



Maundy Thursday

at HOME

READ

Mark 14:12-25 *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. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." 23 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. 24 He said to them, "This is my blood of the [c] covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Spark Story Bible: The Last Supper

WONDER

I wonder how the disciples felt during their last meal with Jesus? I wonder what you like best about family meals? I wonder what they were thinking when he washed their feet? I wonder if you would rather have someone wash your feet or wash someone else's feet?

PREPARE

Add a small plate and cup to your centerpiece. Let it remind you of the Last Supper. Now add a small bowl of water, reminding us of how Jesus showed his love to the disciples by washing their feet.

ACT

Worship with us tonight: The term "Maundy" comes from the Latin for "mandate" or "commandment." On Maundy Thursday we commemorate the evening when Jesus gathered in an upper room with his disciples and gave them a new commandment: that they should love one another. Gather together for worship tonight.

PRAY

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial. Amen.

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