

The Last Supper

The Last Supper was a special meal shared by Jesus and his friends during Passover.

Jesus and the disciples were eating quietly because they were worried. It was a very dangerous time for Jesus. Many people wanted to kill him because they were angry that he was so popular.



When Jesus spoke, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you here will betray me.” All of his disciples seemed shocked. They wondered which of them it would be.

Jesus explained that he would die, but the traitor would feel sorry forever. Judas quietly asked if it was him. Jesus replied, “Yes, you are the one.” Judas felt ashamed and nervous.



At this point, Jesus thanked God for the bread and wine. He said that:

- The bread was his body which was given for them;
- The red wine was his blood, which would be poured out for many people so their sins would be forgiven.

The bread was broken for everyone to eat and they all took a sip of wine as the cup was passed around.

After the meal, Jesus changed into simple servant clothes. He filled a bowl with water and washed his friends' feet. He then dried them with the towel he was wearing around his waist.

The disciples were amazed because to them Jesus was the King of Kings. Because of this, Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet. Jesus explained that he needed to wash his feet for his whole body to become clean. Jesus finished washing his friends' feet. He then changed back into his normal clothes and returned to the table.

They prayed. Jesus explained that now that he had washed their feet, they could wash one another's feet.

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The Last Supper Questions

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- during Passover
- in the evening
- on Sunday

2. What did Jesus say the bread was? Tick one.

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- his hands
- his body
- his feet

3. What did Jesus change into during the meal? Tick one.

- clean clothes
- smart clothes
- servant clothes
- his friend's clothes

4. What did the disciples see Jesus as? Tick one.

- a god
- a king
- the King of Kings
- a traitor

5. Fill in the missing word in the sentence below.

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6. Find two words that mean the same as 'surprised'.

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2 _____

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Jesus meant that it is **important** to do nice things for others.

6. Find two words that mean the same as 'surprised'.

Accept 'shocked' and 'amazed' only.

7. Why did Judas feel ashamed and nervous?

Accept any reasonable explanation linked to the text, such as: Judas felt ashamed and nervous because Jesus knew that he would be the traitor.

The Last Supper

The Last Supper was an important meal shared by Jesus and his disciples during the Jewish festival of Passover, also known as The Feast of Unleavened Bread.



Jesus and the twelve disciples shared the meal at a very dangerous time for Jesus. Jesus was at risk because many people wanted to kill him due to his popularity. As a result, the thirteen men felt anxious during the meal so ate quietly.

When Jesus spoke, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you here will betray me." All of his disciples seemed shocked, unsure which of them it would be, each suspecting another.

Jesus explained that he would die but that the man who betrayed him would regret his actions forever. Judas asked quietly if it was him, to which Jesus replied, "Yes, you are the one." Judas felt ashamed and tense. He was pleased that the other disciples had not heard what Jesus had said to him.

At this point, Jesus thanked God for the bread and broke it to share, saying that it was his body given for them. Then, he took a cup of red wine and said, "This is my blood, which will be poured out for many people so their sins may be forgiven." Everyone took a sip as the cup was passed around.

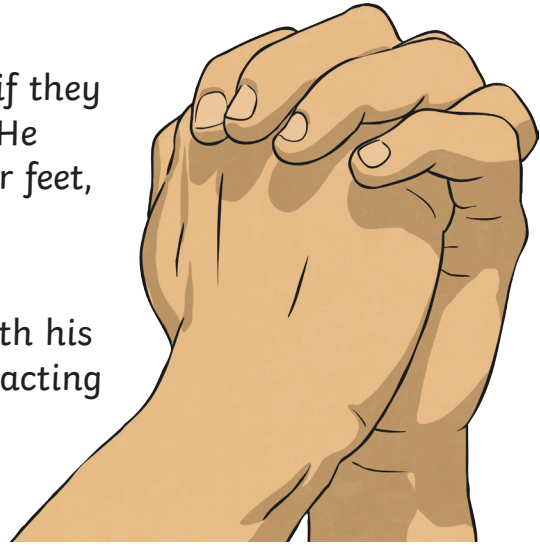


After the meal, Jesus changed into simple servant clothes, consisting of a towel wrapped around his body, and filled a bowl with water. He used this to wash his friends' feet. Unusually, he then dried them with the towel he was wearing.

