

Jesus eats with His friends (The Last Supper)

Luke 22:7-20

This story found in the Bible and tells us about a special meal Jesus had with His friends, the disciples. It's a meal we celebrate today to remember Jesus and how He died and rose again to save us.



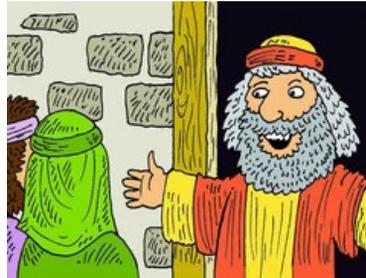
Jesus said to His friends, I want to eat the Passover feast with you before I go away. Go and get it ready for us.



'Look for a man carrying a water jar and follow him. He will show you where to go.' His friends found the man and followed him.



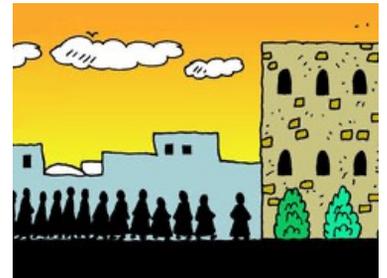
The man went into a house. This was the house Jesus would be coming to for the meal. Jesus' friends knocked at the door and waited.



"Do you have a room for Jesus?" they asked. 'Yes, I have a room upstairs. Everything you will need is ready. I knew Jesus would come,' said the man.



He took them upstairs to a big room. They got dinner ready with baskets of flat bread, and wine made from grape juice.

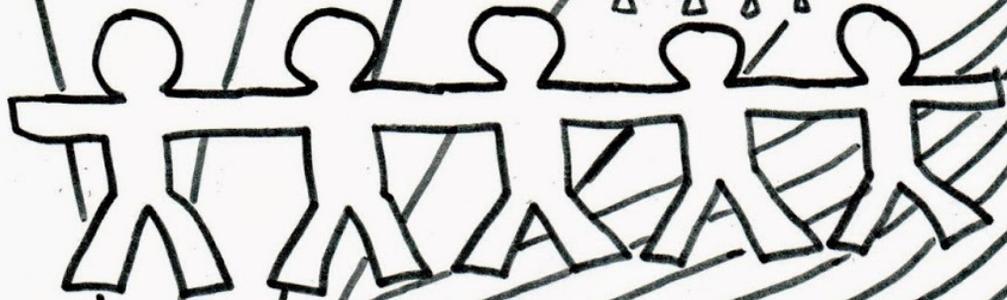


Soon Jesus arrived with His other friends. They went upstairs to have dinner together.



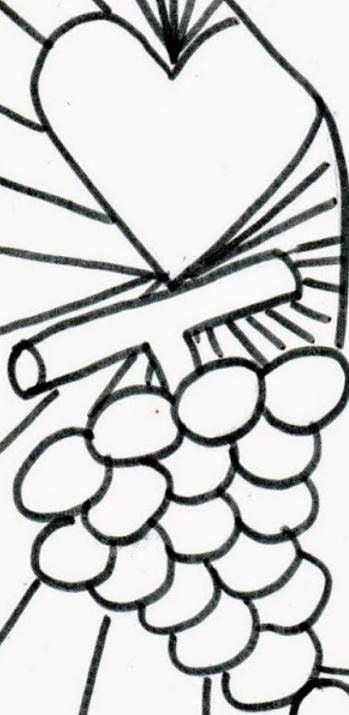
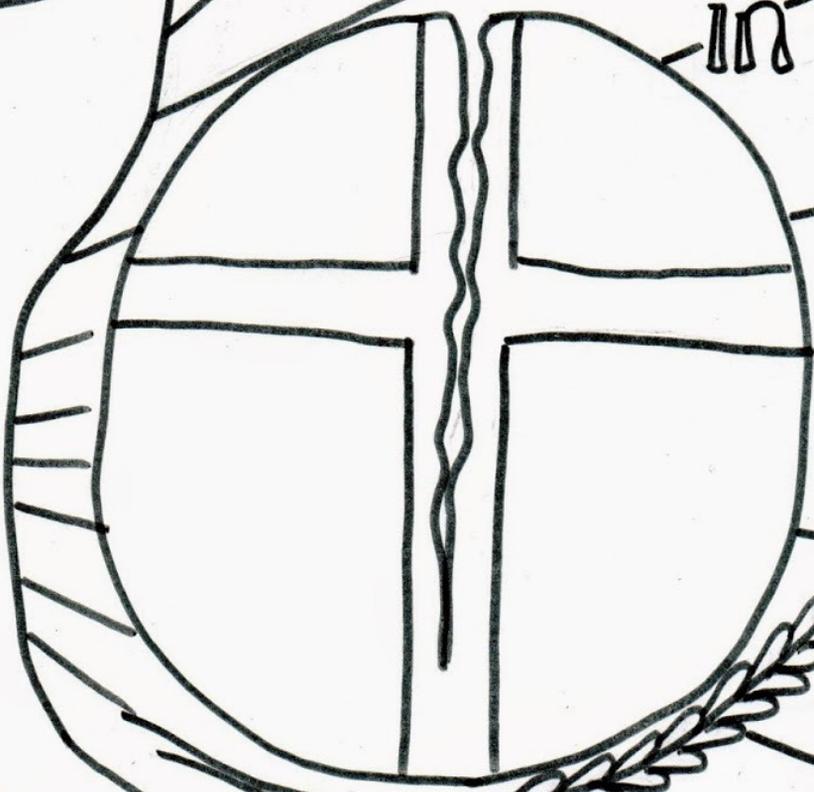
Jesus took the flat bread and broke it. They shared it. They shared the grape juice, too. Jesus said, 'Whenever you do this, remember me.' In church we call this 'Communion'.

