

Holy Week

Read the following scene.

Consider the questions below and write a paragraph (for each question) of at least four sentences reflecting on your thoughts.

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The Last Supper with the Twelve

“Where shall we go to prepare the Passover meal?” the disciples asked Jesus.

Jesus told Peter and John, “Go into the city, and there you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. When he goes into his house, say to him, ‘Where is the guest room where Jesus is to eat the Passover with his disciples?’”

The two went their way. It was as Jesus had said. The owner of the house led them to an upstairs room. Probably he knew Jesus and was glad to have him use the guest room.

When evening came Jesus and the other ten joined Peter and John. A feeling of sadness crept over them when Jesus said that this was his last supper with them.

Would Jesus really be taken away from them? It seemed impossible to think men ever could kill him. And soon they were talking about other matters at the supper table. Some wondered who would be the greatest in Jesus’ kingdom. They did not understand his teachings.

Jesus knew their thoughts and wanted to teach them more about his kingdom. He got up from the table, took off his outer coat, and tied a towel around his waist. Taking a basin of water, he began to wash their feet.

The disciples looked at each other in surprise. Why should Jesus do this? They had washed their feet before coming into the upper room. Peter pulled his feet away from Jesus and exclaimed, “Lord, you shall never wash my feet!”

“If I wash you not,” said Jesus, “you shall never have a part in my kingdom.”

But Peter wanted a part in Jesus’ kingdom! He said, “Lord, wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.”

When the washing was over, Jesus laid aside the towel and put on his coat again. He explained, “You call me Lord, and Master, and so I am. If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example that you should do to each other as I have done to you. The servant is not greater than his master, and if you would be good servants you will obey my words. If you know my commands, you will be happy when you obey them.”

Being troubled, Jesus said, “One of you will betray me.”

How could this be? The disciples began asking, “Lord, is it I?”

Jesus said, “It is the one to whom I shall give this piece of bread when I have dipped it.” Jesus gave the bread to Judas Iscariot and said, “Whatever you do, do quickly.” Immediately Judas left the room and went out into the night.

The disciples did not understand. Because Judas took care of the money, they thought he was going to do something for Jesus.

After supper Jesus took bread, offered thanks, broke the bread in pieces, and gave each disciple a piece. "Take this bread and eat it, for it is my body which is broken for you." Then he took the cup. When he had given thanks he passed it to them saying, "Drink this for it is my blood, which is shed for you. I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine with you until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Jesus told them that he would soon die and leave them alone. They should not be afraid. "After I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee."

Peter said, "Lord, I'll never leave you!"

Jesus answered, "This night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Then Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn together, left the upper room, and went to the Garden of Gethsemane.

1. Jesus said the bread and wine are his body. Why do you think that Jesus gave us something that we eat and drink, to remember him?
2. Think of a time when you felt his presence within you. Describe.