

The final week of Jesus' life actually corresponds to Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread (8 combined days of celebration)

John 13:1-4

On multiple occasions -Jesus performed a miracle and then He commanded them NOT to say ANYTHING



The emphasis was NOT to be put on the miracle, but rather the message

John 3:16



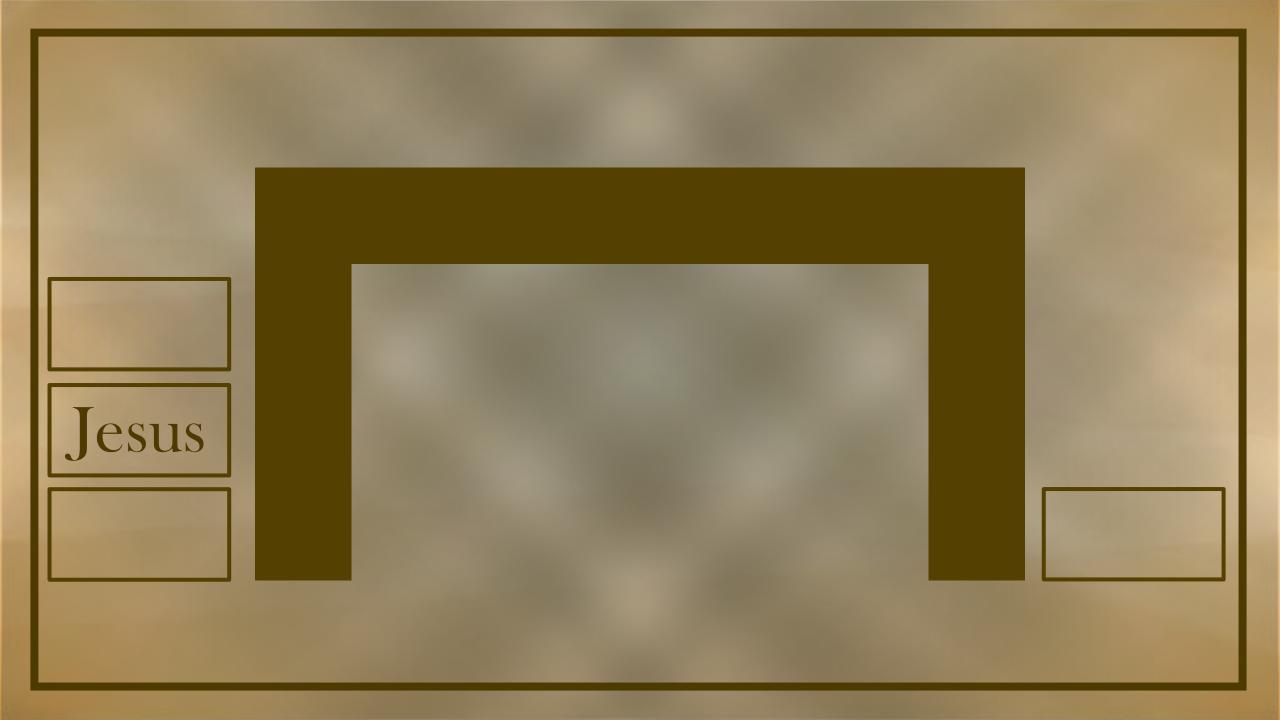
God's love is beyond ALL measure and His plan of Redemption actually included the betrayal of one of His own (Judas Iscariot)

The sting of betrayal Jesus was going to experience was part of God's BIGGER plan

