

## 23. The Last Supper

*Introduction: In the previous story, Jesus rode on a donkey, going with his disciples into Jerusalem. When they arrived at that city, everyone was happily preparing to celebrate the Passover. (Luke 22:1)*

Among the twelve disciples of Jesus, one of them was named Judas. He went to the religious leaders to plan a way to arrest Jesus. When these religious leaders heard of Judas' plan, they were very happy, and promised him some money. From that time on, Judas was looking for a time when there were not many people around, so that he could go and tell those religious leaders when to order their men to arrest Jesus. (Luke 22:4–6)

When Passover came, Jesus and his disciples were ready to sit down to have their Passover dinner. Judas was there too. Jesus said, "Before I go on to face suffering, I want to have this Passover dinner with all of you." (Luke 22:14–15)

Jesus knew that God has given all the authority to him, but he stood up from his chair, took off his outer coat, got a towel and poured water into a bowl. He went to his disciples and, one by one, washed their feet and wiped them dry. (John 13:3–5)

When he was done, he went back to his seat. Jesus asked his disciples, "Do you know why I wash your feet? You respect me, call me teacher and call me master. And it is correct that you call me that. Of course I am. (John 13:12–13)

I am your master and your teacher; I also wash your feet. I do this is to give you an example. You all have to learn from me to do this for one another. Do not be proud. Love one another. Do you know this? (John 13:3–5)

I am telling you, no servant is greater than his master. If you know this truth, and live it out, then you will be blessed!" (John 13:16–17)

After Jesus said these words, they picked up their bowls and began to eat the Passover dinner. However, this dinner was not like previous ones. Jesus took a piece of bread from the table, prayed and gave thanks to God, and divided the bread among his disciples, saying, "This piece of bread is my body, which will die for all of you. From now on, eat this to remember me." (Luke 22:19)

In the same way, after dinner, Jesus picked up a cup, saying, "This wine is like my blood which is shed for you. This is God's new agreement." (Luke 22:20)

After a while, Jesus also said, "Among those who are having dinner with us, there is one who will betray me. I will most certainly follow God's plan for me to die for all of you, but the one who is betraying me will not have a good ending." (Luke 22:21–22)

When Jesus' disciples heard what Jesus said, they asked each other, "Who would do this kind of thing?" (Luke 22:23)