

Thursday Night Family Devotion:

The Last Supper Story:

- Read Luke 22:1-23 (discuss this event and then the events leading into the weekend.)

Historical Schedule of Events: (Book of Luke)

- Thursday:
 - Last Supper (Luke 22:1-23)
- Through the night and into the morning
 - Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46)
 - Jesus is arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:47-53)
 - Peter Denies Jesus (Luke 22:54-62)
 - Jesus mocked, ridiculed, and beaten (Luke 22:63-65)
- Friday:
 - Jesus on Trial (Luke 22:66-23:25)
 - Jesus Crucified at the hill of Golgotha (Luke 23:26-43)
 - Jesus dies and is put in the tomb (Luke 23:44-56)
- Sunday:
 - Jesus' Resurrection (Luke 24:1-49)

Discussion Questions:

- What festival were Jesus and His disciples about to celebrate?
 - Answer: Passover
- What did Jesus reveal about one of the disciples while they were eating together?
 - Answer: One of them would betray Him
- What did Jesus say the bread and cup represented?
 - Answer: His body that would be beaten and blood that would be shed (took our punishment and forgave our sins)
- What do churches do still today that remind us of what Jesus did with the disciples at the Last Supper?
 - Answer: Communion
- How do you think the disciples reacted to this news that Jesus was going to die?
- What does Easter mean to you?
- How will the Easter story impact your daily life?



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Luke 22:1-23 (NLT)

1 The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is also called Passover, was approaching. 2 The leading priests and teachers of religious law were plotting how to kill Jesus, but they were afraid of the people's reaction.

3 Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples, 4 and he went to the leading priests and captains of the Temple guard to discuss the best way to betray Jesus to them. 5 They were delighted, and they promised to give him money. 6 So he agreed and began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus so they could arrest him when the crowds weren't around.

7 Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed. 8 Jesus sent Peter and John ahead and said, "Go and prepare the Passover meal, so we can eat it together."

9 "Where do you want us to prepare it?" they asked him. 10 He replied, "As soon as you enter Jerusalem, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters, 11 say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' 12 He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal." 13 They went off to the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there.

14 When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. 15 Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. 16 For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

17 Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. 18 For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come."

19 He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

20 After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.

21 "But here at this table, sitting among us as a friend, is the man who will betray me. 22 For it has been determined that the Son of Man must die. But what sorrow awaits the one who betrays him." 23 The disciples began to ask each other which of them would ever do such a thing.