



June 3, 2018 Mk. 14: 12-16, 22-26 & Ex 24: 3-8

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#### ENTERING THE SCENE:

It is unlikely that the disciples had even a faint glimpse of what was going to happen at that last supper. The confusion and fear of what might be coming down on them must have totally overtaken their listening abilities that night. But later on, with the help of the Holy Spirit, who reminded them of all that Jesus said and did, they slowly came to realize what really happened that fateful night. Now through their witness we too can be part of this covenant of pouring out of God's love on all creation. Take some time this week to sit quietly and reflect on this great farewell gift that Jesus brings us from God.

Mk. 14: 12 On the first day of the Feast of **Unleavened Bread**, when it was customary to sacrifice the **Passover lamb**, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the **Passover**?" 13 So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a **man carrying a jar of water** will meet you. Follow him. 14 Say to the **owner of the house** he enters, "The Teacher asks: Where is my **guest room**, where I may

eat the **Passover** with my disciples?" 15 He will show you a large **upper room**, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." 16 The disciples left went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the **Passover**.

22 While they were **eating**, Jesus took **bread**, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my **body**."

23 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and **offered** it to them, and they all **drank** from it. 24 This is my **blood** of the **covenant**, which is **poured out** for many," he said to them. 25 I tell you the truth, I will not **drink** again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I **drink** it anew in the **kingdom of God**." 26 When they had **sung a hymn**, they went out to the **Mount of Olives**.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** It has been said that we all are tomorrow's food. How is my life becoming nourishment for others?

**PRAYER:** Passover Lamb Jesus, you offer your total being of body and blood to nourish me as I grope towards my own death and resurrection. I come to the table of offering each time with just a glimpse of the enormous gift that this is for my well-being. I am drawn like a moth to a flame as I willingly let you transform my being into yours. Help me to sink down ever deeper into this essential covenant you have made with me. Amen.