

## **Episode 7: The Upper Room Part 1**

We are almost at the end of the season and the end of our Last Supper clips. If you are squeamish with feet, this might not have been your favorite episode. Jesus is performing a very humble act in washing the disciples' feet. The disciples also find the Upper Room where they will have the Last Supper, which was just as Jesus described it. Let's dive in and see how the Passover meal comes together.

### *Last Supper Clip*

- This episode starts with a servant (named Mark) preparing for the last supper and Jesus washing the feet of the disciples
  - John 13:2-5 (ESV) <sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.
  - Jesus knew that Judas was going to betray him, yet he still washed his feet. This is a perfect example of loving and serving our enemies. Is there someone you would consider an enemy? (This could be someone who is very difficult or you don't get along with) What can you do to follow Jesus' example? (Even if it is something as small as praying for them, other examples could be showing kindness, patience, turning the other cheek, etc.)
- Peter says that he will never let Jesus wash his feet
  - John 3:6-10 (ESV) <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterwards you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but it is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."
  - A lot of times we don't want to ask for help, or accept the service of someone else. In allowing someone to serve us we are allowing them to honor us and be obedient to their calling from the Lord. Is there anything that you need help with? Keep in mind, serving could be someone's spiritual gift or love language.

- Jesus explains why he washed their feet
  - John 13:14-16 (ESV) <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.
  - Washing someone's feet is a humbling exercise and not something that we do this day and age. Jesus washed the disciples' feet to give us an example of how we are to serve others. Is there a way you can get others around you to serve? How can you lead your family, friends, and community to follow in Jesus' footsteps?

The disciples are stressed out as they aren't sure where they will have the Passover meal. The house that they are staying in will not work, no matter how much cleaning they do. Jesus asks Peter and John to find a house for the Passover. He says they will see a man carrying water and they are to ask the master of the house to hold the Passover there.

- Mark 14:12-16 (ESV) <sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.
- This is also mentioned in Matthew 26:17-19 and Luke 22:7-13.
- It was clever how the creators of the show had Mark's dreams be of Jesus and the supper. Even the writing on the outside wall of the house "Jesus is Messiah" helped the disciples to know this was the house. This is not stated in scripture, but they did find the boy carrying the water as Jesus indicated in the gospels. The writing on the outside of the house was a sign from God. Have you ever noticed different signs from God when you sought an answer to prayer? If not, write a prayer below asking God for a sign. If you have, thank God for that sign and eyes to observe and ears to hear.

James tells the other disciples that Kafni is here in Jerusalem and working with the Roman officers to find Jesus. The tension and anxiousness is growing. The need to be discreet is very important so they can carry out the Passover meal.

The creators try to close a few loose ends with flashbacks in the following scenes. As there is not much scriptural evidence for this, it does add to the storyline and answer some questions for the audience. In the previous episodes we see what the disciples were like before they came to know Jesus and what brought them to the point of opening their hearts to following him. The following flashbacks fill in some gaps that were not in the previous seasons.

<b>Disciple</b>	<b>Flashback Trigger</b>	<b>Flashback</b>
Zee (Simon the Zealot)	Sees blood on the ground	Zee and two other zealots were being pursued by authorities and the two zealots are killed while trying to escape.
Nathanael	Sees a string instrument being played by a woman	While studying architecture designs, he sees a woman playing a string instrument and he received a letter from Philip about following John the Baptist.
Andrew	Sees a path	While Andrew is with Philip and John the Baptist, John is talking about the Messiah coming and he was paving a path for the Messiah to save the world.
Thomas	Sees a water jar break	Thomas remembers when his father is taken from his home by Roman soldiers for a crime that he committed. He tells Thomas he loves him.
Matthew	Sees a tax collector get spit on	Matthew remembers being spit on when he was a tax collector. He was talking to Gaius about not having friends and Gaius helps him to get home after his first shift.
Little James	Sees a choir singing	Little James is graduating from his choir and says he wants to sing in the Jerusalem temple choir. James leaves the choir and is sleeping on the side of the road when Jesus and Thaddeus approach him.

When we met Jesus in Season 1, Thaddeus and Little James are already his followers. This was before Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John join Jesus after the fishing miracle. We do not know a lot about what brought them to Jesus and why they chose to follow him.

Looking back at your life, where did you see God intervene or help guide you? Express a prayer of gratitude for his impact and guidance on your life.

The episode ends with all the disciples ready for the Last Supper, except for Thaddeus and Jesus. It is almost time for the final episode and the Last Supper to be over.