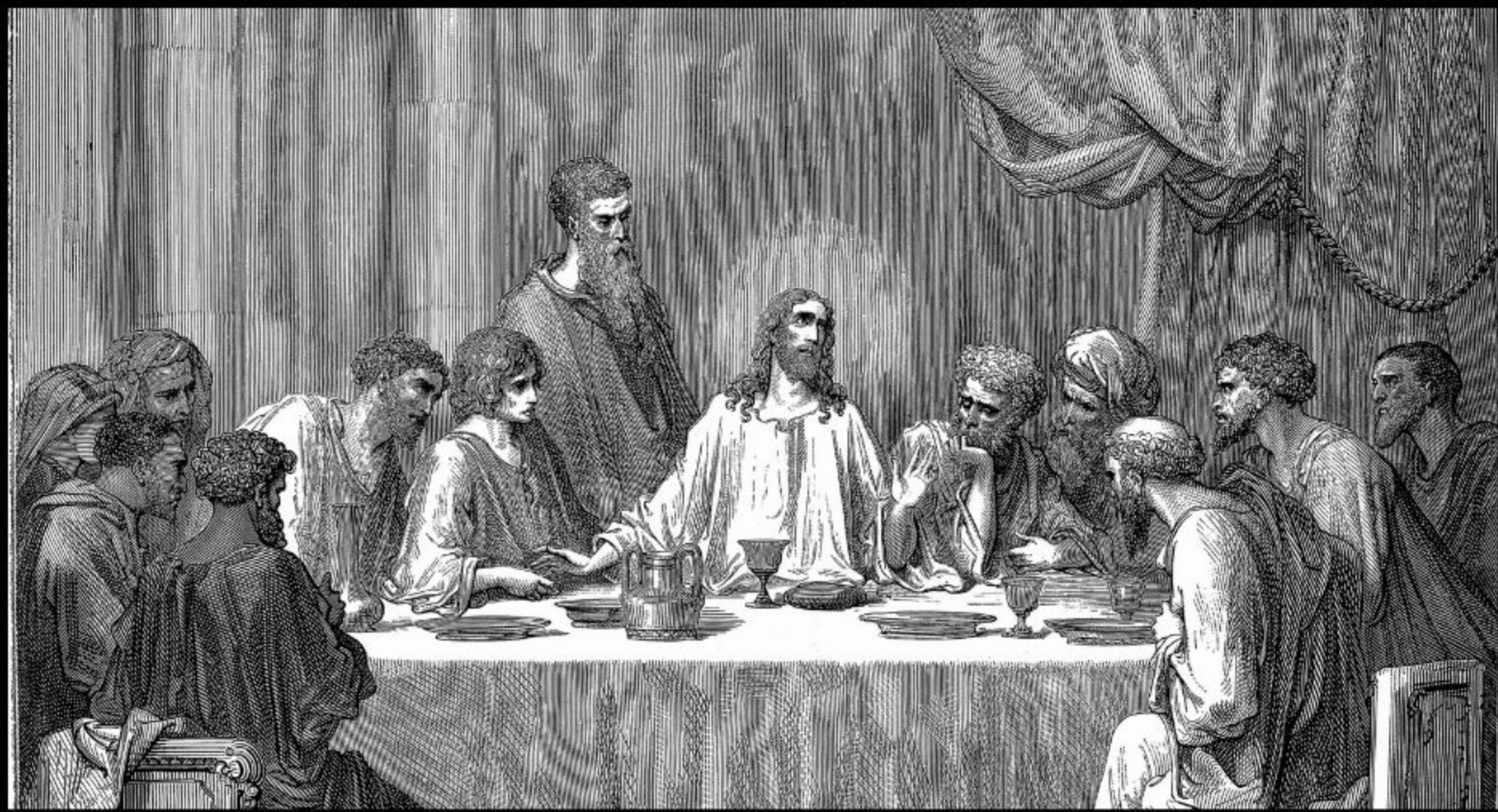


Easter



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**For the Passover meal they had gathered
All twelve met in a small upper room
Jesus wanted to share this last supper
As He knew He'd be leaving them soon**



Jesus took bread, He blessed it, then broke it

“This my body, I give unto you”

Then the cup filled with wine He took also

“This in memory of me you must do”



**The disciples knew how Jesus loved them
But whilst placing a bowl on the floor
And then washing their feet oh so humbly
This display of love said even more**



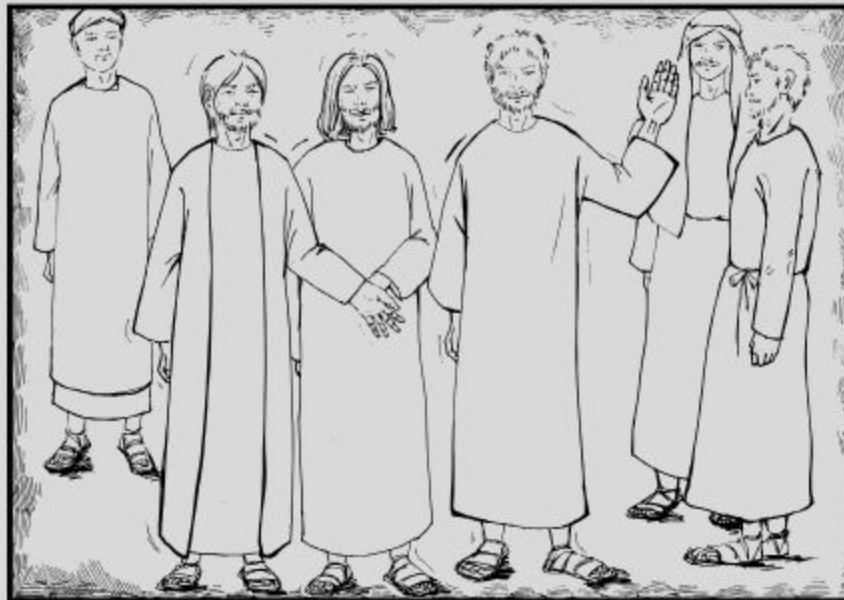
He continued to speak to those gathered
"Love God first, with your heart, soul and mind
If you follow these rules to the letter
Then a life filled with peace you will find"

