

The Last Supper

Luke 22:1-38

by Don Falkos

copyright 2016 Donald Falkos Storytelling LLC

As Passover approached, Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve apostles, went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he could help them to arrest Jesus. They were thrilled and offered to pay him for his services. He agreed and began watching for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when there was no crowd of people around him.

At the Passover meal with his disciples, Jesus took bread and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread and handed it to them, saying, "This bread represents my body, which is given for you; eat it in remembrance of me."

After the meal Jesus took a cup of wine and said, "This wine represents my blood, which is poured out for you, and by which God's redemptive covenant is being fulfilled."

As the wine was making its way around the table, Jesus said, "The man who is about to betray me is here at this very table right now."

The apostles were dismayed.

Peter insisted, "Lord, I'm ready to go with you wherever you go. I'd go to jail for you. I would die for you!"

Jesus said, "Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you even know me."

Then Jesus said to all the apostles, "From now on, you're going to need to look out for yourselves. And if you don't have a sword, maybe you should buy one. The scriptures say, 'He was counted among the criminals.' This was written about me, and it's going to come true very soon."

They took a quick inventory and said, "Lord, look, we have two swords!"

"That will be enough for them to see me as a criminal. Now, no more talk of swords."