



The Last Supper

Luke 22:2-23









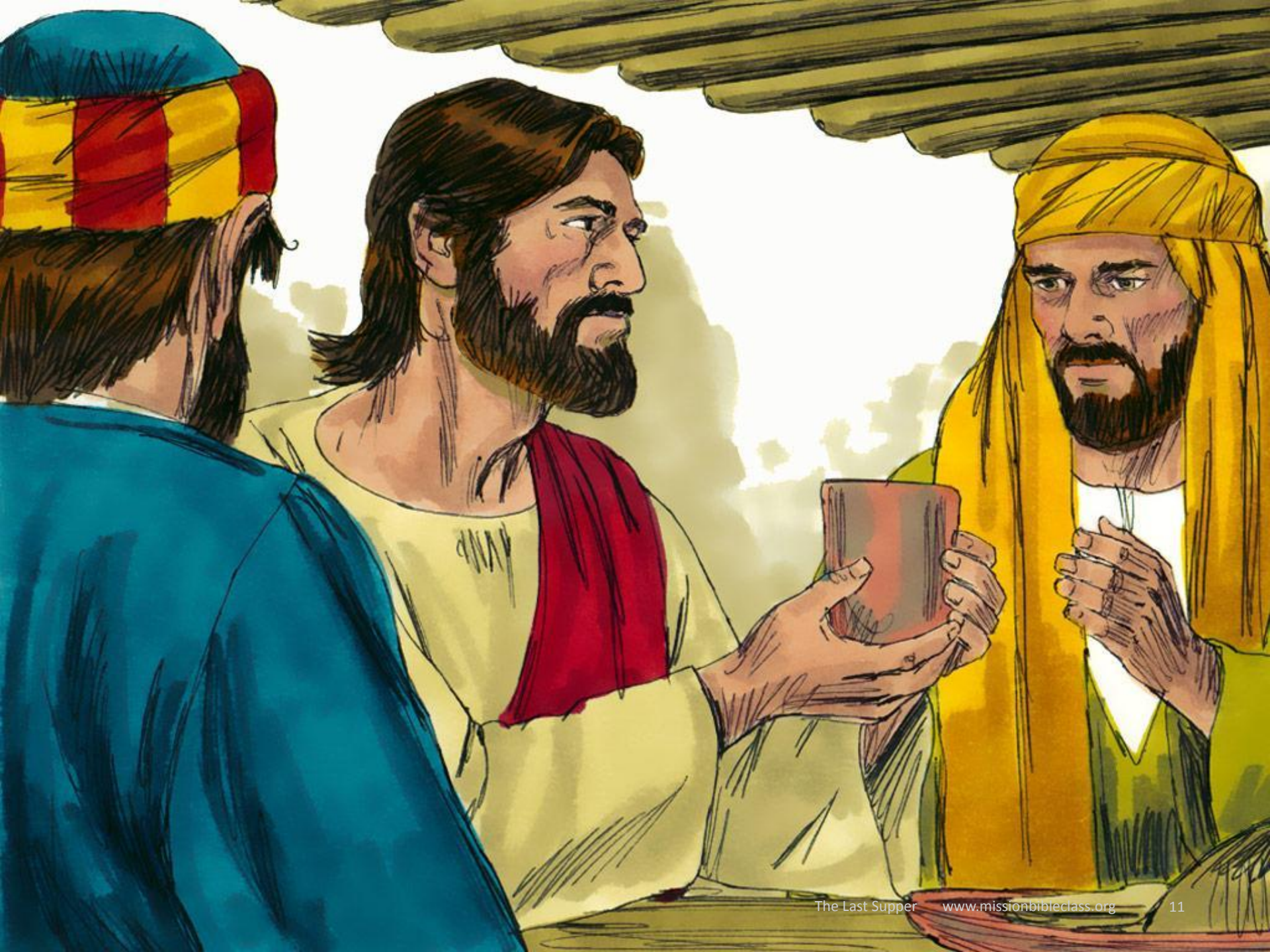


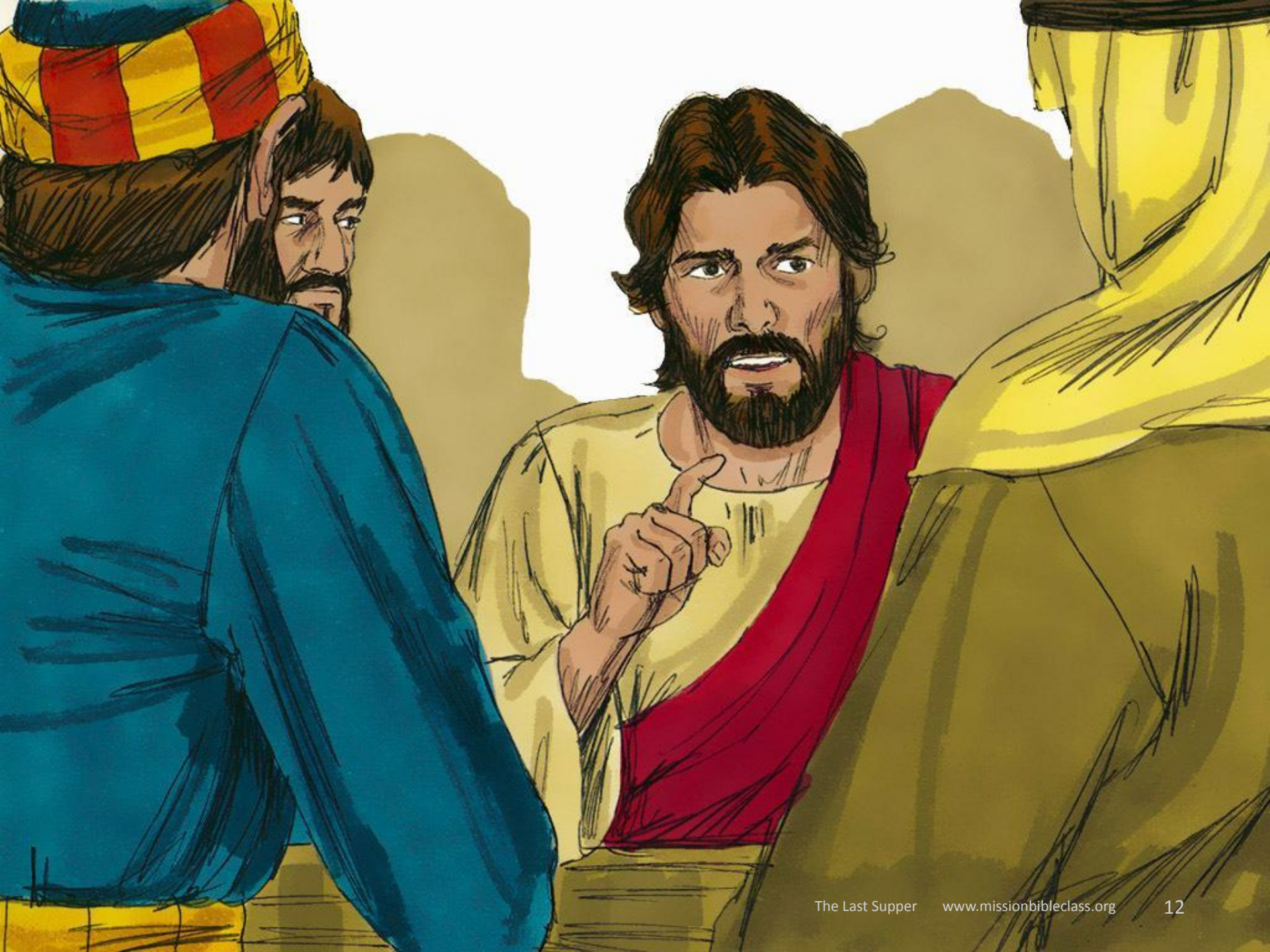












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1 Cover: The Last Supper (Luke 22:7-23)

2. The Passover was an important celebration for Jews every year. Families would gather and eat a special meal together.

3. They celebrated the time, long ago, when God saved His people from being slaves in Egypt. On the last night that they were slaves, the firstborn children of the Egyptians died. But God protected His people. He protected them, and death “passed over” them that night.

4. Every year, when children asked what the Passover meant, the grownups would tell them that even though it happened long ago, God wants us to know that He loved His people then and will always continue to love them. When His people follow Him, God will save them.

5. Jesus and His friends wanted to eat the special Passover meal, so Jesus told Peter and John to go to Jerusalem and prepare for it. He did not tell them the place to go. Instead, He told them to follow a man carrying a water jar. That man would take them to the house where they would have a special meal in an upstairs room.

6. Peter and John did exactly as Jesus said. They followed the man carrying the water jug, and He led them to the house where they would have the Passover meal.

7. The owner of the house showed them a big room upstairs where they could celebrate Passover.

8. Soon, Jesus and His disciples were sharing a meal together. As they ate and celebrated, they would have thought about things that happened many years before they were born.

They ate the bitter herbs and thought about how terrible it would have been to be slaves in Egypt. God had delivered His people from slavery!

They ate the lamb roast and remembered the lamb’s blood that people put over their doorways as protection. The angel of death passed over when it saw the blood. God protected His people from death!

