

Picture Study, March 17-20, 2020

If you would like to learn more all the blue words.

Today we will be studying a fresco painted by Giotto in the [Scrovegni Chapel](#) in Padua, Italy. The building is so small because a rich family used it for worship services, a burial space, and a site for Passover plays. In 1305, he made this series about the life of Jesus Christ and it is considered an important masterpiece of western art. This fresco is just one of many, [adorning the walls](#) of this small church. [Panel by panel](#) narrates the life of our savior on earth in glorious colors that have lasted for over seven

hundred years. Can you find the painting we are studying today in [this picture](#)?

When you walk down dirt roads in your flip-flops, what happens to your feet? They get filthy dirty. When Jesus lived, the main form of transportation was their feet. Because they wore sandals, their feet became dirty. A servant would wash the feet of people entering a building. In the painting, *Christ Washing the Feet of the Disciples*, Peter slaps his head in horror at the thought of his Lord stooping to wash his dirty feet. Jesus has a towel wrapped around his waist and he pauses and raises his hand to tell Peter, “Unless I wash you, you will have no

inheritance with me.” Notice how Jesus and Peter stare at each other in this moment.

What do you notice about what the other disciples? There are twelve disciples which means Judas, the betrayer, is there and Jesus washed his feet, too. Can you tell which disciple is Judas? His halo does not look like the halos of the others. If you would like to read about this scene in the Bible, [click here](#).