

Making Inferences

When things are not explained literally in a text, you can use clues to reach a logical conclusion. This is called inference.

Read this part of the Easter Story then answer the questions in full sentences.

The Easter Story **(Based on John 13: 1-17)**

The Last Supper Part II

The Passover meal was in progress but after a while, Jesus left the table and changed into some simple clothes (a large cloth wrapped around his waist). He then filled a bowl with water and began to go round washing the disciples' feet, drying them with the cloth He wore.

This was an incredibly shocking thing for his disciples to see as they saw Him as the King of Kings. They wondered why he was doing such a humble servant's task like washing people's feet. When Jesus came round to Peter, he asked Him, "Lord, why are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus said, "You won't understand why I am doing this now, but you will later."

"No, you will never wash my feet," said Peter. He couldn't imagine having his Lord doing such a thing to him! Jesus was a very special person to Peter.

"If you don't let me wash your feet, then you can no longer stay with me," Jesus replied.

"Well then, please wash my feet, along with my hands and head too, my Lord!" Peter said. Jesus then explained that he only needed to wash his feet and his whole body would become clean.

Once he had finished washing all of his disciples' feet, he changed into his normal clothes and returned to the table.

"Do you understand what I have done for you?" Jesus asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and that is who I am. Now that I have washed your feet, you should also wash one another's feet as I have done for you as an example. For no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him."



The Easter Story Questions

1. What might have prompted Jesus to leave the table and wash the disciples' feet?

2. Who usually washed the feet of guests at a meal? Give reasons for your answer.

3. Why did Jesus tell Peter that if he didn't let him wash his feet he couldn't stay with him?

4. Why did Jesus change his clothes to wash the disciples' feet?

5. Why did Jesus ask the disciples to wash each other's feet?