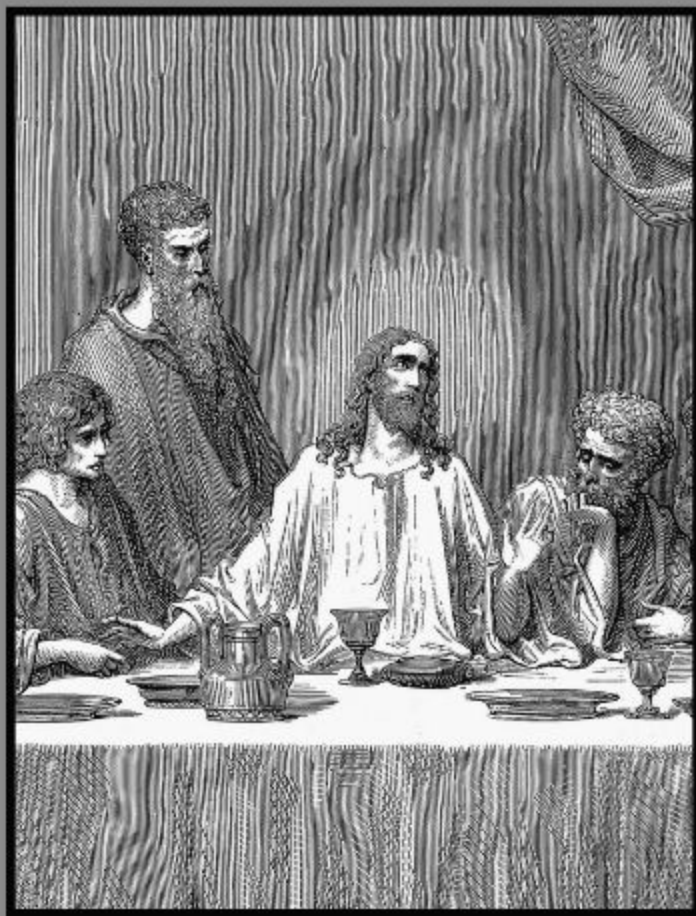
“One more thing I would like you to honour

In the way I’ve expressed love to you

You must now show this love to each other

This commandment I give unto you”





**But He also shared something quite shocking
By this news they were taken aback
It disturbed everyone that was present
Left them speechless, in actual fact**



Jesus said “Someone here will betray me”

They said “Master, this just can’t be so!”

Judas knew though that he’d taken money

To make Jesus’ whereabouts known



Now in order to fulfill the scripture

There were things that still had to be done

And with Peter's denial of Jesus

This made way for what was yet to come

**Jesus said "Peter, you will deny me
By the time the cock crows, then three times
You will say that you don't even know me
And declare that you're no friend of mine"**





**In Gethsemane's garden whilst praying
To His father, He spoke as a son
“If it's your will, remove this cup from me
But Your will, not mine shall be done”**



The disciples slept, but Jesus woke them

“Could you not just watch one hour with me?”

This revealed He was human and frightened

And the horrors to come He could see



For He knew His betrayer was coming

In the distance, a mob He could hear

This would signal the dawn of Good Friday

And the time of His death drawing near



They'd been sent by the chief priests and elders

Now with swords and their clubs held aloft

Lead by Judas, they entered the garden

"Son of God? Hardly think so!" They scoffed



**“Greetings Rabbi” He said as he kissed Him
This would show them that He was the one
So with force, the mob roughly seized Jesus
And as soon as they came they were gone**



**They placed Jesus before the Sanhedrin
For blaspheming, a serious charge
But they couldn't find evidence for this
So to Pilate the group was discharged**



Jesus stood before Pilate the governor
“Do you say you’re the king of the Jews?”
“You have said so” Then Jesus responded
With no proof for what He was accused



**Pilate spoke to the chief priests and elders
And enquired where Jesus was from
“Galilee?” “Then I’ve no jurisdiction”
So to Herod he sent Jesus on**

Herod bombarded Jesus with questions

But now Jesus stayed silent this time

So they mocked Him and dressed Him in purple

Made a crown from thorns crudely entwined





**Herod sent Jesus straight back to Pilate
Neither one knowing what to do next
With no charges, he could still release Him
But by now he was feeling quite vexed**



The crowd became hostile and angry

“Crucify Him!” They shouted and jeered

But not finding a reason to charge Him

To the mob, Jesus he volunteered



In accordance with custom, the governor

Gave a promise that he would release

At this festival, one of their prisoners

This was done during Passover feast



**So he gave the crowd gathered the option
But the answer he didn't foresee
A notorious prisoner Barabbas
Was the man that they wanted to free**



So condemned to death by Pontius Pilate

And on Calvary's hill, crucified

Such a sacrifice He would be making

For the sins of the world, Jesus died



**Holy Week for us is a reminder
Thanks to His selfless actions we're saved
Though He died on the cross on Good Friday
Easter Sunday, He rose from the grave**

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