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Notwithstanding all of the above examples, perhaps the most significant use of the towel was about 2000 years ago when our loving Savior took an ordinary towel in His hands and dried the feet of His disciples only hours before His crucifixion. Sure, the towel is a handy item with a myriad of uses, but it also has deep symbolic meaning when seen in the hands of the Savior during a work of kindness for his fellow men.

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