

# The Last Supper according to all 4 gospel accounts



# A summary of the first three Gospels

## **Matthew 26:17-30**

preparations  
evening meal

betrayal announced  
broken bread

cup

hymn  
denial announced  
31-35

## **Mark 14:12 -26**

1<sup>st</sup> day of feast  
preparations  
evening

betrayal announced  
bread broken

cup shared

hymn  
denial announced  
27-31

## **Luke 22:7 -39**

day of feast  
preparations  
meal  
cup

bread broken

..... after supper  
cup of new covenant  
betrayal announced  
dispute

.... (denial announced)  
swords issue  
They left the city

## A summary of John's Gospel

### **John: Chapter 13**

just before Passover (week festival)

foot-washing

betrayal announced

dish dipped with bread - Judas leaves

denial announced

**Chapters 14 – 17** conversations and prayer

**Chapter 18** they left the city

**(confusions over phrases in John.)**

18:28 -- Leaders to avoid uncleanness! Passover (or feast) delayed for them?

19:14 -- Jesus crucified 6<sup>th</sup> hour "day of preparation" (= Friday before Sabbath)

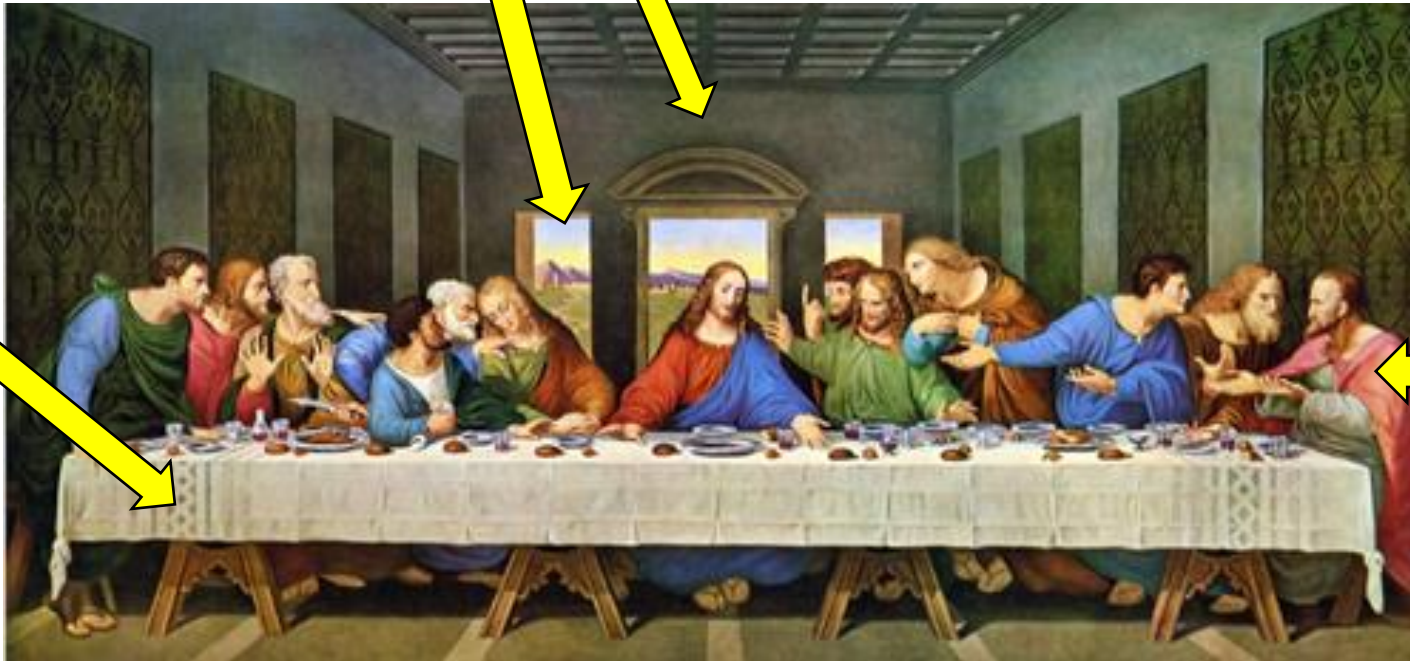
# The Last Supper

Some things  
aren't quite right

Michelangelo



Leonardo Da Vinci



# How it started

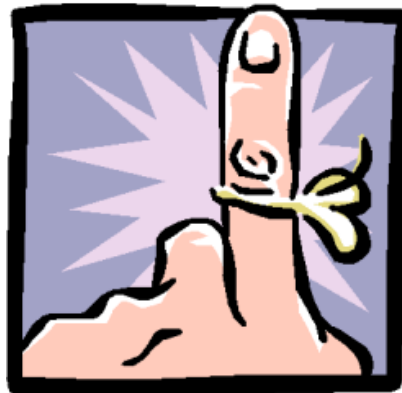
3,500 years ago something amazing happened



