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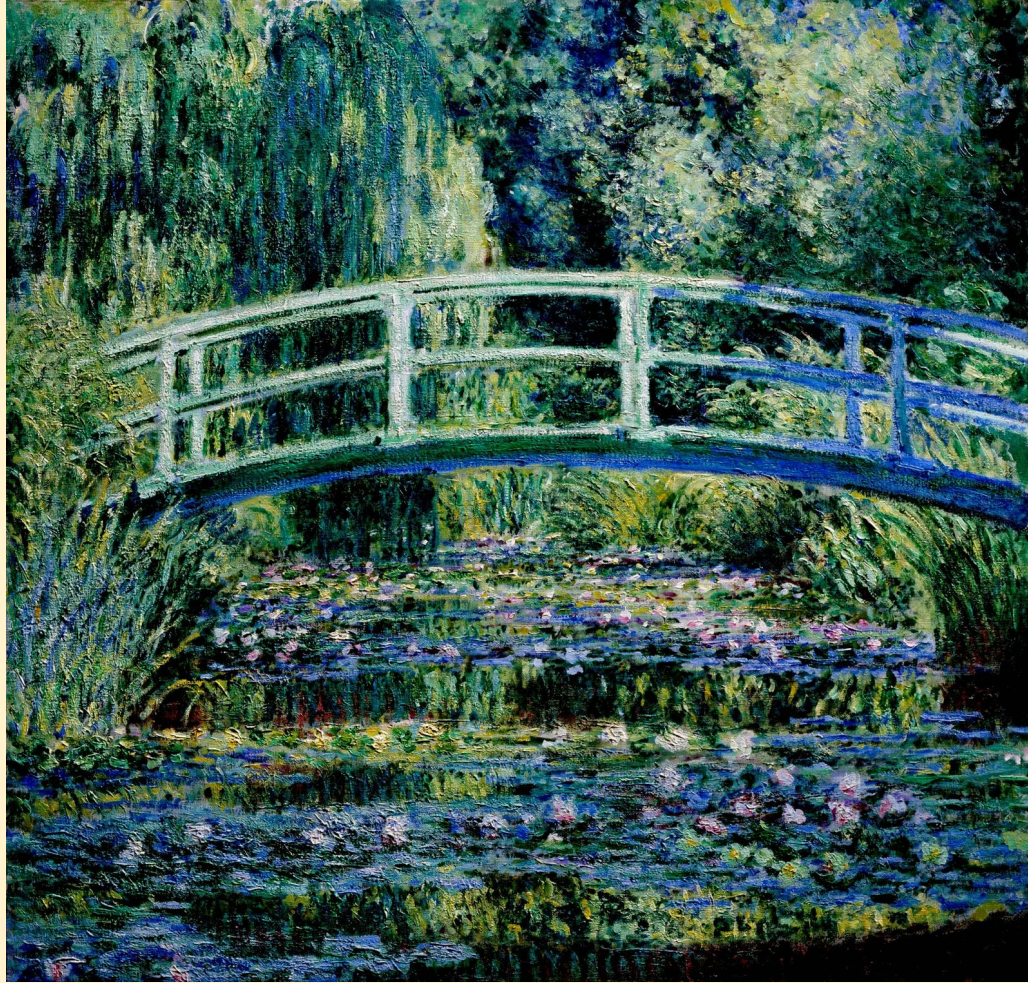




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- Knowing that his hour had come to depart out of this world
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Jesus Is God!

What Did God do...

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Jesus' Humble Service

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- Jesus begins washing the disciples' feet
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- Jesus says you're not going to understand this now
- **Jesus points beyond the physical washing**

**If you will not trust me to serve you in this way –
And to serve you in the much, much bigger ways
that you cannot even yet imagine –
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**If you will trust me –
I will make you completely clean
And as you follow me
I will continue to serve you –
washing away your unrighteousness**

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Our Humble Service

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**I am your Teacher and Leader,
I chose the most menial,
most humbling, act of service –
To show you what My way
Looks like**

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**When we go and humbly serve –
people will see Jesus;
When people see Jesus,
they will see Him seated
At the right hand
of the Father in Heaven**

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What Does Our Humble Service Look Like?

What If I Don't Like Feet?

Acts of Humble Service

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- **Listening**

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How Do We Do This?

How Do I Do This?

- **NOT:**
 - “I have to”
 - “I ought to”
 - “It’s the right thing to do”
 - “Jesus did it, I guess I can too”
 - “I get extra points in Heaven”
 - “This gets me into Heaven”
 - “This proves that I’m better than others”

**It flows from our own experience
of the Goodness of God**