

Season 4 Study 4: The Last Supper

THE BIG YEAR

A Journey through God's Word

What have you been learning lately through the Big Year readings, messages, or Breakfast Bites?

1. Why do Christians celebrate 'Communion', aka 'The Lord's Supper'? Is this a meaningful event for you, or do you find it a hollow ritual?

READ JOHN 13:1-15

2. What events and plans had already been put into motion before Jesus and His disciples ate the Passover together, according to vs 1-3?
3. Why do you think Peter objected to having his feet washed by Jesus? Would you have done the same?
4. What is meant by Jesus' words in vs 10? In what sense were Jesus' disciples 'already made clean', and why do they still need their feet cleaned? Which one of them was not clean?
5. Jesus suggests His disciples are to continue to wash each other's feet. Is this still something we ought to be practicing today?

READ MATTHEW 26:17-29

6. What was the message behind the Passover Festival, and why was this especially poignant for Jesus as He celebrated it with His disciples?
7. What did Jesus mean by saying 'my time is at hand/my hour has come' (vs 18)?
8. Jesus washed all the disciples' feet, including Judas'. Does this say something about the way Jesus feels towards those who have betrayed Him?
9. Was Judas predestined to betray Jesus? If you say no, then how did he fulfill prophecy so accurately (vs 24a)? If you say yes, why was he held accountable and punished (vs 24b)?
10. How does the taking of these two elements – bread and wine (grape juice) – help us connect with Jesus? What is it about this meal that keeps our faith and hope in check?
11. What promise is imbedded in Jesus' words in vs 29? What can we look forward to, and when will this happen? What would have to happen, and still needs to happen, before this is fulfilled?
12. Why do we continue to celebrate communion regularly in the Church today, but not foot-washing?

*"I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.
For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." (Luke 22:15-16)*