## 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, on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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  
The older name for this month is Aviv = spring, green



Passover was one of the three pilgrimage festivals during which the entire (male) 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

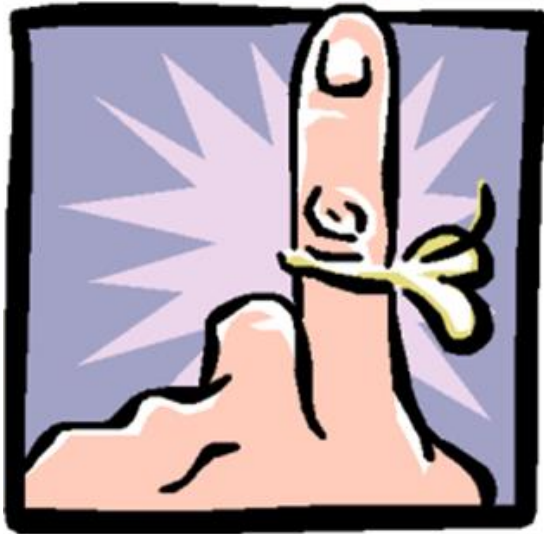
By the time of the second temple period the participants were seated



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

**Saved from slavery**

**Chosen to be God's people  
as a light to the nations**



## **Various elements to the 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. Mark 14:12-17



# Preparations

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



The location would be unknown to the betrayer before the time.

# Surprise No. 1

Jesus washes the disciples' feet. (John 13)



# Surprise 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





# Surprise No. 3

Who is the greatest ? Luke 22:24-30



# Surprise No. 4

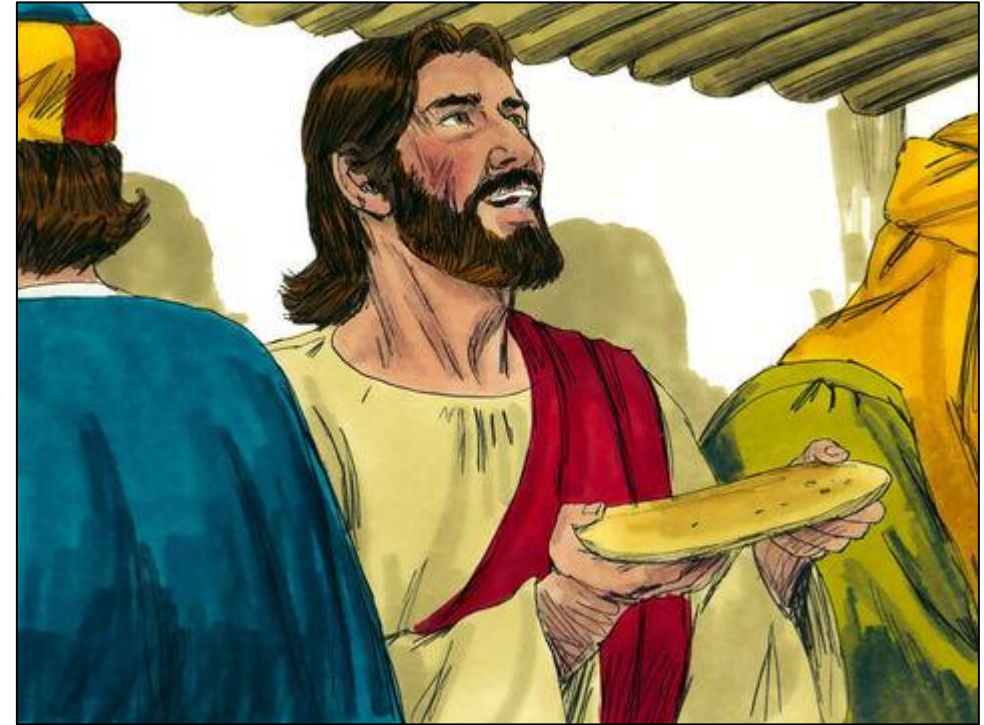
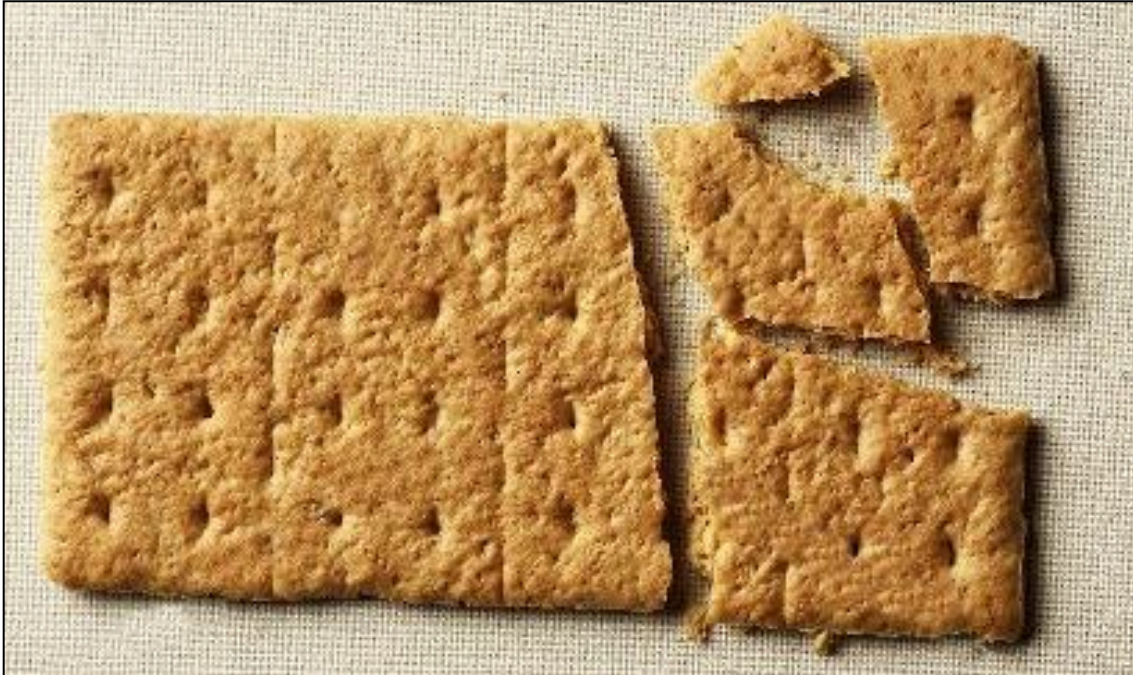


