

The Last Supper

The Last Supper was an important meal shared by Jesus and his disciples during the Jewish festival of Passover, also known as The Feast of Unleavened Bread.



Jesus and the twelve disciples shared the meal at a very dangerous time for Jesus. Jesus was at risk because many people wanted to kill him due to his popularity. As a result, the thirteen men felt anxious during the meal so ate quietly.

When Jesus spoke, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you here will betray me." All of his disciples seemed shocked, unsure which of them it would be, each suspecting another.

Jesus explained that he would die but that the man who betrayed him would regret his actions forever. Judas asked quietly if it was him, to which Jesus replied, "Yes, you are the one." Judas felt ashamed and tense. He was pleased that the other disciples had not heard what Jesus had said to him.

At this point, Jesus thanked God for the bread and broke it to share, saying that it was his body given for them. Then, he took 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." Everyone took a sip as the cup was passed around.



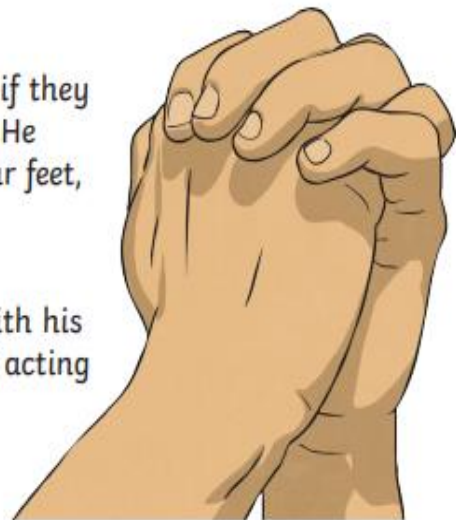
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After the meal, Jesus changed into simple servant clothes, consisting of a towel wrapped around his body, and filled a bowl with water. He used this to wash his friends' feet. Unusually, he then dried them with the towel he was wearing.

The disciples found this incredibly shocking because, to them, Jesus was the King of Kings. Out of respect to Jesus, Peter did not want him to wash his feet. "If you don't let me wash your feet, you can no longer be with me," Jesus explained, to which Peter replied that, if that was the case, then Jesus could wash his hands and head too. But Jesus replied that he only needed to wash his feet for his whole body to become clean so Peter conceded and agreed to let Jesus wash his feet. After washing each person's feet, Jesus changed back into his normal clothes and returned to the table.

They prayed together. Jesus asked them if they understood what he had done for them. He explained, "Now that I have washed your feet, you can wash one another's feet."

The message that Jesus tried to share with his disciples that night is the importance of acting kindly towards one another, just as he had done.



The Last Supper Questions

1. Which of these is another name for 'Passover'? Tick one.

- The Last Supper
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Easter
- Judas

2. Draw a line to complete the sentences.

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3. Who would betray Jesus? Tick one.

- Peter
- Judas
- the disciples
- many people

4. What did Jesus say that the wine was? Tick one.

- his body
- his feet
- his blood
- his hands

5. Find two words that mean the same as 'nervous'.

1. _____
2. _____

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6. Fill in the missing words in the sentence below.

After the meal, Jesus changed into _____, consisting of a towel wrapped around his body, and _____.

7. Why do you think that Judas was pleased that the other disciples did not hear what Jesus said to him?

8. Explain why Jesus washed his friends' feet.
