



“Thursday Evening – The Last Supper”  
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**Mark 14:12, 22-25 (NIV)**

*On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb...Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”*

*Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.*

*“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”*

**THURSDAY EVENING  
AN UPPER ROOM IN JERUSALEM**

**PRESENT:** Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Thomas, Matthew, James (the son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus, Simon (the zealot), Judas, Bartholomew, and Jesus

**OCCASION:** The celebration of the Passover Seder

**BACKGROUND LEADING UP TO THURSDAY EVENING:**

- Jesus and his disciples walked 75 miles from the area around the Sea of Galilee to Jerusalem.
- PALM SUNDAY -- Jesus was welcomed by a crowd of people lining the streets, waving palm branches, and shouting “Hosanna!” meaning “Save us.”

**BACKGROUND LEADING UP TO THURSDAY EVENING:**

- MONDAY – Jesus goes to the temple, turns over the moneychanger’s table and confronts the religious leaders.

***“It is written in the scriptures, ‘My temple is to be a place of prayer for all nations,’ but you have turned it into a den of robbers.”***

Mark 11:17 (LB)

- TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AFTERNOON – Jesus continued to push for religious reform which angered the Pharisees and Sadducees. They wanted Jesus dead.

***“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean.”***

Matthew 23:27 (NIV)

#### THURSDAY EVENING IN AN UPPER ROOM THE PASSOVER SEDER

- The Passover Seder celebrated God’s act of freeing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. It is a story of salvation.
- Jesus announces, ***“One of you will betray me...It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me.”***

Mark 14:18,20 (NIV)

- Jesus might well have said, “All of you will betray me.”

When have you been like Judas and betrayed Jesus?  
When have you been like Peter and denied Jesus?  
When have you been like the disciples and deserted Jesus?

- He broke the matzoh, ***“Take and eat; this is my body.”***

Matthew 26:26 (NIV)

- He blessed the wine, ***“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”***

Matthew 26:28 (NIV)