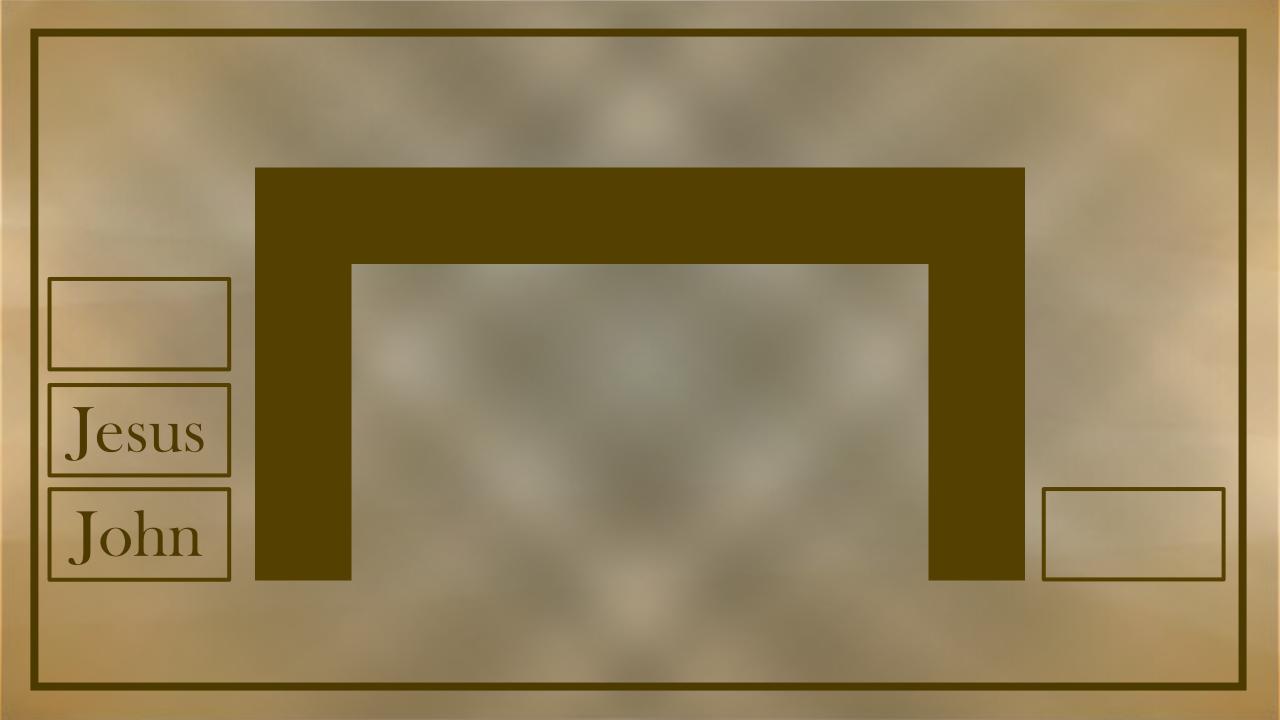
In the Middle of Passover, Jesus gets up, lays His outer cloak aside, and then Jesus picks up a towel and ties it around His waist John 13:5-6

Jesus was the Host and Jesus sat in the SECOND SEAT





In the FIRST SEAT (the seat furthest to the LEFT) was where John sat

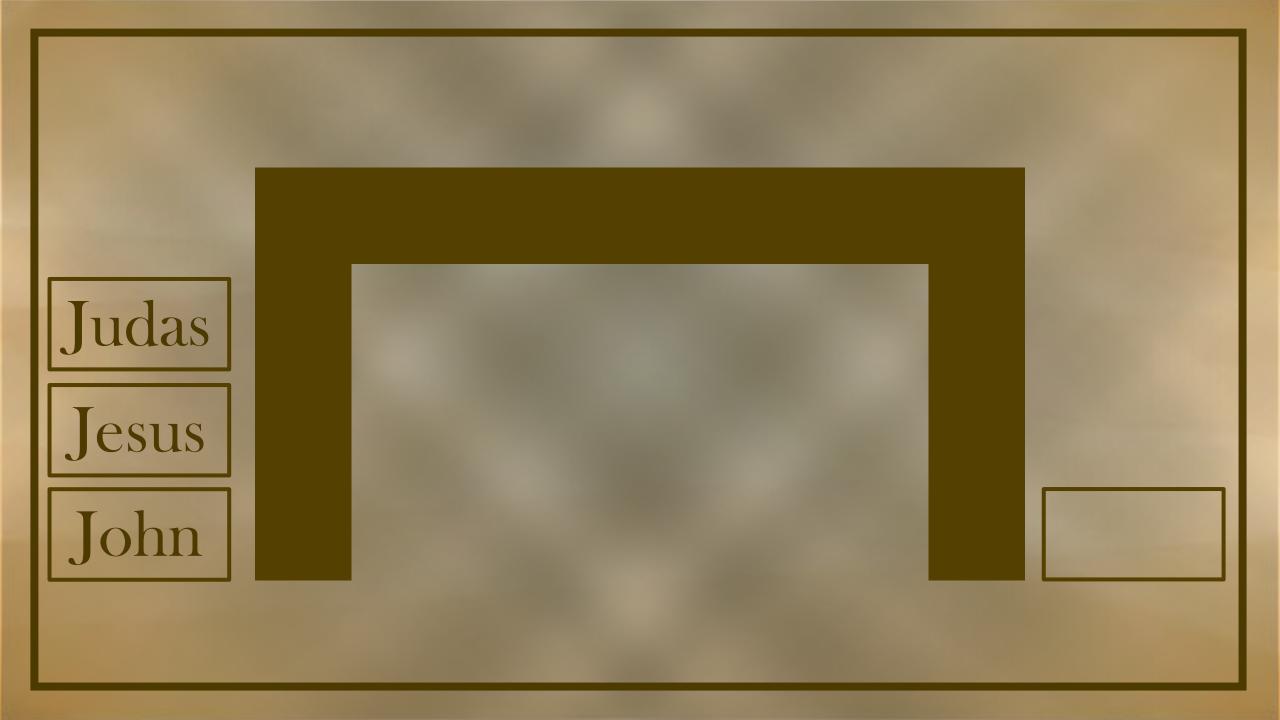


This was where intimate side conversations could take place It was also the spot of protection (it was like a bodyguard)

The Seat of Importance was the Guest of Honor (Judas sat here)

