

The Last Supper

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Narration The Feast of the Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching. The Passover commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and their freedom as a nation. For the Israelites, the Passover was an extremely joyful day and must be celebrated. Jesus knew that His time on earth was coming to an end and that He would be ascending to heaven soon. And so the day before the festival of the Passover, He gathered the disciples for a special last supper.



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Narration When all the disciples were seated at the table, Jesus began to wash the disciples' feet. The disciples were astonished.

Disciples Lord, how can you wash our feet? No this is not right.

Narration Although the disciples were reluctant, Jesus washed the feet of each disciple in turn. The disciples did not know what to do. Finally, it was Peter's turn.

P e t e r Lord, are you going to wash my dirty feet as though you are a servant? No, you shall never wash my feet.

J e s u s Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.

P e t e r Then Lord, don't just wash my feet but my hands and my head as well!

Narration Peter then changed his mind and asked Jesus to wash him more.

Narration After washing the feet of all his disciples, Jesus sat at the table and spoke to them.

J e s u s Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Narration The disciples cherished Jesus' words in their hearts. Jesus then took the bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to the disciples.

J e s u s This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you to save everyone from their sins; do this in remembrance of me.



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Narration Then Jesus spoke to his disciples.

J e s u s One of you is going to betray me.

Narration Jesus was talking about Judas Iscariot. The disciples were astonished. Jesus continued.

J e s u s My death is the will of God; but woe to the man who betrays me! It would be better for him if he had not been born.

Narration Fearful, the disciples asked Jesus.

Disciples Lord, is it me?

J e s u s It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread.

Narration And then he gave it to Judas Iscariot. Jesus spoke to Judas.

J e s u s What you are about to do, do quickly!

Narration As soon as Jesus spoke to him, Judas left the table in a hurry as though his conscience had been stabbed. The other disciples did not know what Judas was planning to do.



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Narration After dinner, Jesus spoke to the disciples

J e s u s Although you have all followed me up until now, soon, you will all betray me and scatter.

P e t e r Lord, even if everyone betrays you, I shall not.
I will never betray you, Lord.

Narration Of the twelve disciples, Jesus loved Peter the most.

J e s u s Peter, I tell you the truth, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.

Narration Peter spoke angrily.

P e t e r Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you!

Narration Jesus spoke to his disciples.

J e s u s Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later. I am going to heaven to prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. Jesus promised his disciples that He would be back for them and enjoyed the last supper with them.



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Narration To this day, Jesus' disciples commemorate the sharing of the bread and wine at the last supper. Today, this is known as 'celebrating the Eucharist'. Through the Eucharist, we remember Jesus who died on the cross for our sins, reflect and we give him thanks.