

The Last Supper

This is a more detailed version of the Scripture story of the Last Supper.

When Jesus miraculously gave the people loaves and fish, he made a promise. He said, "I will give you myself to you as your food." Jesus did not forget his promise. On the night before he died, Jesus went to Jerusalem. He wanted to celebrate the Passover, a special Jewish feast, with the Apostles.

Before eating, Jesus got a towel and a basin of water. He washed the tired and dirty feet of the Apostles.

Jesus said to them, "I want you to love one another just as I have loved you. I want you to serve one another just as I have served you. Be kind to one another. Share what you have. Live in peace."

Then Jesus and the Apostles ate dinner. They ate lamb and other foods especially prepared for the Passover. We call this dinner the Last Supper. During dinner, Jesus took a loaf of bread. He said, "Take this and eat it. This is my Body." Jesus gave some to each of the Apostles, and they each ate.

Jesus then took a cup of wine. He said, "This is my Blood." Jesus passed the cup so that each one could drink of it. The cup no longer contained wine. It was Jesus.

Then Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me." At this special meal, the Apostles shared the Body and Blood of Jesus with one another in Holy Communion.

The Apostles understood that they had shared the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. They understood that Holy Communion was a sign of their love for one another and for Jesus. They knew that Jesus would help them love one another. They promised to try harder to be kind, to share, and to love one another.