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Good Friday meditation

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Editor's Note: If you are looking for a Good Friday meditation starter, you can't go wrong with Bishop Thomas Gumbleton's reflection on the Passion of Christ:

In John's Gospel, as we will hear on Good Friday, Jesus even dramatically shows them who is the greatest. It's not the one who has the highest place, the one who has the most power, the one who has the most prestige; as he says in today's gospel and then shows in John's gospel, it's the one who is willing to serve.

In John's gospel, Jesus does that very thing. Dramatically, he takes off his outer garment, puts a towel around himself, and then goes before each disciple and like a slave, Jesus washes their feet. What an extraordinary example, and yet how many of us have really listened to these words, listened to what Jesus does and watched him in action so that we can follow?

Read the full reflection: Jesus teaches us how to die, not how to kill

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