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## Paintings of The Last Supper

- 1) What are some differences found in the depictions?
- 2) What are some similarities found in the depictions?
- 3) What is the focal point for each painting?
- 4) What mood does each painting emanate for this evening in Jesus' life?
- 5) Point out Judas in each painting.
- 6) Which paintings do you like the most? Why?
- 7) Which paintings do you like the least? Why?
- 8) After hearing the Bible passages, which painting(s) most closely represent your interpretation of the readings? Why?

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## **Last Supper Readings from the Bible**

### **John 13: 21-30**

Now Jesus was in great anguish of spirit and exclaimed, “Yes, it is true – one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at each other, wondering whom he could mean. Since I was sitting next to Jesus at the table, being his closest friend, Simon Peter motioned to me to ask him who it was who would do this terrible deed.

So I turned and asked him, “Lord, who is it?”

He told me, “It is the one I honor by giving the bread dipped in the sauce.”

And when he had dipped it, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.

As soon as Judas had eaten it, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus told him, “Hurry – do it now.”

None of the others at the table knew what Jesus meant. Some thought that since Judas was their treasurer, Jesus was telling him to go and pay for the food or to give some money to the poor. Judas left at once, going out into the night.

### **Matthew 26: 26-29**

As they were eating, Jesus took a small loaf of bread and blessed it and broke it apart and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take it and eat, it for this is my body.”

And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it and gave it to them and said, “Each one drink from it, for this is my blood, sealing the New Covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of multitudes. Mark my words – I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father’s Kingdom.”

## **Luke 22: 14-24**

Then Jesus and the others arrived, and at the proper time all sat down together at the table; and he said, “I have looked forward to this hour with deep longing, anxious to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins.

For I tell you now that I won’t eat it again until what it represents has occurred in the Kingdom of God.”

Then he took a glass of wine, and when he had given thanks for it, he said, “Take this and share it among yourselves. For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come.”

Then he took a loaf of bread; and when he had thanked God for it, he broke it apart and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, given for you. Eat it in remembrance of me.”

After supper he gave them another glass of wine, saying, “This wine is the token of God’s new agreement to save you – an agreement sealed with the blood I shall pour out to purchase back your souls. But here at this table, sitting among us as a friend, is the man who will betray me. I must die. It is part of God’s plan. But oh, the horror awaiting that man who betrays me.”

Then the disciples wondered among themselves, which of them would ever do such a thing.

And they began to argue among themselves as to who would have the highest rank [in the coming Kingdom].

## **Mark 14: 17-25**

In the evening Jesus arrived with the other disciples, and as they were sitting around the table eating, Jesus said, “I solemnly declare that one of you will betray me, one of you who is here eating with me.”

A great sadness swept over them, and one by one they asked him, “Am I the one?”

As they were eating, Jesus took bread and asked God’s blessing on it and broke it in pieces and gave it to them and said, “Eat it – this is my body.”

Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it and gave it to them; and they all drank from it. And he said to them, “This is my blood, poured out for many, sealing the new agreement between God and man. I solemnly declare that I shall never again taste wine until the day I drink a different kind in the Kingdom of God.”