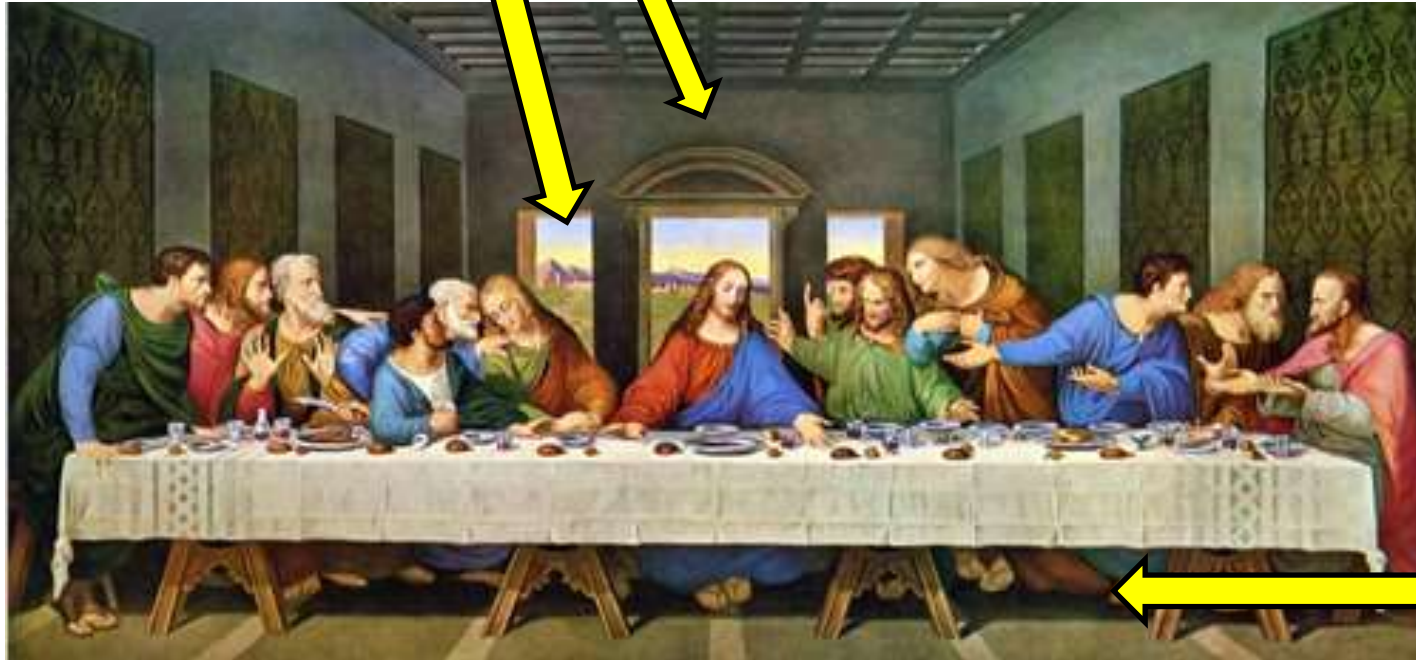


The Last Supper ?

Some things aren't quite right

Leonardo Da Vinci



Michelangelo



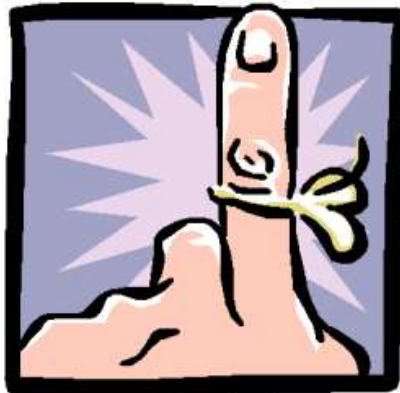
3,500 years ago something amazing happened



The Israelites were commanded to remember this through all generations

The LORD's Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month. On the fifteenth day of that month the LORD's Festival of Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast. On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. For seven days present a food offering to the LORD. And on the seventh day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.

Leviticus 23:5-8



Passover starts on the night of the full moon after the northern vernal equinox. (last Wednesday night) on the 14th of the Hebrew lunar month of Nisan and lasts for seven days .



In the northern hemisphere Passover takes place in spring as the bible prescribes it in Exodus 23:15 Aviv = green



Passover was one of the three pilgrimage festivals during which the entire population of the kingdom of Judah came to the Temple in Jerusalem. It is also called the "feast of Unleavened Bread".

The focus of the festival was the sacrifice of the "Paschal Lamb". Every family large enough to completely consume a young lamb or wild goat was required to offer one for sacrifice at the Temple on the afternoon of the 14th day of Nisan, and eat it that night. The sacrifice could not be offered with anything leavened, and had to be roasted, taking care not to break any bones, and then eaten together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.



