Luke 2:6-12

**6**And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. **7**And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**8**And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9**And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. **10**And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11**For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. **12**And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

# John 13:3-9, 12-17

**3**Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, **4**rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. **5**Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. **6**He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” **7**Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” **8**Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”**9**Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

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**12**When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? **13**You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. **14**If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15**For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. **16**Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **17**If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

# Mark 14:32-36

**32**And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” **33**And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. **34**And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” **35**And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. **36**And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

# John 18:2-6

**2**Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. **3**So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.**4**Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” **5**They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. **6**When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

On one hand, He doesn't want to go to the cross because He knows He will face men who will take pleasure in torturing Him and will mock Him.

On the other hand, Jesus recognises that the fate of humanity lies in His hands. Jesus understands the eternal rule that "the wages of sin is death"ROMANS 6:23 and understands that because He has not sinned He alone is free to pay the death penalty for the sins of others.

He knows man won't understand what He is doing. He knows that they won't thank Him. He knows that no hero’s welcome will greet Him, but rather that He will be greeted with jeers.

He knows he is dying for those that have rebelled against Him.

One question remains. Why? The answer is simple. The answer is not love. The answer is that God is love. Love is not self-seeking. Love keeps no record of wrongs. Love never fails. 1 CORINITHIANS 13:4-8

And so, in "**focusing on the needs of others**" Jesus "**unblocked**" the road to heaven that was previously blocked by my sin and has flung open the gate and invited me in.