

# To ~~SAY~~ *Speak* in Parables

Proclamation of the Gospel in the Parables of Jesus

## *Are You the Boss of Me?*

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## Luke 17.7-10

Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field,

'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?

<sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him,

'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?

<sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

<sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say,

'We are worthless slaves;  
we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

## A Parable

A certain teacher got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his students' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

One of them said to him,

"Teacher, you will never wash my feet."

But he answered,

"Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

The student said to him,

"Teacher, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, the teacher returned to the table.

## John 17.1-18

Jesus... got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean..."

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord -- and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.