

The Last Supper Story

During the Feast of Unleavened Bread, or Passover, Jesus sent two of his disciples ahead with some instructions of how to prepare the Passover meal.

The meal was prepared and Jesus and his 12 disciples all sat around the table for The Last Supper. It was a dangerous time for Jesus as there were many people who wanted Him killed because they were angry about his popularity. Because of this, Jesus' disciples were worried and very quiet whilst eating.

During the meal, Jesus finally spoke and said "I tell you the truth, one of you here will betray me." The disciples were all shocked and wondered who it could be.

Jesus carried on and said, "The one who dips his bread into the bowl with me will betray me. I will die, just as it is written, but the man who betrays me will feel sorry forever."

Then, with his head bowed down, and quietly, Judas said "It isn't me, is it?" To this, Jesus replied "Yes, you are the one." This made Judas feel very ashamed and worried, but luckily, the other disciples had not heard the conversation.

Jesus then thanked God for the bread and broke it apart to share with everyone. "Take this and eat it. This is my body which is given for you," He announced. He then held up a cup of red wine and said, "This is my blood, which will be poured out for many people so their sins may be forgiven." The cup was passed around and everyone took a sip from it.

The meal continued with Jesus chatting and celebrating with his disciples. After a while, Jesus moved to a different part of the room to get himself changed into some simple servant clothes (a large towel wrapped around his waist). He then filled a bowl with water and began to go round washing his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel He wore.

This was an incredibly shocking thing for his disciples to see as they saw Him as the King of Kings. They wondered why he was doing such a lowly servant's task like washing people's feet. When Jesus came round to Peter, he asked Him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus said, "You won't understand why I am doing this but you will later."

"No, you will never wash my feet," said Peter. He couldn't imagine having his Lord doing such a thing to him! Jesus was a very special person to Peter.

"If you don't let me wash your feet, then you can no longer be with me." Jesus replied. "Well then please wash my feet, along with my hands and head too, my Lord!" Peter said. Jesus then explained that He only needed to wash his feet and his whole body would become clean.

Once He had finished washing his all of his disciples' feet, he changed into his normal clothes and returned to the table.

"Do you understand what I have done for you?" Jesus asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and that is who I am. And now that I have washed your feet, you can also wash one another's feet."