The regulations for the original Passover, at the time of the Exodus also included how the meal was to be eaten:

This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

Exodus 12:11



It's to remember what they have experienced and who they are:-

Saved from slavery

Chosen to be God's people



Various elements to evening celebration include:-

A blessing and drinking of the first cup of wine

Eating a leafy vegetable dipped in salt water

Breaking the bread;

the larger piece is set aside and is eaten later

The Passover story, and drinking the second cup of wine

Eating of the bitter herbs mix

The serving of the main meal

Eating the remaining piece of bread

Blessing after the meal and drinking of the third cup of wine

Recital of the Psalm 136; drinking of the fourth cup of wine

Preparations

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, '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." The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve.

Mark 14:12-17

Shock No. 1

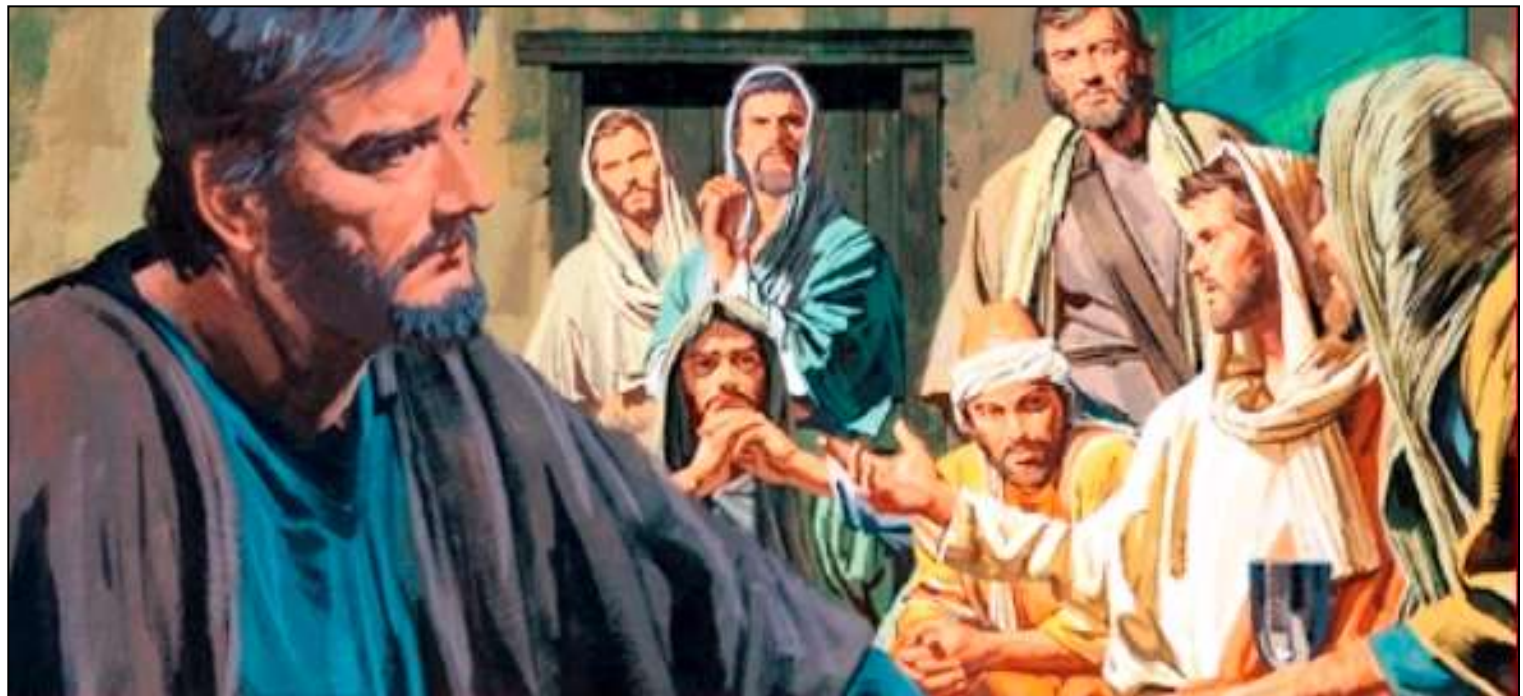
Jesus washes the disciples' feet.



Shock No. 2

"Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."
..... "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

John 13:21-26



Shock No. 3

Who is the greatest ?



Shock No. 4



You will deny knowing me , Peter

Shock No. 5

During the Passover meal, Jesus took the bread, broke it and said, “This is my body, broken for you”



Shock No. 6

After the meal, he took the remaining cup of wine and said,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
which is poured out for you.



Shock No. 7

**Do this to
remember
me !**

**It's to remember
who He is
and what He has done for us**

When they had sung a hymn,
they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Mark 14:22-26