Luke 22:7-13





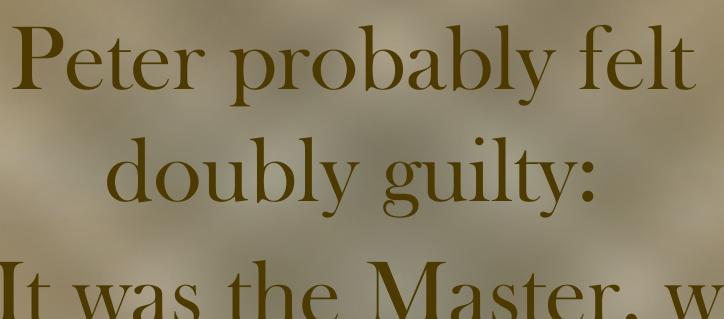
Peter was probably anticipating sitting in this seat of honor (especially since John was sitting in the other special seat)



Peter ends up sitting directly across the table from John (in the Last seat)



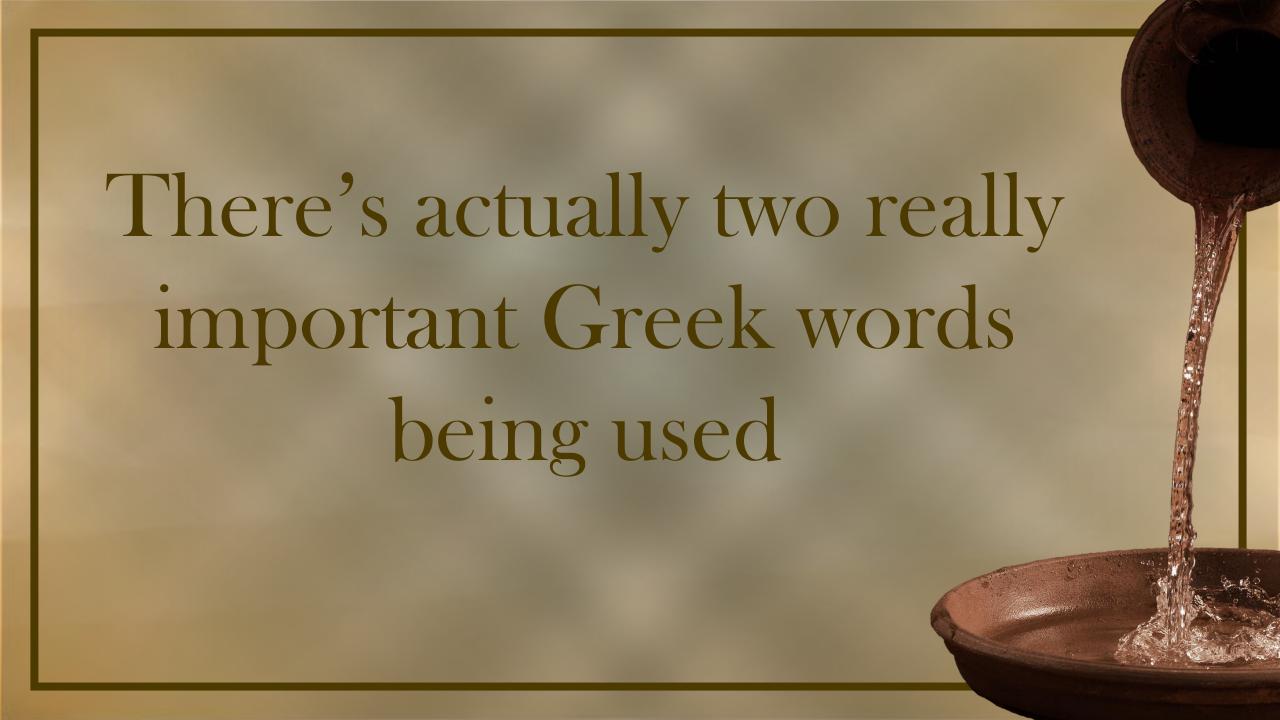
Judas Peter



1. It was the Master, who was washing feet

2. It was actually the responsibility of the LAST seat to wash feet of the other guests John 13:7-11

What Jesus was doing in washing the disciples feet was giving them a visible example of servant leadership





"Bathed" = to Completely
Wash (from head to toe)

When believers in Jesus sin or come in contact with sin, they DON'T have to get completely washed again (only address the daily corruption of walking in a sin-filled world)

Jesus (the Host) would have shared a communal bowl with the Guest of Honor (Judas) Mark 14:18-21

ALL of the disciples so trusted Judas that they concluded it MUST be someone else...but who?

John 13:12-20

Unleavened Bread Here are some parallels to Jesus we might miss:

1. Unleavened Bread is yeast-less (in Scripture yeast or leaven is often a visual for sin)

- 2. Kosher Unleavened Bread has a bunch of tiny holes
- 3. Kosher Unleavened Bread has multiple brown stripes

4. During the Passover Seder Meal the First piece of Unleavened Bread is broken in half

Matthew 14:22

I Corinthians 11:23-24

The Unleavened Bread is such a beautiful picture because it reminds us of the perfect sinless sacrifice, which Jesus willingly surrendered Himself to face for us