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A Good News Story

Jesus and Friends Mark Passover

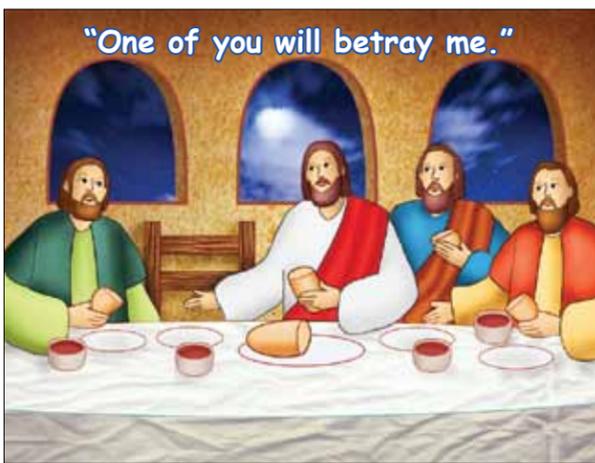
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Jesus and His Apostles traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Two days before the feast, the chief priests and scribes were plotting to have Jesus arrested and killed.

“Not during the festival,” they said, because they feared the people would riot.

In the meantime, Jesus and the Apostles went to the home of Simon the leper to share a meal with him.



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On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Apostles asked Jesus where they would be eating their meal. Jesus told two of them to talk to a certain man, who would show them an upper room that was furnished and ready for them to use.

In the evening, Jesus and His friends gathered in the room to eat the Passover meal. While they were sitting at the table, Jesus made an announcement that shocked the Apostles.

“Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me,” he said. “For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”

As they continued to eat the Passover meal, Jesus picked up some bread and blessed it.

“Take it,” He told His friends as they handed them pieces of bread, “this is my body.”

Then Jesus took a cup. After He gave thanks, He handed the cup to each of His friends, and they all drank from it.

“This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many,” Jesus said. “Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

After the meal, one of the Apostles, Judas Iscariot, sneaked off to visit the chief priests and scribes. He offered to hand over Jesus to them, and they agreed to pay Judas for betraying Jesus.

Afterward, they went to the Mount of Olives, where Jesus prayed with three of his Apostles. When He finished praying, He told His friends that the time of His betrayal was at hand.



(Photo provided)

Children Help Food Pantry

Kim Gudmunson’s first-grade students donated the most groceries during a recent LEO Club Family Barn Dance, so they were chosen to deliver all the donated groceries to the NICE (Neighbors In Christ Ecumenical) food pantry in Lee. They also received a tour from Janice Schnorr, member of St. James Parish Respect Life Ministry. Schnorr also received a \$200 check for the NICE Center from LEOs Sammi Katschke and Hannah Nitz.

You Can Still Help Children in Peru

Good Friday, March 30, is the last day to mail your decorated hearts and donation for children in the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru.

Send your decorated hearts and a \$2 donation to The Junior Observer, Heart to Heart, PO Box 7044, Rockford, IL 61125.

The hearts will share your love, and the donation will help buy school supplies for other children.

Remember not to paste your heart onto any cardboard or paper because it will add extra weight.

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**Who decided to betray Jesus?
What did Jesus bless and give to the Apostles to eat?**

Read more about it in **Mark 11 and 14**

