

Easter Sunday 4th April 2021
John 13:1-17

I hope you will forgive me for using a reading that in the action packed events of Holy Week relates to things that happened a seeming lifetime ago – is it really only 3 days since we thought about the last supper.

A while ago a quote appeared on Facebook from the pastor of a church in Houston, Texas and I mentally filed it under ‘that makes me think’, here is the quote.....

“Sometimes I joke about what I’d do if I had one day left to live. Eat junk, go crazy etc Today it hit me: Jesus knew and he washed feet.”

A few days after the resurrection we again find Jesus caring for his friends in a practical way this time he cooks breakfast for them while they are fishing. Showing by simple actions His great love.

Let me just run that by you again:

the Son of God,

the Creator of the Universe,

the man who died an agonising death usually reserved for the worst criminals so that we could have a relationship with Him and His heavenly Father,

the living Christ who rose again from the tomb demonstrating that death had no power over Him, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour,

in the week of His death took time to wash his friends’ sweaty, dusty feet,

after rising in glory took time to cook bread and fish on an open fire to share with His friends.

The reality of this just hits me afresh every time I think about it.

I tell myself that I am too busy to call people, to catch up with friends, to spend time praying or reading my bible, I think that the things I am doing are important.

But Jesus,

in the week of His death,

knowing what was about to happen,

washed feet.