

It was Thursday of the Passover Week. Jared still tagged along close to Jesus and was intrigued when Jesus called Peter and John over and sent them on an errand. It was a no-brainer. Jared tucked in behind them as they walked briskly into Jerusalem. He watched as they talked with a man carrying a water jar, then turned and followed him back to his house. Then Peter and John disappeared up to the top floor of the house to an open room. Jared could see them re-arranging the furniture and organising the traditional Passover meal.

The evening shadows were falling as Jesus and the rest of the disciples approached that house. Jared was thankful mum had given him permission to be late tonight. Then he realised the normal servant to wash each person's feet was missing, which was odd. Usually he was stationed right as you walked in the door. So Jared crept closer till he could see better. Nobody was looking out for a small boy.

The disciples seemed unhappy with each other. Jared had heard the mutterings, "Who do they think they are – trying to get better positions in Jesus' kingdom?"

Jesus looked sad, very sad. The disciples must know they had overlooked getting a servant to wash their feet, but none of them would be the first to offer. Jesus spoke quietly telling them the greatest are those who serve and put others first. Then to everyone's amazement Jesus stood up, wrapped the towel around himself and began to wash the disciple's feet!

Watching, Jared could tell Peter objected at first, but then changed his mind and looked happy. Jared crept even closer so he could hear better. He heard Jesus talk about the importance of serving others. Of loving others. Of following His example. Of even suffering just like He was about to suffer.

Then Jesus said some incredible things. They passed around the big chunks of unleavened bread. And as they were eating - Jared felt hungry just watching - He heard Jesus say, "This bread is a reminder or a symbol of my body and death. Whenever you eat this special meal together, think about that. In fact, what we are doing tonight will replace the Passover ceremony for those who believe in Me."

Jesus then passed around the grape juice, and as they drank, He said this would be the very last time He would drink grape juice until they were reunited in heaven. He told them the juice represented His blood being shed to let them have the gift of salvation. Then Jesus made a startling claim. He said one of the men sitting in the room had already betrayed Him! There was a horrified look from the disciples. "Who would even think of doing that?" came the question. Jesus seemed to brush it aside and casually mentioned whoever puts their hand in the basket of bread with Me, is the one. While that seemed a really powerful clue – the disciples missed it completely when Judas absent-mindedly reached in and helped himself to some bread. It became even more pointed for Judas, because Jesus quietly murmured to him, "Get on with what you are going to do!" Judas seemed to look up apprehensively and then nodded and excused himself from the group. None of the disciples appeared to be curious. After-all, Judas was the Chief Financial Officer for the group. They may have thought he probably had to go and pay the owner of the house for the use of the Upper Room tonight. But Jared had heard it all. Judas was up to no good. He was not sure just what, but he had never trusted Judas. There was just something about him that Jared did not like.

Jared started when all the disciples began to quietly hum and then broke into a song. It looked like the evening was winding up. So much to think about.

What did Jesus mean by He was about to suffer?

Jesus clearly loved the team of disciples, even Judas. Then Jared realised that Jesus might have led out in the last Passover that there would be. He had told them to change what they did to a different ceremony. The one He had just instituted.

Wow! Changes. Activity. Feet-washing by Jesus as the leader. Servant. What role would Jared play moving forward he wondered?

# Remember Me

## Sabbath

Does your family have special food for special days?

When I was a kid, my family always had haystacks for lunch after church. We'd start by putting chips on our plates, then add sauce, then cheese (so it melts), then lettuce, tomato, pineapple, cucumber and sometimes sour cream right on the top! When we didn't have haystacks, it didn't feel like Sabbath, and if we had haystacks on another day, it didn't feel right either.



Draw or write about a special meal that your family has.

A large empty rectangular box for drawing or writing.

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Refer: John 13:1-17; Luke 22:7-23; Mark 14:12-26; Matt 26:17-30; John 15:18-17:26 NLT; *The Desire of Ages* p642-661; *The Bible Story* vol9 p55-64

## Sunday

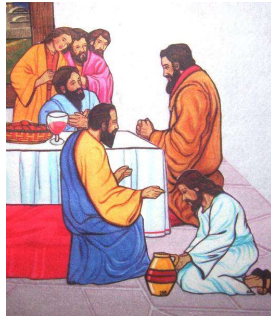
The disciples had prepared the special Passover meal for Jesus, but when they all sat down, they found there was no servant to wash their feet.

Then Jesus got up from the table, poured water into a bowl and began to wash the disciple's feet! When Jesus came to Peter, Peter said to Him, "Lord, you can't wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."

So Peter said, "Then wash my hands and my head as well, not just my feet!"

Jesus replied, "A person who has had a bath only needs to wash their feet to be clean again."



After washing their feet, Jesus sat down and said, "I have given you an example to follow. Do to each other as I have done to you."

As they were eating Jesus said "One of you eating with me will betray me." They each asked Him if they would be the one. When Judas asked, Jesus told him "Yes." Then Judas left them.



Jesus took some of the Passover bread and blessed it. He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, and said, "As you eat this, remember my body that will die for you."



Then Jesus took a cup of grape juice and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it and remember my blood, which will be poured out on the cross, to forgive sins."



Jesus said to them "I will not drink grape juice again until the day I drink it with you in God's Kingdom."

Matthew and Mark tell us, that when they had finished eating, they sang a hymn and went out in the night to the Mount of Olives.



## Friday

Who did Jesus say He would send from the Father? John 15:26 and John 16:7

According to the Cambridge Dictionary, an advocate is someone who publicly supports and promotes something or someone. In a court of law, an advocate, is the lawyer who is helping the defendant.

