

# INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,



- And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them,
- 15 "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.
- 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."



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and when he had given thanks he said,

Take this, and divide it among yourselves.

For I tell you that from now on

I will not drink of the fruit of the vine

until the kingdom of God comes.

- And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
  - " THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU Do this in remembrance of me."



And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

"THIS CUP THAT IS POURED OUT FOR YOU IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD."



#### **DID YOU KNOW**

- Jesus' last meal was the feast of Passover, celebrating God saving His people from slavery. To this day, it's eaten with a special unleavened bread called matzah. (Luke 22:8)
- The unleavened matzah bread represents Jesus, the living bread who never sinned and was broken for our sins. (Luke 22:19)
- The Passover lamb that was sacrificed points to Jesus dying on the cross. (1 Corinthians 5:7)
- The Passover lamb's bones were not allowed to be broken. Jesus' bones were not broken on the cross. (Exodus 12:46; John 19:33)
- At the time, the disciples did not understand that Jesus was about to suffer and die, even though He had tried to tell them before. (Mark 9:31–32) It wasn't until after He rose that things began to make sense. (John 12:16)

## **THINK ABOUT THIS**

Right before their last meal together, Jesus did something very special for the disciples. He washed their feet.

He did this to demonstrate loving and serving each other. (John 13:1–20) Judas Iscariot was still with them, which means Jesus washed the feet of the man who betrayed Him, and He knew Judas was going to betray Him.

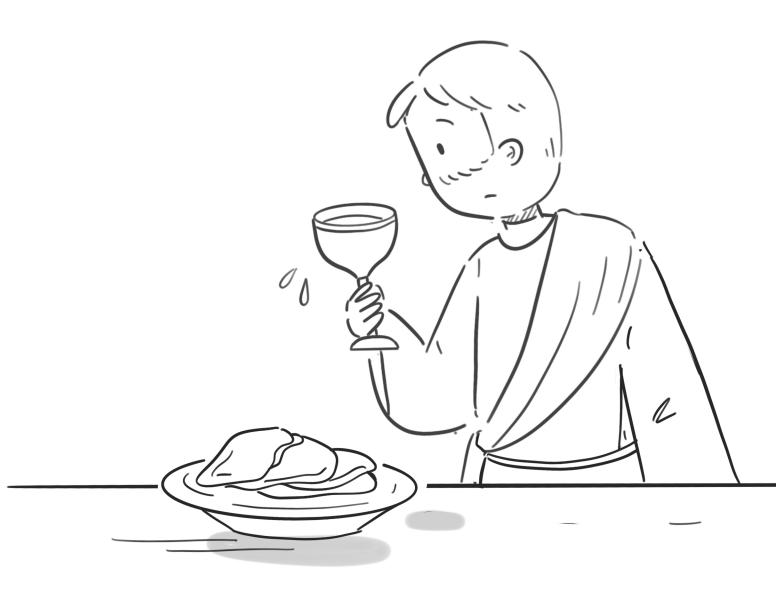
There are many things to learn from the Last Supper, but this is one of the most difficult...to love and serve everyone, even your worst enemies. This is what Jesus taught and lived. (Luke 6:27–36) With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live the same way, and the world will know us by our love. (John 13:35)

### **PRAYER**

Share one thing that is confusing or scary right now. What should you do about it?

for as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

I Corinthians 11:26



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