The disciples found this incredibly shocking because, to them, Jesus was the King of Kings. Out of respect to Jesus, Peter did not want him to wash his feet. "If you don't let me wash your feet, you can no longer be with me," Jesus explained, to which Peter replied that, if that was the case, then Jesus could wash his hands and head too. But Jesus replied that he only needed to wash his feet for his whole body to become clean so Peter conceded and agreed to let Jesus wash his feet. After washing each person's feet, Jesus changed back into his normal clothes and returned to the table.

They prayed together. Jesus asked them if they understood what he had done for them. He explained, "Now that I have washed your feet, you can wash one another's feet."

The message that Jesus tried to share with his disciples that night is the importance of acting kindly towards one another, just as he had done.



The Last Supper Questions

1. Which of these is another name for 'Passover'? Tick one.

- The Last Supper
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Easter
- Judas

2. Draw a line to complete the sentences.

Jesus was at risk ●

● because, to them, Jesus was the King of Kings.

Jesus explained that he would die ●

● because many people wanted to kill him due to his popularity.

The disciples found this incredibly shocking ●

● but that the man who betrayed him would regret his actions forever.

3. Who would betray Jesus? Tick one.

- Peter
- Judas
- the disciples
- many people

4. What did Jesus say that the wine was? Tick one.

- his body
- his feet
- his blood
- his hands

5. Find two words that mean the same as 'nervous'.

1. _____
2. _____

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6. Fill in the missing words in the sentence below.

After the meal, Jesus changed into _____, consisting of a towel wrapped around his body, and _____.

7. Why do you think that Judas was pleased that the other disciples did not hear what Jesus said to him?

8. Explain why Jesus washed his friends' feet.

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5. Find two words that mean the same as 'nervous'.

Accept 'anxious' and 'tense' only.

The Last Supper Answers

6. Fill in the missing words in the sentence below.

After the meal, Jesus changed into **simple servant clothes**, consisting of a towel wrapped around his body, and **filled a bowl with water**.

7. Why do you think that Judas was pleased that the other disciples did not hear what Jesus said to him?

Accept any reasonable explanation linked to the text, such as: Judas felt ashamed and nervous and probably knew how the other disciples would react to him being the traitor as they all saw Jesus as the King of Kings.

8. Explain why Jesus washed his friends' feet.

Accept any reasonable explanation linked to the text, such as: Jesus wanted to show his friends the importance of doing nice things for other people.

The Last Supper

The Last Supper, an important meal shared by Jesus and his disciples during The Feast of Unleavened Bread (or **Passover**), is a significant event for Christians to remember during Holy Week.



The thirteen men sat around the table to share The Last Supper at a very dangerous time for Jesus. Many people wanted to see Jesus dead due to his popularity. Because of this, Jesus and his disciples felt anxious during their final gathering together and the room was silent.

When Jesus finally spoke and said, “I tell you the truth, one of you here will betray me,” all of his disciples were aghast. They wondered which of them it would be – each believing that it could not possibly be them.

Jesus continued by explaining that he would die but that the man who betrayed him would regret his actions for the rest of his life. Very quietly, with his head bowed, Judas asked, “It isn’t me, is it?” to which Jesus replied, quietly, “Yes, you are the one.” Judas felt ashamed and nervous but pleased that the other disciples had not heard the conversation. He did not wish to think of the consequences.

At this point, Jesus thanked God for the bread and broke it to share, explaining that it was his body which was given for them to remember him. Following this, he took a **chalice** of red wine and said, “This is my blood, which will be poured out for many people so their sins may be forgiven.” Everyone took a sip as the cup was passed around.