What will The Spirit do?

John 15:26 \_\_\_\_\_

John 16:7 \_\_\_\_\_

John 16:13 \_\_\_\_\_

The Holy Spirit is of vital importance to a Christian. Romans 8:6NLT says, "So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace."

Make a habit of praying in Jesus name, for the Holy Spirit to work in your life and you will find you have 'life and peace' just as the verse says. When God is managing your life, amazing things will happen. After Jesus had finished talking to the disciples, He started praying, and His prayer is recorded for us in John 17.

John 17:20 NLT, "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in Me through their \_\_\_\_\_ (2d).

I pray that they will all be \_\_\_\_\_ (7a), just as You and I are One—as \_\_\_\_\_ (6d) are in Me, Father,

and I am in \_\_\_\_\_ (8a). And may they be in \_\_\_\_\_ (5a)

so that the \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) will \_\_\_\_\_ (4a)

You \_\_\_\_\_ (3d) Me.



## Thursday

Here are some key thoughts from some of the things Jesus said.

John 15:18 NLT, "If the \_\_\_\_\_ you, remember that  
it \_\_\_\_\_ Me \_\_\_\_\_."

John 16:33 NIV, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have \_\_\_\_\_ . In this world you will have trouble. But take \_\_\_\_\_ ! I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_."

Jesus knew that His disciples were about to go through a time of trouble and difficulty, and He also knew that in the future, from then until now, Christians would have trouble and difficulties.

John 16:26-28 NLT, "Then you will \_\_\_ in My \_\_\_ ...

...for the \_\_\_\_\_ Himself \_\_\_\_\_ you dearly

because you love Me and believe that I came

from \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I came from the

\_\_\_\_\_ into the

\_\_\_\_\_ /

now I will leave the \_\_\_\_\_

and return to the \_\_\_\_\_.

And so many people make it a practice to finish their prayers with, "In Jesus name, Amen."

Fit the missing words into the puzzle.

## Monday

The book of John tells us about some other things that Jesus said, before going to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus said, "When the world hates you, remember it hated me first, you no longer belong to the world which is why it hates you. They persecuted me, and would not listen to me, so they will do the same to you."

"I will send the Spirit of truth, and He will come and testify of me. You must also testify of me. I have warned you of the bad things that will happen, so that when they do, you won't lose faith.

"I am returning to the One who sent me, this upsets you, but it is best, because then the Advocate, the Holy Spirit will come. He will convict the world of sin and of God's righteousness and the judgement.

"There is so much I want to tell you, but you can't bear it yet. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth; He will speak My words.

"Soon you won't see Me, but a little while after that you will again. The world will rejoice, while you will weep and mourn. But your grief will turn to joy. After that you will speak to the Father directly, and He will do whatever you ask, when you ask in My name. The Father loves you dearly because you love Me. I came from the Father, into this world, and now I will return to the Father.

"The time is coming when you will be scattered, I have told you now, so that you will have peace. In this world you will have problems, but take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Then Jesus prayed, His prayer is recorded in John 17.

"Father, I have revealed You to the ones you gave me. I am praying for them and all who will believe in Me through their message. I am not asking that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them safe from the evil one. Make them holy by Your truth and teach them Your Word.

"As You sent Me, so I am sending them. I give Myself as a sacrifice for them. I pray that they will be one, as You and I are One, as You are in Me and I am in You, that they may be in Us. May they experience the perfect unity.

Father, I want them to be where I am, to see the glory You gave me, because You loved Me before the world began!"

## Tuesday

Why did Jesus wash the disciple's feet? Because even the disciples did not understand Jesus' mission on earth at that time.

Philippians 2:3<sup>NLT</sup> says, "Don't be \_\_\_\_\_; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own \_\_\_\_\_, but take an interest in \_\_\_\_\_, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with \_\_\_\_\_ as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form. He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus came to earth to do something for us - not because He wanted us to do something for Him. And He wants His followers to do the same for others, something that only happens when God helps us. We are reminded of this when we do the foot-washing ceremony at church.

That is not all the foot-washing ceremony reminds us of though. Baptism is a symbol for the washing away of sin, yet even after we have chosen to follow God, we still sin. What did Jesus say when Peter didn't want his feet washed? John 13:8.

"\_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ you, you won't belong to me." <sup>NLT</sup>

Then Peter suggested Jesus wash his hands and head as well.

Jesus replied, (verse 10) "Those who have had a bath need only wash their \_\_\_\_\_."

Find the missing and underlined words.

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## Wednesday

Use an NLT or NIV Bible to fill in the missing words.

Exodus 13:3 <sup>NLT</sup>, "So Moses said to the people, 'This is a day to

remember forever—the day you left \_\_\_\_\_ (Egypt), the place of your \_\_\_\_\_ (slavery). Today the \_\_\_\_\_ (LORD) has brought you out by the power of his \_\_\_\_\_ (mighty) \_\_\_\_\_ (hand). Remember, eat no food containing \_\_\_\_\_ (yeast).'"

The Passover was celebrated yearly by the Jews as a reminder of the way God saved them from slavery in Egypt. Now Jesus was changing the Passover to make it a reminder of the way that He would save people from the slavery of sin.

Matthew 14:22, "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). 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."

The bread and the wine (grape juice) are what we call 'metaphors.' A Metaphor is when something is called something else, not because it is that thing, but because of similarities.

The bread was still bread, but just as the bread was broken into pieces to share among those eating, Jesus body would be broken on the cross.

It was common back then to share from a single cup, and the grape juice being red, was a reminder of Jesus' blood, since He would soon bleed on the cross.

