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life on another level

# Student Workbook

**YEAR 2**

The Identity  
of Jesus

The Lord

**Bible Readings**

John 13 to 15



### Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate these events in relation to Jesus' crucifixion.
- Express a Christian approach to leadership and power
- Integrate an appreciation of the benefits of Christian obedience.

### Notes from Bible Reading

**Scripture** A word or phrase that stood out to me:

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**Observation** What is happening in this Bible reading?

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**Application** Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

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**Prayer** What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

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**Key Question** What kind of Lord is Jesus?

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### Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

If Australia was to become a Republic, would you think that its President should have absolute authority – why or why not?

### Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

**Read together:** GJohn 13:1-19

This story takes place at a climactic moment in the life of Jesus. He and his disciples have travelled into Jerusalem, the capital city. It is here that Jesus' opponents had their home base. And Jesus' week has been full of action.

On Sunday he came into town amid cheering crowds. On Monday he made a scene in the temple – opposing those who had turned it into a market place. On Tuesday, he argued with the religious leaders. On Wednesday, he warned the crowds about God's judgement. And now it is Thursday night.

As they gather to share a meal together, Jesus teaches the disciples many deep things. Later that evening, Jesus' friend Judas will slip out, and inform Jesus' enemies of his location.

In the early hours of Friday morning, Jesus will be arrested, put through several court hearings, beaten, and sentenced to be executed. By 3pm Friday, Jesus would be dead...

Jesus knew this was coming, but he also knew that it wouldn't be the end of the story. A few days later he would again meet his disciples, risen from the dead, and one of them would exclaim: "My Lord and My God!" (John 20:28)

### Explore – Express

Using a tub of warm soapy water, take turns to wash each other's feet.

Afterwards, discuss how you felt about the process.

### Explore – Integrate

How do you feel about the absolute authority given to Jesus? (John 13:3)

How do you think that the Lordship of Jesus presents a challenge to the abuse of power in human society today? (perhaps you could discuss these two scenarios: oppressive governments, and school-yard bullying).

How should Jesus servant hood affect our own attitude to those in menial positions within society?

What would you say to someone who likes Jesus as “the Saviour”, but does not want to accept him as “the Lord”?

### Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need, or to work together on any shared projects that you have.

#### Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

### Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Finish with this prayer:

*Dear God,*

*Please forgive us for times when we have failed to recognise the amazing privilege it is to have a Lord like you.*

*Please forgive us for times when we have abused power that we have over others.*

*Please give us the heart of a servant, just like your Son – the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Amen*