

## Story 37



## The Last Supper

**Matthew 26:17-35, Mark 14:12-31, Luke 22:1-53, John 13:1-38**

**The Bridge:** Following the exodus in Egypt, the Jews celebrated the Passover meal each year. Jesus had told the disciples that He was going to die, be buried, and then rise on the third day as the past prophets had foretold. (Matthew 26:1-2; John 13:31-32). He chose the Passover Feast as an opportunity to help them understand a deeper meaning to the Passover.

### The Story:

- The Passover Feast was celebrated every year to remind God's people of when the Lord passed over the door of every house which had blood from a sacrifice on it, and He did not allow the destroyer to come in to that house (Exodus 12:13, 23; see Story 16).
- He gave His disciples instructions to prepare a place where they could celebrate the Passover together (Matthew 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13).
- Jesus washed the disciples' feet during this time. He was trying to teach them that being a leader meant being the servant of all (John 13:3-17).
- During the Passover meal, Jesus showed them that He was going to be their substitute by dying to save them just like the Passover lamb.
- He told the disciples that one of them would betray Him (Matthew 26:20-25; Mark 14:17-21; Luke 22:14, 21-23). Judas asked, "Is it I?" Jesus responded, "You have said so." And Judas got up and left (Matthew 26:25; John 13:30).
- Jesus took a loaf of un-leavened bread, tore off a morsel and said, "Take and eat, for this is My body that is going to be broken for you." He then took a cup of wine and said, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. Drink this in remembrance of Me" (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20).



*What was Jesus showing His disciples during this Passover Meal?*