

And They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

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Cast

Disciple 1, Disciple 2, Disciple 3, Jesus, Off-Camera Voice

Introduction

Imagine you were living back in the time of Jesus, and in fact, that you were one of the 12 disciples of Jesus. Which disciple would you be? There are the memorable disciples like Peter, Andrew, James, John, Matthew, Thomas and Judas and then there are the disciples who we should do better remembering like Simon the Zealot, the other James, Bartholomew, the other Judas and Philip. What does it take to be the best disciples? Let's imagine ourselves with the disciples during what would be their Last Supper with Jesus and find out:

Script

- Disciple 1: What a beautiful upper room.
- Disciple 2: Yeah, it was just as Jesus told us we would find it. We followed that fellow, and he showed right to this space.
- Disciple 3: Doesn't that bread baking in the oven smell great?
- Disciple 1: And they'll know we are disciples because we make the best bread ever.
- Disciple 2: Look at Peter over there, already raising his glass of wine, toasting to the evening.
- Disciple 3: Hey, look Thomas made it. And you doubted he would show up tonight.
- Disciple 1: (speaking to someone off camera) Hey Judas, this is quite the lavish feast. Do we have enough funds to cover it? We do ... great. You are doing a wonderful job, buddy.
- Disciple 2: And they'll know we are disciples because we throw the best festival dinners ever.
- Disciple 3: Judas seems distracted tonight.
- Disciple 1: I'm sure it is just the stress of the festival. We all get extra stressed around the festival.
- Disciple 2: Do you hear all that noise outside? Jesus must be here! Quick, everyone. Here comes Jesus.
- Disciple 3: I'll get the door open for him. (off camera) Hi Jesus, we have everything set for you. (returns to camera)
- Disciple 1: Yeah, over here Jesus. We have your spot set up right here at the center of the table.

Disciple 2: And they'll know we are disciples because we treat our Master the best.

Disciple 3: Why is he getting a bowl?

Disciple 1: Maybe to wash his hands?

Disciple 2: Does he always take off his outer robe and wrap a towel around his waist to wash his hands?

Disciple 3: He is washing Philip's feet. Why is he washing Philip's feet?

Disciple 1: Doesn't he know where those feet have been?

Disciple 2: Oh, the muck and mire, the grime and soot, the dirt and sand, I wouldn't touch those feet.

Disciple 3: And they'll know we are disciples because our feet are the cleanest?

Disciple 1: Oh look, he is turning to Peter now. And of course, Peter is protesting.

(Off-Camera voice): No, Jesus. You can't wash my feet.

Jesus (Off-camera voice): I must.

(Off-camera voice): Then my hands and my head as well.

Jesus (Off-camera voice): No, Peter, this is enough.

Disciple 2: Wait, Jesus, you are going to wash my feet?

Jesus (on camera now, with wash basin and towel) I must wash all who belong to me.

Disciple 3: (as his feet are washed) Thank you, Teacher.

Disciple 1: (as his feet are washed) I don't understand, Lord.

Jesus: (after he is done) You call me Teacher and Lord, for that is who I am. But you do not understand what I have done. I have set an example for you to follow. I have washed your feet, and you are to wash each other's feet.

Disciple 2: Jesus, that is the strangest new commandment you have ever given.

Jesus: My friends, this is my commandment. You are to love one another as I have loved you. For by this love, everyone will know you are my disciples.

Disciple 3: Wait, let me write this down. One day, this will make a catchy tune:
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

ALL: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.