

**THE WORST
WEEK EVER**

THE WORST DINNER EVER

September 5, 2010

Matthew 26:17-30

¹⁷ On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸ He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’ ” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ And while they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.” ²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely not I, Lord?” ²³ Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” ²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Discussion Questions

What’s the most uncomfortable meal you have ever sat down to?
Why do you still remember it?

What do you think about how we (and others) celebrate the Lord’s Supper?
Why do you take part in it?

What does it mean to you to share in the body and blood of Jesus?
Does it make you uncomfortable?
Why or why not?

What do you know about the Passover?
How does it relate to the Lord’s Supper?
How should we blend the meanings of the two as followers of Jesus?

What can we do to celebrate the Lord’s Supper in ways that will make it more meaningful for ourselves and others?
How does what we learn in this Last Supper inform our day to day lives in Christ?