

# The Last Supper

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Matthew 26:17–30; Mark 14:12–26; Luke 22:7–23, 39; John 13:1, 23–35; 14–17; 18:1;  
Joseph Smith Translation, Matthew 26:22–24

*And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.* Luke 22:19

On the day before the Passover, Jesus's disciples asked Him where they should prepare to eat the Feast of the Passover. Jesus told Peter and John to go into Jerusalem, where they would meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Jesus told them to follow the man to his house and say, "The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples" (Matthew 26:18; see also Matthew 26:17). Everything happened as Jesus had said. Peter and John were led to a large upper room, where they prepared for the Passover. (See Matthew 26:19; Mark 14:16; Luke 22:13.)

In the evening Jesus and the Twelve Apostles gathered together. Jesus knew that He would soon be put to death. He told His disciples that He wanted to eat the Passover meal with them before His suffering. (See Matthew 26:20; Mark 14:17; Luke 22:14–15.)

As they ate, Jesus sadly said, "One of you which eateth with me shall betray me" (Mark 14:18). The disciples were sorrowful and asked Him one by one, "Lord, is it I?" (Matthew 26:22). Jesus answered, "He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me" (Matthew 26:23). Jesus told them it would have been better if that man had not been born. Judas, who betrayed the Savior, asked, "Master, is it I?" Jesus said to him, "Thou hast said" (Matthew 26:25). (See Matthew 26:21–25; Mark 14:18–21; Luke 22:21–23.)

Jesus prepared the first sacrament and gave it to His Apostles. He took bread, broke it in pieces, blessed it, and gave it to the Twelve. Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is in remembrance of my body" (Joseph Smith Translation, Matthew 26:22 [in Matthew 26:26, footnote c]; see also Matthew 26:26). Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to His Apostles. Jesus said, "This is in remembrance of my blood . . . , which is shed for as many as shall believe on my name, for the remission of their sins" (Joseph Smith Translation, Matthew 26:24 [in the Bible appendix]).

Peter asked John, who was sitting close to Jesus, to ask the Savior which one of the Twelve would betray Him. In answer to John's question, Jesus said it would be the one to whom He would give a taste of the supper. Jesus dipped some food into the bowl and gave it to Judas Iscariot. After giving it to Judas, Jesus said, "That thou doest, do quickly" (John 13:27). The other Apostles did not know what Jesus meant, but Judas did. He quickly left the room and went out into the night. (See John 13:23–30.)

Jesus spent the rest of the evening talking to the eleven Apostles and teaching them (see John 13:31–35; 14–17). When He finished, Jesus and the eleven Apostles sang a hymn and then went to the Mount of Olives (see Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26; Luke 22:39; John 18:1).

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## Summary

Jesus and the Twelve Apostles gathered to eat the Feast of the Passover together. During this meal, Jesus told His Apostles that one of them would soon betray Him. Before long, Judas Iscariot left the group and went out into the night. Jesus also offered the first sacrament at this time. He blessed bread

and gave it to the Apostles, telling them to eat in remembrance of His body. Then He passed the cup, telling them to drink and saying that this was in remembrance of His blood. Jesus spent the rest of the evening teaching His Apostles. Afterward they sang a hymn and went to the Mount of Olives.

THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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