We are one



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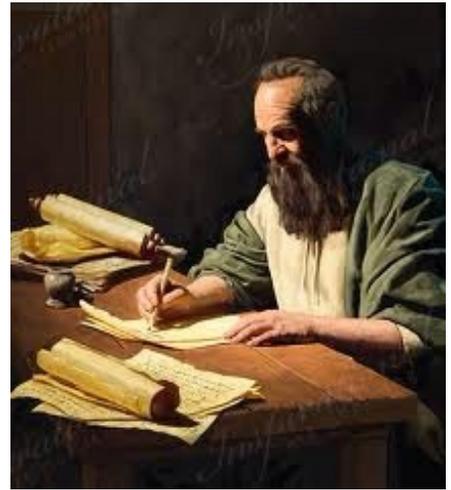


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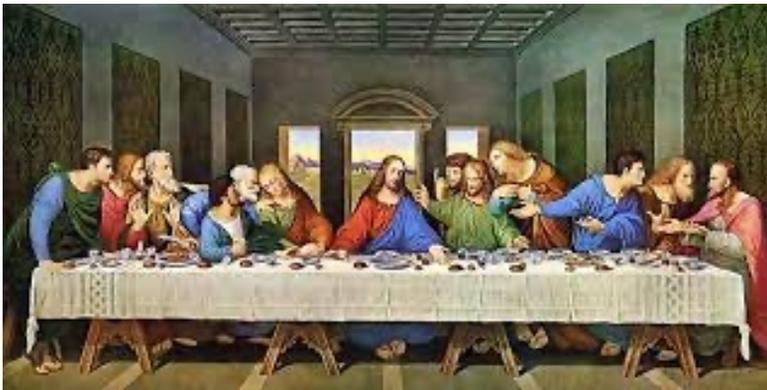
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1 Cor. 11:17-34

The Apostle Paul was one of the most influential leaders of the early Christian Church. He played a crucial role in spreading the gospel during the first century, and his missionary journeys took him throughout the Roman empire.



In the second half of 1 Corinthians chapter 11 we find Paul confronting a problem in the Corinthian Church. The Church was carrying on the practice of the Lord's Supper, but the way they were doing it showed that they had lost all connection to what it was supposed to be about. Rather than being a time where the Church body came together to remember and celebrate what Jesus had done for them, they had turned this sacred ceremony into a drunken feast. They weren't sharing the meal as they had been taught, and rather than resulting in fellowship and worship the meal ended in them falling out.



Jesus shared the Last Supper with His disciples by teaching them to remember His sacrifice through the breaking of bread and the drinking of the cup. It is referred to as **Communion**

A few quick facts on the apostle Paul



Roman citizen

Paul was born in Tarsus, which gave him the privileged status of being a Roman citizen. As a Roman, Paul had rights others didn't, and this occasionally spared him from harm.



Hebrew of Hebrews

Paul was a Pharisee like his father (Acts 23:6). His Jewish heritage, discipline, and zeal was unmatched (Philippians 3:4-6).



Persecutor of Christians

As a Pharisee, Paul hated Christians. When Stephen was stoned to death, Paul watched and approved (Acts 8:1), and later, he set out to imprison Christians.



Apostle to the Gentiles

After his encounter with Jesus, Paul made it his life's mission to bring the gospel beyond Jewish communities.



Missionary

Over the course of his life, Paul made three (possibly four) missionary journeys, each lasting multiple years. During this time he planted churches all across Europe and Asia Minor.



Miracle worker

Through the Holy Spirit, Paul performed numerous miracles. He drove out spirits, healed people, and even raised someone from the dead.



Leader

Paul did more to spread Christianity in the first century than any other person. He also played a crucial role in unifying the church and formally defining Christian beliefs.



Author

Paul wrote at least seven books of the Bible, and church tradition holds that he wrote 13. These books are actually letters, which he wrote to the churches and people he encountered on his journeys.