

## Lesson 4

### The Last Supper

#### **The Passover with the Disciples**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' So, the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. (Mark 14:12-16)



#### **Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet**

**Watch this clip and then read the account below:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bv5ajWNrnt4>

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said



to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. (John 13: 1-17)

Task one: Answer these questions.

1. How did the disciples feel about Jesus washing their feet?
2. What was the point of Jesus washing the disciple's feet?
3. What could a group of friends today do for each other to show that they are all important?



### **Betrayal**

The next reading is about something that happened between Judas, one of the disciples, and the Jewish leaders before the disciples met together for the Passover meal. We then switch back to the Passover meal to find out what Jesus has to say about this.

### **The Plot to Kill Jesus**

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. (Luke 22:1-6)



When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"

Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so." (Matthew 26: 20-25)

Task 2: Answer these questions.

1. What had Judas agreed to do?
2. How does Jesus respond?



### Words spoken at the Last Supper

Watch this clip and then read the account:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaiYNF5uchA>

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving 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.' Then he took a loaf of 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 he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. (Luke 22: 17-20)

Task 3

Answer these questions

1. What does Jesus say the bread and the wine represent?
2. What does Jesus ask his disciples to do when they eat bread and wine?



### How do Christians remember Maundy Thursday?

Even if a church does not hold a specific Maundy Thursday service, the Last Supper is remembered regularly in the majority of Christian churches through the communion service or shared meal. these can be held as often as once a week by some.

A Maundy Thursday service is a time when people meet together for a shared meal and have a communion service together. In many Roman Catholic and in some Church of England churches, services are held on Maundy Thursday that re-enact the things that Jesus did at the Last Supper.

Three things happen:

- The Ministers wash the feet of twelve members of the church, remembering that Jesus washed the feet of his twelve disciples. In some churches the Priests dress as Deacons, wearing their stoles diagonally. A Deacon's job is to serve the people.
- Broken bread and wine are shared in Holy Communion to remember the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples



- The service ends with a 'Prayer Watch' or 'Prayer Vigil' to remember that Jesus asked his disciples to pray with him after the Last Supper.

In England it is traditional for the King or Queen to give out Maundy money to some of their people, often to elderly people who are in need. This is a small bag of silver coins that have been specially made for the occasion. The tradition of giving Maundy money began in 1662 when the reigning monarch stopped the practice of washing the feet of some of his people and decided to give money to the poor instead.

Task 4:

Complete this gap fill exercise. The words you need are at the bottom.



Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of ..... week. It represents the day that the ..... Passover was celebrated in the Bible Story of Easter.



Maundy comes from .....and is the word for 'Command', this is because Jesus commanded his followers to think of him when they ate bread and drank wine. This is very important to .....and is now remembered in the Christian service known as Communion, .....or Eucharist.

Jesus .....his disciples feet before the meal to show that is important to be .....and serve others. People in Jesus time wore open sandals and the streets were very dirty, so washing peoples feet was normally done, as you entered the house, by the lowest ..... who got the worst jobs!









In some countries, .....wash the feet of Church go-ers to the Maundy Thursday services to remember what Jesus had done.

In the UK the Queen gives out special coins called Maundy .....instead of washing people feet! This is a .....that goes back to medieval times.

In some Catholics countries, ladies wear black on Maundy Thursday as a sign of ..... for Jesus to remember he died on Good Friday.

LATIN	PRIESTS	WASHED	MOURNING	MASS
CHRISTIANS	JUDAS	HOLY	GETHSEMANE	MONEY
JEWISH	TRADITION	SERVANT	HELPFUL	

Read the bible passage which retells some events of The Last Supper. Then complete the table below.

Person/Item	Why was this person or item important at The Last Supper?
Jesus 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
The disciples 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Judas 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Bread 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Wine 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Bowl of water 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

How are the events of the last Supper remembered by Christians today?

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