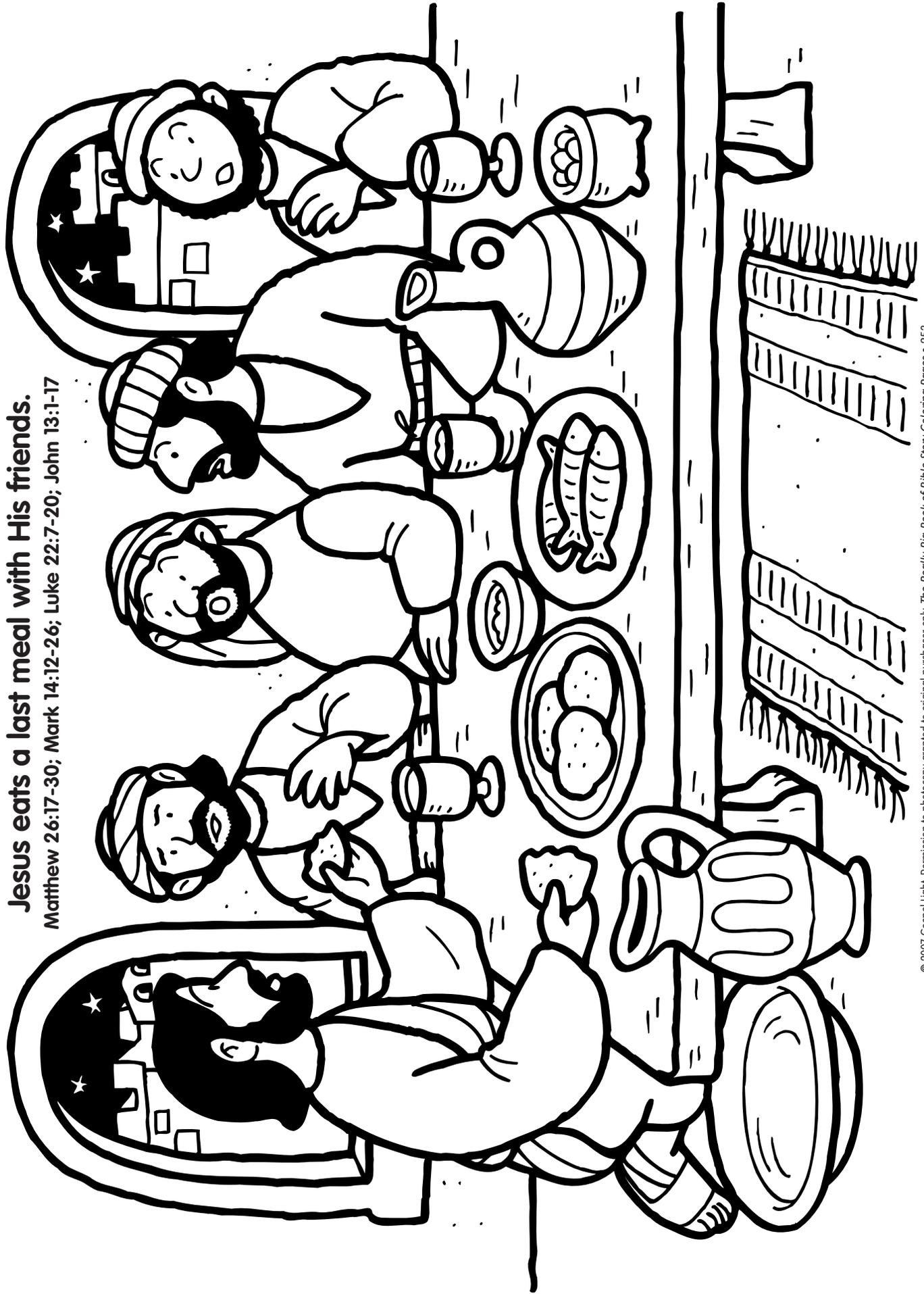


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All over Jerusalem, people were getting ready to eat the Passover dinner. This special meal helped them remember when God helped the Israelites escape from Egypt. Jesus and His friends were going to eat this special meal, too.

When Jesus and his friends came into the house where they would eat, their feet were dirty and dusty. Jesus poured water into a bowl. He began to wash His friends' feet. Jesus' friends thought only servants should do this job! But Jesus explained that washing their feet meant that Jesus loved His friends. And He told them to follow His example and show love to others.

As they ate together, Jesus told them that He would die soon but that His death was part of

God's plan. It was going to happen just the way God said it would happen.

As they ate together, Jesus broke some of the bread into pieces and gave it to His friends. Jesus said the bread was like His body. His body would be broken for them when He died on the cross. Then Jesus passed around the cup of wine. He said they should drink it and remember that He would shed His blood for many people on the cross.

Jesus told His friends how much He loved them. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. The friends listened carefully. They wanted to remember every word Jesus spoke that night. They wanted to remember Jesus' love for them.