

the angels in heaven, nor the Son; only the Father knows. **33** Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come. **34** It will be like a man who goes away from home on a trip and leaves his servants in charge, after giving to each one his own work to do and after telling the doorkeeper to keep watch. **35** Watch, then, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming—it might be in the evening or at midnight or before dawn or at sunrise. **36** If he comes suddenly, he must not find you asleep. **37** What I say to you, then, I say to all: Watch!”

The Plot against Jesus

14 ¹ It was now two days before the Festival of Passover and Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the teachers of the Law were looking for a way to arrest Jesus secretly and put him to death. ² “We must not do it during the festival,” they said, “or the people might riot.”

Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany

3 Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon, a man who had suffered from a dreaded skin disease. While Jesus was eating, a woman came in with an alabaster jar full of a very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on Jesus’ head. **4** Some of the people there became angry and said to one another, “What was the use of wasting the perfume? **5** It could have been sold for more than three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor!” And they criticized her harshly.

6 But Jesus said, “Leave her alone! Why are you bothering her? She has done a fine and beautiful thing for me. **7** You will always have poor people

with you, and any time you want to, you can help them. But you will not always have me. **8** She did what she could; she poured perfume on my body to prepare it ahead of time for burial. **9** Now, I assure you that wherever the gospel is preached all over the world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. **11** They were pleased to hear what he had to say, and promised to give him money. So Judas started looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them.

Jesus Eats the Passover Meal with His Disciples

12 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the day the lambs for the Passover meal were killed, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and get the Passover meal ready for you?”

13 Then Jesus sent two of them with these instructions: “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him **14** to the house he enters, and say to the owner of the house: ‘The Teacher says, Where is the room where my disciples and I will eat the Passover meal?’ **15** Then he will show you a large upstairs room, fixed up and furnished, where you will get everything ready for us.”

16 The disciples left, went to the city, and found everything just as Jesus had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

17 When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve disciples.



18 While they were at the table eating, Jesus said, "I tell you that one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

19 The disciples were upset and began to ask him, one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, do you?"

20 Jesus answered, "It will be one of you twelve, one who dips his bread in the dish with me. **21** The Son of Man will die as the Scriptures say he will; but how terrible for that man who will betray the Son of Man! It would have been better for that man if he had never been born!"

The Lord's Supper

22 While they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. "Take it," he said, "this is my body."

23 Then he took a cup, gave thanks to God, and handed it to them; and they all drank from it. **24** Jesus said, "This is my blood which is poured out for many, my blood which seals God's covenant. **25** I tell you, I will never again drink this wine until the day I drink the new wine in the Kingdom of God."

26 Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

27 Jesus said to them, "All of you will run away and leave me, for the scripture says, 'God will kill the shepherd, and the sheep will all be scattered.'"

28 But after I am raised to life, I will go to Galilee ahead of you."

29 Peter answered, "I will never leave you, even though all the rest do!"

30 Jesus said to Peter, "I tell you that before the rooster crows two times

tonight, you will say three times that you do not know me."

31 Peter answered even more strongly, "I will never say that, even if I have to die with you!"

And all the other disciples said the same thing.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

32 They came to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." **33** He took Peter, James, and John with him. Distress and anguish came over him, **34** and he said to them, "The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me. Stay here and keep watch."

35 He went a little farther on, threw himself on the ground, and prayed that, if possible, he might not have to go through that time of suffering. **36** "Father," he prayed, "my Father! All things are possible for you. Take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet not what I want, but what you want."

37 Then he returned and found the three disciples asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Weren't you able to stay awake for even one hour?" **38** And he said to them, "Keep watch, and pray that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

39 He went away once more and prayed, saying the same words.

40 Then he came back to the disciples and found them asleep; they could not keep their eyes open. And they did not know what to say to him.

41 When he came back the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come! Look, the Son of Man is now being handed over to the



The Last Supper

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disciple a close follower of Jesus

covenant a serious agreement between two people or between God and people



Understand it!

Did you ever wish you could have been with Jesus when he walked the earth? Jesus wants to be with you so much that he did a fantastic thing. As we learn in this Bible story from Mark, Jesus gave us a farewell gift at the Last Supper: the Eucharist. Now, at every Mass, through the power of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine become Jesus' Body and Blood. They are really, truly Jesus. He comes as food so that he can enter us and be one with us. Through the Eucharist, Jesus makes us more like himself.

When we receive Holy Communion, we receive Jesus into our heart. We grow closer to him and to one another. Jesus' Body and Blood give us strength to follow him more closely.

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Live It!

After receiving Communion, you can talk to Jesus heart to heart. Write a short prayer you can say when you receive Communion. Your prayer might include these words: *love, thank, help, sorry, bless, or please*. Write your prayer on paper cut in the shape of a heart. You can bring it to Mass on Sunday, and after you receive Holy Communion, say your prayer to Jesus.

Tell It!



Using the pictures above, retell this story in your own words.

