# **Wednesday Word**

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In reflection on the message for Sunday 12th March 2023

Extracts from John 13, v1-17, **Jesus Washes His Disciples Feet**

v1: **It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew**

**that the hour had come for him to leave this World and go to the Father.**

**Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.**

v2: **The evening meal was in progress,**

**and the devil had already prompted Judas, to betray Jesus.**

v4f: **Jesus got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing,**

**and wrapped a towel around his waist. He poured water into a**

**and began to wash his disciples’ feet.** (Including Judas’)

**Reflections on Christ life being a successful failure**. In the Reading…

“The hour had come” when events were leading up to Jesus’ death on the cross. Yet,

he had approached his future with no aggressive intent. On Palm Sunday he had come to Jerusalem riding on a donkey. (In contrast, the way Roman heroes in Hollywood blockbusters

approached their battles was at the head of marching legions.) Jesus approached his battle to bring peace and love to the world with his joyful donkey ride and now, acting as a servant, he was washing the disciples feet, including Judas’.

Examples from Acts (e.g. Saul’s conversion to Paul) and in Paul’s letters to the Christian churches shows that Christ’s grace, peace and love prevail. Thus, Christ’s life brought his gospel successfully to the world and will persist into the future, but not to the whole world.