God had saved His people from being slaves in a terrible place. God loves His people! Jesus and His friends celebrated the Passover and were happy that they were God’s people. They celebrated by drinking wine. They celebrated by eating bread and dipping it in a tasty sauce.

Everyone that night was celebrating except for one person. That person was eating, but he had a terrible secret. Only Jesus knew the secret.

9. While everyone was eating, Jesus said, “Someone here is not really my friend. He will do bad things that will get me into trouble. One of the ones who is dipping the bread in the bowl with me will betray me.”

Judas Iscariot was the one with the secret. He had been talking to the Pharisees, and they had made a plan together to get Jesus arrested. Judas did not stay to finish the celebration.

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10. Jesus and His followers had been celebrating something that God had done long ago in the Old Testament. Now Jesus knew the time had come to tell His followers that God would ALWAYS take care of them.

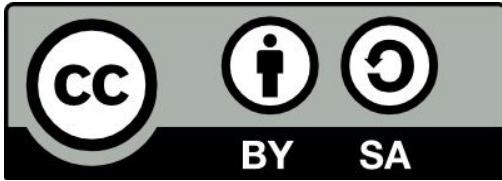
Jesus led everyone in a prayer of thanks to God, and then He told them that they would celebrate in a new way from now on. The bread and wine would mean something different now.

Jesus took some bread. He thanked God for it, broke it, and gave it to the apostles. He said, "This bread is my body that I am giving for you. Do this to remember me."

11. Then Jesus took the cup of wine and said, "This cup shows God's new agreement with His people. This new agreement begins with my blood which is poured out for you."

From this time forward, they would eat bread and drink wine to remember Jesus. It would be called the Lord's Supper.

12. Many bad things were about to happen to Jesus, but this last Passover was special to Him and to His disciples. They had come together in the usual way to celebrate the good things that God had done in the PAST to save His people. In the FUTURE, they will always celebrate how God sent Jesus to save His people.



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