

April 1, 2021  
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That'll be two tickets to ride this crazy Western New York weather. Summer on Tuesday, Spring on Wednesday, and here we are on Thursday, back to Winter. Friday will see a little more Winter before returning to Spring over the weekend. A calendar can't help us, as it already tells us that Spring is here, but stick your head outside this morning and you'll be thinking . . . No. There is one thing that the calendar does have correctly today, and that is Maundy or Holy Thursday. On this day in History Jesus had His disciples prepare for their Passover meal together, which would become His Last Supper. On that evening Jesus also washed the feet of the disciples to illustrate to them the type of servants that they would need to be to properly carry His Gospel message to the world after His death, which was looming ever closer. During that same supper, Jesus instituted the gift of Holy Communion, where we can receive the forgiveness of sins through partaking of it. After supper one of His disciples, Judas, betrayed him and He was arrested. Not too many hours after that, on what we understand to be Good Friday, Jesus gave us His broken body and shed His blood for all of us. So much happened on that first Maundy Thursday to lead us still today to the Cross of Jesus Christ, and to His death, which provides us eternal and everlasting life. We have services tonight at 7:00 PM and Good Friday services tomorrow at 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM. Jesus gave us everything, right up to and including His own life, make the time to attend a service and thank Him for His sacrifice. Today's song also leads us to the same night that we've been discussing, the night that Peter denied the Savior . . . three times. This is a song about that man, and it may also show us in a mirror. Casting Crowns is singing "This is Now."