

Mark 14:12-25 New Living Translation (NLT)

The Last Supper

12 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go to prepare the Passover meal for you?" **13** So Jesus sent two of them into Jerusalem with these instructions: "As you go into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. **14** At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' **15** He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal." **16** So the two disciples went into the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there. **17** In the evening Jesus arrived with the Twelve. **18** As they were at the table^[a] eating, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me." **19** Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one?" **20** He replied, "It is one of you twelve who is eating from this bowl with me. **21** For the Son of Man^[b] must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!" **22** As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body." **23** And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. **24** And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant^[c] between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. **25** I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.

Footnotes:

- a 14:18 Or *As they reclined*.
- b 14:21 "Son of Man" is a title Jesus used for himself.
- c 14:24 Some manuscripts read *the new covenant*.
- d 14:27 Greek *I will strike*. Zech 13:7.

Questions:

1. The Passover meal was to remember how God saved the Israelites from the final plague in Egypt by putting the blood of a lamb on their doorpost.

Was the Passover meal important to the disciples & Jesus? Why?
2. How did the disciples know where to find a room for the Passover meal?
3. What does Jesus mean when he says His blood "is poured out as a sacrifice for many"?
4. What does it mean for your life? Explain
5. What does taking the bread and juice(communion) mean to you?