supper, laid aside His outer clothing, took a towel, and tied it around Himself. Next, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel tied around Him. He came to Simon Peter, who asked Him, "Lord, are You going to wash my feet?"

## John 13:1-17

Jesus answered him, "What I'm doing you don't realize now, but afterward you will understand."

"You will never wash My feet," Peter said.

Jesus replied, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with Me." Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

"One who has bathed," Jesus told him, "doesn't need to wash anything except his feet, but he is completely clean. You are clean, but not all of you." For He knew who would betray Him. This is why He said, "Not all of you are clean." When Jesus had washed their feet and put on His outer clothing, He reclined again and said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you?

### John 13:1-17

You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are speaking rightly, since that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you. "Truly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his master, and a messenger is not greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

#### John 13:33-35

Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will look for Me, and just as I told the Jews, so now I tell you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

#### Luke 22: 24-27

Then a dispute also arose among them about who should be considered the greatest. But He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them have themselves called 'Benefactors.' It is not to be like that among you.

### Luke 22: 24-27

On the contrary, whoever is greatest among you should become like the youngest, and whoever leads, like the one serving. For who is greater, the one at the table or the one serving? Isn't it the one at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves."

#### Mark 9:33-34

And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

#### **Anchor Commands:**

- 1) John 13:15 "you also should do just as I have done for you."
- 2) John 13:34 Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another.

# Imitate Christ By Staying Connected In Your Greatest Trials

## John 13:1

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# Imitate Christ By Pursuing The Greater Good With Your Power

## John 13: 2-5

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## John 13: 2-5

Next, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel tied around Him.

# Imitate Christ By Embracing Humility In Place of Honor

## John 13:6-8

He came to Simon Peter, who asked Him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I'm doing you don't realize now, but afterward you will understand." "You will never wash my feet," Peter said. Jesus replied, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with Me."

## John 13:15-17

For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you.

"Truly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his master, and a messenger is not greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

## Philippians 2:7-8

"... take on the mind of Christ who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a servant ..."

"The truly gospel-humble person is a self-forgetful person whose ego is just like his or her toes. It just works. It does not draw attention to itself. The toes just work; the ego just works. Neither draws attention to itself."

Dr. Timothy Keller,
 the late Pastor and Theologian

Imitate Christ By
Prioritizing Spiritual Health
In Your Christian Community

### John 13:9-11

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## James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.

## Imitate Christ By Embracing Love as your Greatest Witness

#### John 13:33-35

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"Nothing is sweeter than love, nothing stronger or higher or wider, nothing is more pleasant, nothing fuller, and nothing better in heaven or on earth, for love is born of God and cannot rest except in God, Who is created above all things."

- Thomas A Kempis, Imitation of Christ 15th Century Monk and Theologian.