
Religious Studies Review

Theme: Serving Others

Christians believe that a part of their purpose in life is to serve others. To serve means “to give assistance or help; to answer a purpose.” Service must be rendered with the right attitude.

Most of Jesus' earthly ministry was spent in service to others. He willingly helped those who were sick, physically challenged or possessed with demons. He wanted people to know that God loved and cared for them. Just before Jesus ate the last Passover Meal with His disciples, He taught them an important lesson about serving others. He then instructed them to follow His example of unselfish service.

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MARK 1

When the synagogue service was over, Peter and Andrew took Jesus home with them, and the other disciples went too. When they arrived, Peter's wife came to meet them with a worried face.

'Mother is so ill,' she began. 'The fever is getting worse and I don't know what to do.'

'Jesus can help,' one of them said.

They led Jesus to the corner of the room where Peter's mother-in-law lay tossing and moaning. Jesus took her thin, wasted hand in his strong one and began to help her sit up. At once the burning flush died from her face and she smiled at Jesus.

'I should be up and looking after *you*,' she said. She got to her feet,

feeling well and strong. She soon had dinner ready for Jesus and the tired disciples.

The people next door caught sight of her and could not believe their eyes. The news soon spread and by evening there was a large crowd outside Peter's house.

All kinds of sick people were patiently waiting for Jesus to help them. There were deaf and blind people, those troubled by evil spirits and many who could not walk. Friends and relatives had helped them there.

Jesus went out to the crowd and healed them all. He showed them that God's great power was at work in the world, now that he had come. He also made them realize that God loved and cared for every one of them.

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JOHN 13

The day for the Passover supper had come. Jesus arrived with his disciples at the upstairs room in the Jerusalem house. Everyone was hot and dusty, after trudging through the busy streets.

As the twelve argued and grumbled and laughed among themselves, Jesus looked at them with great affection. He knew them through and through, with all their faults, and he loved them dearly. He knew that even now

Judas was looking for an opportunity to betray him to his enemies, but Jesus loved him still.

The disciples were looking around, anxious because there was no servant to wash their feet. The least important servant in a household had the job of washing the dust and sweat from the feet of guests who had walked dusty roads in open sandals. The pitcher of water and a towel lay ready, but not one of them was willing to do such a despised job.

When at last Jesus sat down, he said, 'Do you understand what I have been trying to tell you? You call me your master and Lord—and you are right. That is what I am. Yet I am willing to do anything for you, even to wash your feet, because I love you. I want you to follow my example. Care for each other and love one another as I love and care for you. Don't always be thinking of yourselves and your own importance.'

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Choose the letter beside the correct answer.

1. Why was Peter's wife worried?

- a. Her sister was feeling ill.
- b. Her mom was sick.
- c. Her child was sick.

2. What was wrong with the sick lady?

- a. She had a fever that was getting worse.
- b. She had a wound that would not heal.
- c. She was bleeding from her body.

3. Who was called to help the sick lady?

- a. A nurse was called to help.
- b. A family member was called to help.
- c. Jesus was called to help.

4. According to the story, who was feeling sick?

- a. Peter's sister was sick.
- b. Peter's mother –in- law was sick.
- c. Peter's brother was sick.

5. According to the story, how do we know that the lady was in pain?

- a. She was laughing with everyone.
- b. She was coughing loudly.
- c. She was tossing and moaning.

6. Put the story events in the correct order by using the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4.

_____ Dinner was prepared for Jesus and the disciples.

_____ The lady who had been sick got up.

_____ The news spread about what happened to the lady.

_____ Jesus went out to the crowd and healed them all.

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1. Jesus was going to have a meal with his disciples called the _____.

- a. Passing Dinner
- b. Passover Time
- c. Passover Supper

2. The meal was taking place upstairs in a house in _____.

- a. Jerusalem
- b. Samaria
- c. France

3. Jesus had _____ disciples.

- a. eleven
- b. ten
- c. twelve

4. After a long day, the disciples were hot and _____.

- a. clean
- b. dusty
- c. tidy

5. Jesus knew that one of the disciples would betray him. Which disciple was going to betray Jesus?

- a. James
- b. John
- c. Judas

6. Who washed the disciples' feet?

- a. Jesus
- b. Peter
- c. Paul