

Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, May 4th 2012

Peter thinks Jesus should be doing something ‘nobler’ than washing their feet. Thomas complains that they do not know where he is going (implying that they need a better view of the destination).

Philip wants a vision: “Show us the Father, and that will be enough.” All are unsatisfied with what they actually have; they want something ‘higher’. Jesus points to what they already have: “Thomas... I am the way; Philip... whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” Disciples of every age – including our own – seem to want more than is given. We look for “signs and wonders,” bleeding statues, messages...

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