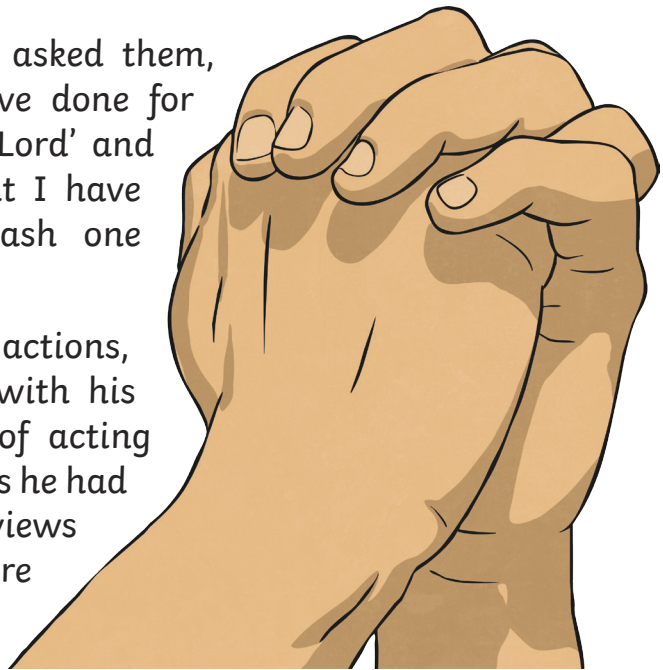


After the meal, Jesus changed into uncomplicated servant clothes – a simple towel wrapped around his body - before filling a bowl with water. In an act of servitude to them, he used this to wash his disciples' feet before drying them with the towel he was wearing.

The disciples found this incredibly shocking. To them, Jesus was the King of Kings, not a servant as his actions were suggesting. Due to this, Peter refused to let Jesus wash his feet. "If you don't allow me to wash your feet, you can no longer be with me," Jesus explained. Peter replied that, if that was the case, then Jesus could wash his hands and head as well as his feet. Jesus replied that he only needed to wash his feet for his whole body to become clean so Peter conceded and agreed to let Jesus wash his feet. Jesus finished washing the disciples' feet before changing back into his normal clothes and returning to the table.

As they prayed together, Jesus asked them, "Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and that is who I am. And now that I have washed your feet, you can wash one another's feet."

Through the significance of his actions, Jesus tried to share a message with his disciples about the importance of acting kindly towards one another, just as he had done. Despite his status and the views of others, Jesus's humble gesture paved the way for kindness between others forever.



Glossary

chalice – a large cup or goblet

Passover – a Jewish celebration of the freedom of the Israelites

The Last Supper Questions

1. 'Because of this, Jesus and his disciples felt anxious during their final gathering together and the room was silent.'

What does the word **anxious** mean?

2. Which of these did Peter **not** ask Jesus to wash for him? Tick one.

- his head
- his back
- his hands
- his feet

3. Number the events below to show the order they happened in the story.

- Jesus washed the disciples' feet.
- Jesus said that one of the disciples would betray him.
- Jesus shared the bread and wine.
- Jesus told Judas that he would be the traitor.
- Jesus prayed with his friends.

4. Find and copy two words or phrases that mean the same as 'don't let'.

1. _____
2. _____

5. Fill in the missing words from this sentence:

Jesus finished washing the _____ before changing back into his _____ and returning to the _____.

6. Why were the disciples silent during the meal? Explain your answer.

7. What did Jesus do with the bread and wine? Why?

8. Why do you think that Jesus changed his clothes?

The Last Supper Answers

1. 'Because of this, Jesus and his disciples felt anxious during their final gathering together and the room was silent.'
What does the word **anxious** mean?
Accept 'nervous' or another synonym of anxious only.
2. Which of these did Peter **not** ask Jesus to wash for him? Tick one.
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3. Number the events below to show the order they happened in the story.
 - Jesus washed the disciples' feet.
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 - Jesus shared the bread and wine.
 - Jesus told Judas that he would be the traitor.
 - Jesus prayed with his friends.
4. Find and copy two words or phrases that mean the same as 'don't let'.
Accept 'refused to let' and 'don't allow' only.
5. Fill in the missing words from this sentence:
Jesus finished washing the **disciples' feet** before changing back into his **normal clothes** and returning to the **table**.
6. Why were the disciples silent during the meal? Explain your answer.
Accept any reasonable explanation linked to the text, such as: Because many people wanted to see Jesus dead, the disciples were feeling anxious so they were not chatting during the meal.
7. What did Jesus do with the bread and wine? Why?
Accept any reasonable explanation linked to the text, such as: Jesus shared the bread and wine with his friends. He told them that the bread was his body and the wine was his blood. He did this as a way for his friends to remember him when he died.
8. Why do you think that Jesus changed his clothes?
Accept any reasonable explanation linked to text, such as: Jesus put servant clothes on because he wanted to do something for his friends that usually a servant would do and he wanted them to see him differently, not just as a King of Kings.