



THE LAST SUPPER

MARK 14:12-25

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Mark 14:12-18

¹² On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

Mark 14:19-25

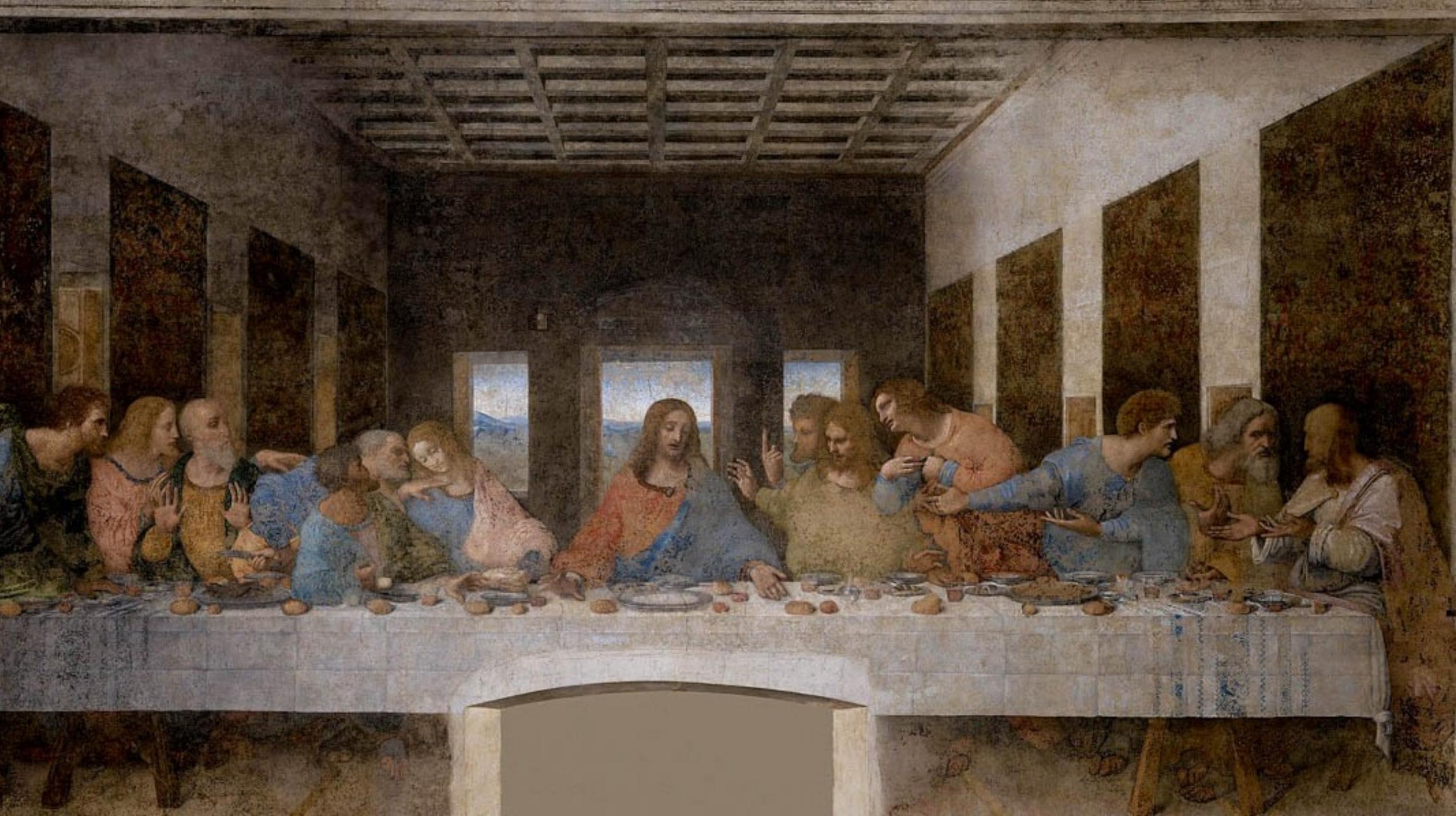
¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?”

²⁰ “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ 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.”

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵ “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”





Questions...

- What was Jesus' purpose in gathering these 12 men together one last time?
- What were the disciples concerned with and thinking about when Jesus was describing himself as the bread and blood of the new covenant?
- What's the big deal about planning (i.e. preparing) to have "supper" w/ Jesus?
- How is this supper an anticipation of the great wedding feast to come?
- How does this impact us now, today?

☐ **PREPARE (vv. 12-16)**

Preparations for Passover involved preparing the food and drinks, but it also involved going through a house to make sure there was not a speck of leaven present. The effect of the process of purging each household of leaven or yeast was a picture of the effect of sin upon and within each individual.

☐ **SELF-EXAMINE (vv. 17-21)**

“Get rid of the old yeast! Then you will be like fresh bread made without yeast, and that is what you are. Our Passover lamb is Christ, who has already been sacrificed. So don’t celebrate the festival by being evil and sinful, which is like serving bread made with yeast. Be pure and truthful and celebrate by using bread made without yeast.” (1 Cor. 5:7-8 CEV)

☐ COMMUNE (vv. 22-24)

“... the Lord Jesus, on the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ After the same manner he also took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’” (1 Cor. 11:23b-25)

☐ ANTICIPATE (v. 25)

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give Him the glory: for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready... Then the angel said to me, ‘Write, Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” (Rev. 10:7b, 9a)

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die,” Jesus told Martha. And then he said to her, “Do you believe this?”

(John 11:25-26)

RESURRECTION