You will deny knowing me , Peter

In all 4 gospels

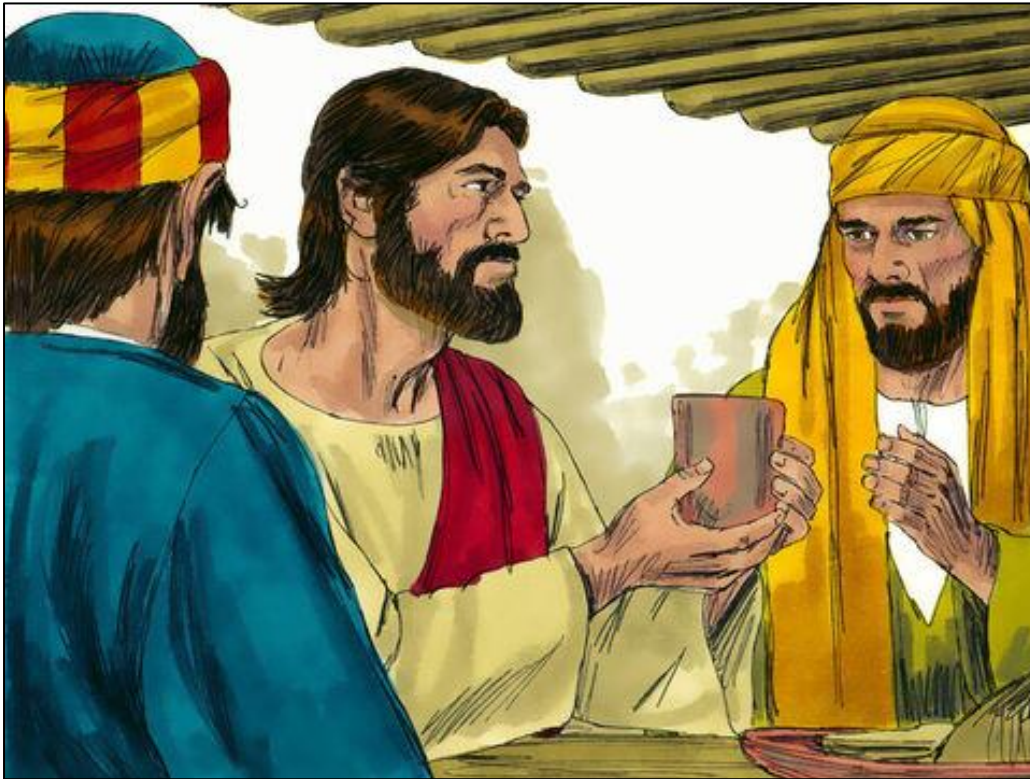
# Surprise No. 5

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



# Surprise 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.”



# **Surprise No. 7**

**Do this to  
remember  
me !**

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

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

Mark 14:22-26



1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

'On the night he was betrayed'

(Thursday night = Friday in Jewish reckoning)

Jesus was crucified on Friday from 9am – 3pm