May 27

Jesus Lets Peter and John Help With the Last Supper

You shall observe the feast of unleavened bread...throughout your generations by an ordinance forever. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty first day of the month — Exodus 12:17-18

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[Luke 22:7-18, Jerusalem, Wednesday*] The first day of unleavened bread came, on

which the Passover must be sacrificed. He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat."

They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare?"

He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him into the house which he enters. Tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He *himself* will show you a large,

*[There are reasons for supposing that the Last Supper occurred on Wednesday, not on Thursday]

furnished upper room. Make preparations there."

They went, found things as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

When *it was evening and* the hour had come, he sat down

with the twelve apostles. He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will no longer by any means eat of it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." He received a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, "Take this, and share it among yourselves, for I tell you, I will not drink at all again from the fruit of the vine, until the Kingdom of God comes." [Matthew 26:17-20, Mark 14:12-17]

- 1. Did Jesus ask the man to meet Peter and John, or did he just know? Why does it matter?
- 2. Did Jesus, the Passover lamb, celebrate Passover a day early? Again, why does it matter?
- 3. Jesus, I can't know every detail of your death, but thank you for letting me help in your...