

# The Last Supper

On the first day of the Passover, Jesus told the disciples to prepare the Passover meal at the house of a certain man. <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there.

When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the twelve disciples. The devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, to betray Jesus, but he was there, at the last supper, anyway. Then Jesus got up from the table,



took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter started to protest: "Lord, you cannot wash my feet!" He said this because he was shocked that Jesus, his Lord and Master, was about to perform the duty of a servant: in those days, only servants washed people's feet, as it wasn't a pleasant job.

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you can't belong to me. I am not only washing you with water, but I am washing you of your sin, so that you may be worthy of me. But there is one of you, who remains unclean." For Jesus knew who would betray him.

After washing their feet, Jesus put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? Since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, therefore you, my disciples, ought to wash

each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow."

Then he said: "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me." Greatly distressed, the disciples asked each other: "Am I the one, Lord?"

Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, "Master, am I the one?" And Jesus told him, "You have said it."

While they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body."



And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, the new Covenant between God and his people. It is poured out for you as a sacrifice, so that your sins may be forgiven."

Judas also took the bread, and then left the house. Night had fallen.



The other disciples sang a hymn and went out together with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives, just outside the walls of Jerusalem.

