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Maundy Thursday

Narrator: Philip the Apostle

Primary Scriptures: John 13-17

Story Summary: The last Passover meal of Jesus and walk to the Kidron Valley

Location: Kingdom of Judea (Israel)

Time: Circa 30 AD

Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. The word Maundy is derived from the Latin word for “command.” The “Maundy” in “Maundy Thursday” refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

What would you do if you had only twenty-four hours left to live? Spend it with your family, go skydiving, ask forgiveness of any you have offended, go to work? Jesus chose to eat Passover dinner with his twelve closest friends. The first few of his last hours consisted of eating the ritualistic Passover feast and giving his final instructions and farewell message.

According to John, the evening started with Jesus ritualistically washing the feet of his apostles, a task normally reserved for household slaves or servants. This act signified that the apostles were to be servants as they acted as the messengers of the Gospel.

It is currently popular for people to say that all religions have equal value and that there are many ways to God. Does John 14:6 impact how you view that view?

John 14:15-17 talks about the Holy Spirit. In light of those verses, what can you learn about the Holy Spirit? In John 14:20, what does it mean for Jesus to live inside of you?

John 14:23 says that anyone who loves Jesus will obey his teaching? Based on that verse how would you evaluate your love for Jesus? How do you know what his teachings are?